

History 243: SOUTH ASIAN HISTORY AND CIVILIZATIONS
Fall 2019
Dr. Tithi Bhattacharya

CLASS SCHEDULE AND LOCATION

Tuesdays and Thursdays: 9:00-10:15, UNIV 301

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Required Text:

Sugata Bose and Ayesha Jalal, *Modern South Asia: History, Culture, Political Economy*; Third Edition

Handouts:

All handouts will be posted on Blackboard, unless otherwise specified. You are responsible for having a **printed hard copy** of each handout in class with you during lectures.

Policy on Absences

1. All students are expected to attend ALL classes
2. If you are absent from class for an excused reason (other than official university business), you may make up work from that day. Excused absences include doctor's appointments, medical emergencies, family events such as weddings and funerals, job interviews. In order to be excused you must present **DOCUMENTATION** supporting the above reasons. I strongly advise you to contact me prior to class for your absence to be excused even on the above grounds. You may do this by phone, email, or in person.
3. Attendance will be taken **EVERYDAY**. You may have three absences, whether excused or unexcused, without penalty. All non-school-related absences will result in the loss of one point from the final grade.
4. If you miss class and/or an assignment you **absolutely must contact** me to set up an appointment to make up the missed assignment. Please remember it is **YOUR** responsibility to set up the meeting to make up for missed work.
5. **If you are absent for 8 classes or more you will earn an automatic F for this course.**

Assignments

You are expected to finish the weekly readings prior to the lecture. Your grades will be based on one mid-term exam, a final exam and one reaction paper of 3-4 pages. The format of these assignments will be explained in more detail before you have to take them.

Mid-term Exam	30%
Reaction Paper	20%
Final Exam	40%
Attendance, participation pop quizzes, extra credit (Weighted)	10%

Policy on Academic Dishonesty

Purdue University's Official Academic Dishonesty Policy is applicable to **all** assignments and papers in this course. **Any** instances of cheating or plagiarism, however slight, on **any** assignment or paper will result automatically in a failing grade for the **ENTIRE** course and referral to the Dean of Students for further disciplinary action. If you have any confusion on this matter please visit the Online Writing Lab on the web for their useful handout on plagiarism. **You are always welcome to consult me about your all your assignments.**

Grades

A	90%-100%
B	80%-89%
C	70%-79%
D	60%-69%
F	< 60%

Details of Short Paper due in Class on Thursday, September 19

1. **Form of the Paper:** Paper must be typed. Font: Times New Roman. Font size: 12 point. Length: 4-5 pages, DOUBLE SPACED.

On the basis of the material covered in your textbook and the source essay imagine yourself as a young woman from a prosperous household living in Delhi under Akbar. Your paper should be diary entries about her life and how she chooses to spend her day. Make sure to include political and social observations.

2. **Source essay:** Ruby Lal, [The 'Domestic world' of Peripatetic Kings: Babur and Humayun, c. 1494-1556](#), *The Medieval History Journal*, April 2001, Vol.4(1), pp.43-82
Available online at the Purdue Library.

Tentative Weekly Schedule

Please note that this schedule and the topics covered are subject to change depending upon a variety of factors. Changes will be announced in class. If you are not able to attend class, it is your responsibility to find out what was covered

Week 1: August 20-22:

Introduction to South Asia

Week 2: Aug 27-29:

Class does not meet, read Chapters 1-3

--Load three questions/issues on Blackboard that you did NOT understand from the chapter

Week 3-4: Sept.3-12

The Indo Islamic World

Weekly Readings

1. Bose and Jalal: Chapter 4

2. Tithi Bhattacharya, "Adventures in Islam,"
in *Huffington Post*

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/tithi-bhattacharya/adventures-in-islam-is-th_b_8920010.html?

September 12 Class does not meet. Work on Response Paper.

Week 5: Sept. 17-19:

Discussion of First Response Paper

Response Paper due on blackboard Thursday, September 19. Papers must be loaded on Blackboard by 12 noon on Thursday, 9/19.

Week 6: Sept. 24-26
Weekly Readings

The World that the East India Company Built
Bose and Jalal: Chapter 5 and 6

Week 7: Oct. 1-3
Weekly Readings

Company Raj
Bose and Jalal: Chapter 7 and 8

Week 8-9: Oct. 8-17
Weekly Reading

The Revolt of 1857
Bose and Jalal: Chapter 9

NO CLASS on Tuesday October 8 OCTOBER BREAK

Week 10: Oct. 22-24
Weekly Readings:

Collaboration and Resistance under the Raj
Bose and Jalal: Chapter 10

Week 11: Oct 29
No Class October 31

Midterm Exam

Week 12: November 5-7 Reading Week for Final Exam

Week 13: Nov. 12
Nov. 14

Film: *The Rising*
Discussion

Reading:

Tithi Bhattacharya, "Why we need to talk about Hinduisms"
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/tithi-bhattacharya/why-we-need-to-talk-about_b_9852810.html

Week 14: Nov 19-21
Weekly Reading:

Gandhi
Bose and Jalal: Chapters 11-12

Week 15: Nov. 26
No Class on Nov. 28 , Thanksgiving Break

Gandhi and the Nation

Week 16: Dec. 3-5

Discussion and Review

HAVE A GREAT SEMESTER!