Module Catalogue
for the Subject

Indology/South Asian Studies

as a Master's with 1 major
with the degree "Master of Arts"
(120 ECTS credits)

Examination regulations version: 2019
Responsible: Faculty of Arts, Historical, Philological, Cultural and Geographical Studies
Responsible: Institute of East and South Asian Cultural Studies
Contents

The subject is divided into

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- Selected religious and philosophic systems
- Selected Aspects of religious practice
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- Globalisation and cultural identity
- Oral traditions in South Asia
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Content and Objectives of the Programme

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Abbreviations used

Course types: \( E = \) field trip, \( K = \) colloquium, \( O = \) conversatorium, \( P = \) placement/lab course, \( R = \) project, \( S = \) seminar, \( T = \) tutorial, \( Ü = \) exercise, \( V = \) lecture

Term: \( SS = \) summer semester, \( WS = \) winter semester

Methods of grading: \( \text{NUM} = \) numerical grade, \( \text{B/NB} = \) (not) successfully completed

Regulations: \( (L)\text{ASPO} = \) general academic and examination regulations (for teaching-degree programmes), \( \text{FSB} = \) subject-specific provisions, \( \text{SFB} = \) list of modules

Other: \( A = \) thesis, \( \text{LV} = \) course(s), \( \text{PL} = \) assessment(s), \( \text{TN} = \) participants, \( \text{VL} = \) prerequisite(s)

Conventions

Unless otherwise stated, courses and assessments will be held in German, assessments will be offered every semester and modules are not creditable for bonus.

Notes

Should there be the option to choose between several methods of assessment, the lecturer will agree with the module coordinator on the method of assessment to be used in the current semester by two weeks after the start of the course at the latest and will communicate this in the customary manner.

Should the module comprise more than one graded assessment, all assessments will be equally weighted, unless otherwise stated below.

Should the assessment comprise several individual assessments, successful completion of the module will require successful completion of all individual assessments.

In accordance with

the general regulations governing the degree subject described in this module catalogue:

\( \text{ASPO2015} \)

associated official publications (FSB (subject-specific provisions)/SFB (list of modules)):

\( \text{19-Sep-2018 (2018-56)} \)

This module handbook seeks to render, as accurately as possible, the data that is of statutory relevance according to the examination regulations of the degree subject. However, only the FSB (subject-specific provisions) and SFB (list of modules) in their officially published versions shall be legally binding. In the case of doubt, the provisions on, in particular, module assessments specified in the FSB/SFB shall prevail.
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### Contents

Introduction to a specific South Asian region in terms of history, culture, religion and society. In-depth study of selected topics such as regional festival rituals, social groups, etc. based on original language sources.

### Intended learning outcomes

Students gain in-depth knowledge of individual regions in their particularity and as part of the wider region of South Asia. They come to a differentiated view of the culture and society of South Asia. The students are able to use original language sources and secondary literature and to contextualise them.

### Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)

S (2)
Module taught in: German or English

### Method of assessment (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)

a) term paper (approx. 15 pages) or b) oral examination of one candidate each (approx. 30 minutes)

Language of assessment: German and/or English

### Allocation of places

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### Referred to in LPO I (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)

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Module title

Selected Aspects of South Asian culture and society

Abbreviation

04-IM2-1-191-m01

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1 semester

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graduate

Other prerequisites

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Contents

South Asia constitutes a highly diverse cultural area. Different groups within society (so-called “castes”) have different cultural traditions. Regional, social and historical aspects exert influence on different cultural concepts subsumed under the term “Hinduism”. This complexity of South Asian culture is illustrated using sources in original language.

Intended learning outcomes

Students have acquired an advanced knowledge of the complexity of South Asian culture. They have gained a differentiated understanding of the culture and society of South Asia using sources in original language.

Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)

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We will explore Hindu systems of thought as well as religious and philosophical traditions in more detail, reading, for example, texts on the myths and cults of deities or writings of different schools of philosophy.

### Intended learning outcomes

Students will acquire advanced knowledge on a range of religious and philosophical traditions and will be able to evaluate these in the broader context of Hindu studies.

