

HISTORY

The discipline of History is about the method of learning to reconstruct the past. The past is a mosaic of interactions among human beings across borders, cultures and geographical spaces in different periods of time as well as human interactions with the environment. These interactions are fuelled by emotions of fear, passion, animosity, friendships, betrayal, jealousy, curiosity and a myriad other sentiments. The actors are varied that include kings, saints, diplomats, traders, scholars, missionaries, scribes, peasants, soldiers, prostitutes, industrial workers and others. Their actions create history, and every historic moment has several dimensions to it. How does a historian go back into the past and unfurl these moments to reconstruct History? How does a personal letter or a state report or an oral interview or a painting help in providing a glimpse of the past? It is through the exercise of answering these questions that students of History learn to trace the past from a global perspective. The study of History motivates students to critically analyse historical sources, build arguments based on relevant evidence and write about historic events in a nuanced manner. It equips students with a deeper understanding of the long-term development of present identities in their immediate setting as well as in other societies of the world. It also offers related knowledge about different sectors of the society such as economics, politics and law. The skills acquired in this discipline can be used to secure jobs in various fields such as education, research analysts for governmental and non-governmental organisations and in newspaper and digital media.

Course Scheme

12 Core Courses + 3 Electives = 15 courses

Foundation Year/ Semester 1			
Semester 1	Languages and History		
	Writing Arguments		
Semester 2	Colonialism and the World		
	Historical Methods		
	Political History of Modern India		

Semester	Courses	Credits	Minor
Semester 3	World Civilizations	4	
	Ancient India	4	
	Society and History in Ancient India	4	
	History and Historiography	4	
Semester 4	Europe from Renaissance to Revolution	4	
	Medieval India	4	
	Europe-India Pre-Colonial Relations	4	
	Modern India	4	
Semester 5	Nationalism in Indian History	4	
	Science and History	4	
	Elective 1	4	
	Elective 2	4	
Semester 6	Contemporary World History	4	
	Visual Sources and History	4	
	Elective 3	4	

List of Electives

1. Analyzing Ancient Indian Texts
2. Mughal India
3. Art and Architecture in Medieval India
4. Urbanization in Medieval India
5. Religious History of India
6. Gandhi and the Making of Modern India

Semester 1

Languages and History
Writing Arguments

Semester 2

Colonialism
Modern India

Semester 3

World civilizations

4 credits

This course would contextualize the ancient civilizations including the Harappan and Mohenjodaro civilization, Egyptian civilization, Mesopotamian and so on.

Ancient India

4 credits

This course would be a broad overview of the political history of Ancient India, the kingdoms and their administrative frameworks till the 12th century.

Society and History in Ancient India

4 credits

This would be a course on the social aspects of Ancient India. It is broad and can cover a huge range of subjects including sexual and religious practices and sports as subjects of interest within the social arena.

Elective 1

4 credits

Semester 4

Europe from Renaissance to Revolution

4 credits

This course covers the history of western European societies from the time of the 'Middle Ages' to the time of the different Revolutions covering a broad range of subjects in politico-economic and socio-cultural history.

Medieval India

4 credits

This is a course on the political history of medieval India, the different dynasties that ruled the Indian subcontinent and their administrative details till 1757.

Europe-India Pre-Colonial Relations

4 credits

This course studies the relations between India and Europe after the advent of the Portuguese Estado da India and the Dutch, French and English East India Companies in India through diplomatic, economic, social and cultural historical perspectives.

Elective 2
4 credits

Semester 5

Modern India

4 credits

This would look into the course of events in the colonial politics of India since 1757 till the partition of India in 1947.

History and Historiography

4 credits

This would be a course on the heuristics and methodologies of History. It would be a core course to understanding the discipline of History and historical narratives.

Nationalism in Indian History

4 credits

This course would study the force of nationalism in Indian history throughout the colonial period and reflect its existence in the post-colonial period.

Science and History

4 credits

This course would investigate the mechanics of science, including medical science and its connection with the history of India.

Semester 6

Contemporary World History

4 credits

This course would study the contemporary world history of imperialism, liberalism, world wars, cold war and decolonisation.

Visual Sources and History

4 credits

This course can be designed to use visual sources such as paintings, movies and museum objects and how it can be analysed to study History.

Elective 3
4 credits

Course coordinator: Dr. Byapti Sur (TSLAS)

History Minor

Every course is of 4 credits. Following courses constitute History minor:

1. World Civilizations
2. Society and History in Ancient India
3. Medieval India
4. Europe India Pre colonial Relations
5. Science and History
6. Visual Sources and History