Courses on India at FAU  
2010-2011 Course Catalog

**Cultures of South Asia (ANT 3361) 3 credits**
*Writing Across Curriculum (Gordon Rule)*
The cultural variation in South Asia, comprising the nations of India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bhutan, and the Maldives. Religion (Hinduism, Islam, and Buddhism), caste and social structure, village dynamics, tribal groups, colonialism, and culture change.

**Studies in Asian Cinema (FIL 4843) 3-4 credits**
Intensive introduction to a style, director, genre, national tradition or other aspect of Asian cinema. Topics will vary. May be repeated for credit.

**International Communication (MMC 4301) 4 credits**
An examination of current issues in international communication with particular emphasis on the political/communication/media relations between developed and Third World countries.

**History of Modern India (ASH 4550) 3 credits**
Consideration of the Indian Mutiny; British institutions in India; Nationalism; Hindu-Muslim communalism; partition; government and politics; economic and cultural development; and foreign policy since independence.

**Indian Civilization (ASH 4560) 3 credits**
An introduction to the civilization and culture of the Indian subcontinent from 2500 B.C. to the coming of the Europeans. Areas of concentration will include the Hindu state, society and religion.

**History of Eastern Ideas (ASH 4600) 3 credits**
Eastern thought from Confucianism-Buddhism to Communism.

**Zen and Buddhism (ASH 4603) 3 credits**
Course provides a thorough introduction to Buddhism, one of the major religions of the world. There are 400 billion Buddhists in the world today, mostly in Asia, but they do have a significant presence on every continent. The course covers the origin and development of Buddhism as well as the current state of the religion.

**Asia and the West (ASH 4630) 3 credits**
Course focuses on the cultural, religious, political, demographic, economic, and other exchanges between Europe/North America and Asia (including Southwest, South, Southeast, and Far East) from the 16th century to the present. Primary emphasis is on examples of interaction from multiple perspectives to understand modes of interaction and historical patterns of globalization.

**Special Topics in Asian History (ASH 4930) 3 credits**
The study of a special area of Asian history. Topics will vary. May be repeated for credit.

**Asian Aesthetics and Arts Theories (PHI 3870) 3 credits**
This course focuses on the central issues in aesthetics and philosophy of art through a study of some Asian aesthetic philosophies. Students explore influences on contemporary Western philosophy and the arts, while becoming acquainted with a comparative approach in philosophy.

**Asia Pacific Rim Politics (CPO 4502) 3 credits**
The comparative study of politics in Asia and Pacific Rim with emphasis on democratization, economic development, power and leadership.

**Honors Himalayan Cultures (ANT 4368) 3 credits**
This course helps students develop an understanding of the Himalayan cultures of South Asia. The course lectures, discussions, and assignments convey a thorough understanding of the geo-ecology, history, cultural diversity, and contemporary issues of the region.
Honors Development Debate in South Asia (ANT 4474) 3 credits
This course addresses development from an anthropological perspective, as an international issue with culturally specific locales. Topics covered include development strategies in the fields of education, economics, technology, and environmental studies. These are discussed in relation to case studies gathered from development projects throughout South Asia.

Honors Freshman Seminar in Asian Studies (ASN 1933) 3 credits
Writing Across Curriculum (Gordon Rule)
Variable topic course designed to introduce freshmen to Asian studies through exploration of specific topics. Emphasis on writing, critical thinking, and interdisciplinary approaches to Asian studies.

Honors Introduction to Asian Studies (ASN 3006) 3 credits
Writing Across Curriculum (Gordon Rule)
Introductory survey of Asian history and cultures; may include peoples of East, Central, South, and Southeast Asia. The course is interdisciplinary, including perspectives from the humanities and the social sciences.

Honors Directed Asian Studies (ASN 4905) 3 credits
Interdisciplinary, individualized area studies in East, Southeast, Central or South Asia; course materials are selected to create specific areas of focus commensurate with student’s needs, instructor’s interest, and curriculum design. May be repeated for credit.

Honors Special Topics in Asian Studies (ASN 4930) 3 credits
Prerequisite: ASN 3006 or permission of instructor
Interdisciplinary area studies in East, Southeast, Central or South Asia; course materials are selected to create specific areas of focus commensurate with instructor’s interest. Since the content may vary, this course may be repeated for credit.

Honors Asian Humanities (HUM 3401) 3 credits
Interdisciplinary area studies in the cultures of East, Southeast, Central, or South Asia; specific areas of Asian studies focused on in a given term will be chosen commensurate with instructor’s interest and curriculum design.