### Courses

(type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)

S (2)

Module taught in: German or English

### Method of assessment

(type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)

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Language of assessment: German and/or English

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Selected Aspects of religious practice

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### Duration
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### Module level
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### Contents
This module will deal with the documentation, discussion and interpretation of a variety of practices in Indian religions (asceticism, pilgrimages, vows, iconolatry etc.) across a range of periods and regions, using sources in original language.

### Intended learning outcomes
Students will be able to evaluate the different forms of expression of religiousness in the overall context of Hinduism, both from an emic and from an etic point of view, and to make cross-cultural comparisons.

### Courses
(type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)

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Module taught in: German or English

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**Duration**

1 semester

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graduate

**Other prerequisites**

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**Contents**

Cultural identity, everyday life and religion of the Indian diaspora in Germany. Field trips to important religious and cultural centres of Indians in Germany.

**Intended learning outcomes**

Students have gained in-depth insights into contemporary theories of transcultural identity and are able to contribute to the current debate on globalisation and cultural identity. They have gained a differentiated understanding of the heterogeneous Indian diaspora in Germany.

**Courses**

(type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)

S (2)

Module taught in: German or English

**Method of assessment**

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**Contents**

In-depth discussion of how Indian society and, in particular, the cultural identity of individual groups within society is being shaped by globalisation, migration and modernity, using sources in original language.

**Intended learning outcomes**

Students are familiar with recent publications on the topic and are able to evaluate the debate on globalisation in a broader context.

**Courses** (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)

S (2)

Module taught in: German and/or English

**Method of assessment** (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)

a) term paper (approx. 15 pages)

b) oral examination of one candidate each (approx. 30 minutes)

Language of assessment: German and/or English

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### Module title

**Oral traditions in South Asia**

### Abbreviation

04-IM10-1-191-m01

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### ECTS

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### Method of grading

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### Numerical grade

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### Duration

1 semester

### Module level

graduate

### Other prerequisites

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### Contents

Orally transmitted texts, e. g. oral epics, are a key component of South Asian culture. They tie in with the great Sanskrit epics, Ramayana and Mahabharata, but are also tied to the geography and history of particular regions. This close interrelationship will be investigated using sources in original language.

### Intended learning outcomes

Students have explored academic approaches to the analysis of oral transmissions (e. g. oral epics). They are familiar with selected regional and local oral epics and know how these relate to the culture of South Asia as a whole.

### Courses

(type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)

S (2)

Module taught in: German and/or English

### Method of assessment

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Method of grading: Only after succ. compl. of module(s)

Numerical grade: --

Duration: 1 semester

Module level: graduate

Other prerequisites: --

Contents:
Rituals play an important part in religious practice in India. They range from simple daily rituals to a variety of ecstatic rituals and highly-complex, prescriptive rituals of the Sanskritic tradition. The analysis of modern ritual theory is here of particular interest. Individual forms of rituals will be examined using texts and/or material based on fieldwork in the original language.

Intended learning outcomes:
Students have acquired an overview of the broad range of rituals and are familiar with selected rituals and ritual traditions using texts and/or material based on fieldwork in the original language. They have acquired an overview of ritual theory.

Courses:
S (2)
Module taught in: German and/or English

Method of assessment:

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**Contents**

Critical philological analysis of drama texts; knowledge of Sanskrit drama performative tradition. Introduction into the Prakrit used in the dramas. Readings of relevant passages in Sanskrit and Prakrit.

**Intended learning outcomes**

Students have developed thorough knowledge related to the critical philological analysis of drama texts and Sanskrit drama performance. They are able to independently read and analyse relevant original language texts.

**Courses** (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)

S (2)
Module taught in: German and/or English

**Method of assessment** (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)

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**Contents**

This course will discuss writings on classical Indian aesthetics in the original language from the period between the late Indian antiquity and the early modern period in more detail.

**Intended learning outcomes**

Students will develop advanced knowledge about developments in literary theory and aesthetics. They will be able to apply this knowledge to classical literature and to evaluate the influences on modern literature and literature studies.

**Courses** (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)

S (2)

Module taught in: German and/or English

**Method of assessment** (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)

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### Contents
Introduction to Indian manuscriptology in general as well as to working with manuscripts from selected traditions that are the subject of ongoing projects at the Chair.

### Intended learning outcomes
Students are able to independently learn how to work with manuscripts from a range of traditions and to prepare these for editing.

### Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)
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Module taught in: German and/or English

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**Contents**

This course will introduce students to the linguistic history of one or more Middle Indo-Aryan source languages and will enable them to read texts written in the respective language(s).

**Intended learning outcomes**

Students have developed Middle Indo-Aryan reading skills and are familiar with the history of Middle Indo-Aryan.

**Courses** (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)

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Module taught in: German and/or English

**Method of assessment** (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)

written examination (approx. 120 minutes)

Language of assessment: German and/or English

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**Contents**

Specialised reading of demanding Sanskrit texts.

**Intended learning outcomes**

Students are able to independently read and analyse difficult Sanskrit texts.

**Courses** (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)

S (2)

Module taught in: German and/or English

**Method of assessment** (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)

written examination (approx. 120 minutes)

Language of assessment: German and/or English

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**Contents**

Reading of prose texts of different genres (e.g. short stories or novels) relating to particular topics (e.g. „partition“). Students will expand their vocabulary.

**Intended learning outcomes**

Students are able to independently read difficult Hindi texts, using appropriate aids.

**Courses** (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)

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**Method of assessment** (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)

- presentation (approx. 20 minutes) and term paper (approx. 10 pages)
- Language of assessment: German and/or English

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**Duration**
1 semester

**Module level**
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**Contents**
Consolidation of the students' knowledge of the history of Hindi literature by reading selected literary works.

**Intended learning outcomes**
Students have consolidated their knowledge of the history of Hindi literature and are able to independently read difficult Hindi texts, using appropriate aids.

**Courses** (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)
S (2)
Module taught in: German and/or English

**Method of assessment** (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)
a) presentation (approx. 20 minutes) and term paper (approx. 10 pages)
Language of assessment: German and/or English

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### Module title
Directed readings in Kannada texts, advanced level

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04-IM20-1-191-m01

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### Method of grading
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### Duration
1 semester

### Module level
graduate

### Other prerequisites
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### Contents
Specialised reading of Kannada texts.

### Intended learning outcomes
Students are able to read moderate and difficult Kannada texts, using appropriate aids.

### Courses
(type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)

S (2)
Module taught in: German and/or English

### Method of assessment
(type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)

written examination (approx. 70 minutes) and oral examination of one candidate each (approx. 20 minutes)
Language of assessment: German and/or English

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**Contents**

In-depth reflection on methods in indology and South Asian studies; these include both methods from literature studies and the critical philological analysis of texts. Depending on the subject matter to be investigated, indology and South Asian studies may also use methods from the social sciences, such as stationary field work, and qualitative as well as quantitative interviews.

**Intended learning outcomes**

Students have acquired an advanced knowledge of a range of methods in indology and South Asian studies. They have applied different research methods in practical exercises.

**Courses** (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)

S (2)
Module taught in: German and/or English

**Method of assessment** (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)

presentation (approx. 20 minutes) and term paper (approx. 10 pages)
Language of assessment: German and/or English

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Module title
Fieldwork in South Asia

Abbreviation
04-IM22-1-191-m01

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Method of grading
Only after succ. compl. of module(s)

(10) successfully completed

Duration
1 semester

Module level
graduate

Other prerequisites
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Contents
Gathering material for a selected research project through fieldwork in South Asia, applying ethnological methodology (e.g. participatory observation or qualitative interviews) and using the local language. Critical reflection of the scholarly methods used. Students receive an introduction through and are accompanied by lecturers of Würzburg or Indian cooperation partners.

Intended learning outcomes
Students are able to carry out a fieldwork on the culture or society of South Asia using the local language. They are aware of the advantages and disadvantages of the research methods they employed.

Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)
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Module taught in: German and/or English
Block course, 4-6 weeks

Method of assessment (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)
report (approx. 25 pages)
Language of assessment: German and/or English

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Duration | Module level | Other prerequisites
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Contents
Presentation of the students' own research projects (e. g. fieldwork).

Intended learning outcomes
Students are able to describe a project in a clear and precise manner.

Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)
S (2)
Module taught in: German and/or English

Method of assessment (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)
talk (approx. 60 minutes) with subsequent discussion (15 to 30 minutes)
Language of assessment: German and/or English

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**Contents**

Translation and analysis of difficult literary or non-literary Hindi texts. Identification and discussion of specific requirements as well as problems that arise from differences between the source and the target language.

**Intended learning outcomes**

Students will enhance their proficiency in translation techniques as well as their literary translation skills.

**Courses** (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)

S (2)

Module taught in: German and/or English

**Method of assessment** (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)

written examination (approx. 120 minutes)

Language of assessment: German and/or English

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**Intended learning outcomes**

Students will enhance their proficiency in translation techniques as well as their literary translation skills.

**Courses** (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)

| S (2) | Module taught in: German and/or English |

**Method of assessment** (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)

written examination (approx. 120 minutes)
Language of assessment: German and/or English

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**Contents**

Translation and analysis of difficult literary or non-literary Sanskrit texts. Identification and discussion of specific requirements as well as problems that arise from differences between the source and the target language.

**Intended learning outcomes**

Students will enhance their proficiency in translation techniques as well as their literary translation skills.

**Courses** (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)

**S (2)**

Module taught in: German and/or English

**Method of assessment** (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)

written examination (approx. 120 minutes)

Language of assessment: German and/or English

**Allocation of places**

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### Module title

**Selected aspects of Indian religions, advanced level**

### Abbreviation

04-IM28-1-191-m01

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### ECTS

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### Method of grading

Only after succ. compl. of module(s)

### Numerical grade

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### Duration

1 semester

### Module level

graduate

### Other prerequisites

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### Contents

Using original textual sources and/or ethnographic material, this course will examine selected religious practices (e.g. temple festivities, worship of deities), forms of religiousness (e.g. bhakti), religious or theological concepts (e.g. the concept of the soul, karma) as well as other aspects of Indian religions and will discuss these in the context of the methodology of philology, religious studies, ethnology etc. as appropriate.

### Intended learning outcomes

Students have acquired an advanced knowledge of specific aspects of Indian religions. They are able to place these in the overall context of Indian religious traditions and systems as well as to analyse these at an advanced theoretical level.

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### Method of assessment

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b) oral examination of one candidate each (approx. 30 minutes)

### Language of assessment

German and/or English

### Allocation of places

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Module title | Abbreviation
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Selected aspects of Indian philosophy, advanced level | 04-IM29-1-191-m01

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Duration | Module level | Other prerequisites
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1 semester | graduate | --

Contents
This module will acquaint students with individual aspects of Indian philosophy, e.g. specific systems (e.g. yoga) or specific concepts (e.g. atman-brahman, jivanmukti), using original sources. The module will also analyse these aspects in the context of secondary literature.

Intended learning outcomes
Students will be familiar with specific aspects of Indian philosophy. They will be able to place these aspects in the context of the history of Indian philosophy as well as to discuss them at an advanced level in the context of secondary literature.

Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)
S (2)
Module taught in: German and/or English

Method of assessment (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)

a) term paper (approx. 15 pages) or
b) oral examination of one candidate each (approx. 30 minutes)
Language of assessment: German and/or English

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**Duration**
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**Module level**
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**Other prerequisites**
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**Contents**
Consolidation of the students' knowledge of selected aspects of the history of Hindi literature. Reading difficult texts in different literary genres (e.g., narratives, essays) and specific secondary literature in Hindi.

**Intended learning outcomes**
Students are able to read difficult texts in different literary genres (e.g., narratives, essays) as well as specific secondary literature in Hindi. They have acquired in-depth knowledge about the respective literary genres in the context of the history of Hindi literature.

**Courses**
(type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)

S (2)
Module taught in: German and/or English

**Method of assessment**
(type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)

presentation (approx. 20 minutes) and term paper (approx. 10 pages)
Language of assessment: German and/or English

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## Module title

Intensive course Hindi, advanced level 1

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## Duration

1 semester

## Module level

graduate

## Other prerequisites

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## Contents

This course will take place in India. It will provide students with an opportunity to put their language skills into practice and immerse themselves in the culture of the language. Students will expand their speaking and listening skills and will develop an ability to communicate in more complex everyday situations.

## Intended learning outcomes

Students are able to independently find their way around their host country and to correctly interpret more complex everyday situations. They are able to communicate spontaneously and fluently.

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### Contents
Consolidation of the students' knowledge of selected aspects of the history of Hindi literature. Reading difficult texts in different literary genres (e.g. novels) and specific secondary literature in Hindi.

### Intended learning outcomes
Students are able to read difficult texts in different literary genres (e.g. novels) as well as specific secondary literature in Hindi. They have acquired in-depth knowledge about the respective literary genres in the context of the history of Hindi literature.

### Courses
(type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)

- S (2)
  - Module taught in: German and/or English

### Method of assessment
(type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)

- written examination (approx. 70 minutes) and oral examination of one candidate each (approx. 20 minutes)
  - Language of assessment: German and/or English

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**Contents**
Translation of difficult literary Hindi texts. More in-depth discussion of specific requirements as well as problems that arise from differences between the source and the target language. Acquisition of literary translation techniques.

**Intended learning outcomes**
Students will further enhance their proficiency in translation techniques and will consolidate their skills in the production of stylistically appropriate translations of literary texts.

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Intensive course Hindi, advanced level 2

### Abbreviation
04-IM35-1-191-m01

### Module coordinator
holder of the Chair of Indology

### Module offered by
Chair of Indology

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Only after succ. compl. of module(s)

### Duration
1 semester

### Module level
graduate

### Other prerequisites
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### Contents
This course will take place in India. It will provide students with an opportunity to put their language skills into practice and immerse themselves in the culture of the language. Students will expand their speaking and listening skills and will develop an ability to communicate in highly complex everyday situations as well as to discuss highly abstract ideas in the classroom.

### Intended learning outcomes
Students are able to independently find their way around their host country, to correctly interpret highly complex everyday situations and to have advanced conversations about highly abstract ideas.

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  - Module taught in: German and/or English

### Method of assessment
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Specialised reading of demanding Sanskrit texts from different genres, e. g. Kavya, using commentarial literature in the original language.

**Intended learning outcomes**

Students are able to read and interpret demanding Sanskrit texts from different genres, e. g. Kavya. They are familiar with the terminology of the Sanskrit commentarial literature and know how to use it.

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written examination (approx. 120 minutes)
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**Contents**

Specialised reading of demanding Sanskrit texts from different genres not dealt with before, e.g. philosophical treatises or texts of indigenous systems of knowledge, as well as commentarial literature.

**Intended learning outcomes**

Students are able to read and interpret demanding Sanskrit texts from different genres, e.g. philosophical treatises or texts of indigenous systems of knowledge, as well as commentarial literature.

**Courses** (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)

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Module taught in: German and/or English

**Method of assessment** (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)

written examination (approx. 120 minutes)
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Students will get a more in-depth introduction to the history of Middle Indo-Aryan and will read texts in a Middle Indo-Aryan language.

**Intended learning outcomes**

Students have acquired a thorough overview of the history of Middle Indo-Aryan. They are able to independently read and analyse difficult Middle Indo-Aryan texts.

**Courses** (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)

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Module taught in: German and/or English

**Method of assessment** (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)

written examination (approx. 120 minutes)

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This course will cover the remaining Kannada grammar. Students will consolidate their grammar skills, expand their vocabulary and develop their speaking and listening skills.

**Intended learning outcomes**

Students are able to read and understand simple Kannada texts on basic level. He/She is able of everyday communication on a basic level.

**Courses** (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)

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This course will consolidate the students' grammar skills. Students will expand their vocabulary and enhance their speaking skills. Introduction to narrative literature, reading of expository texts. Introduction to the history of Kannada literature.

**Intended learning outcomes**

Students are able to read simple literary texts as well as expository texts. They are able to communicate in everyday situations. They have acquired an overview of Kannada literature.

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Module title
Project in South Asia

Abbreviation
04-IM43-1-191-m01

Module coordinator
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Module offered by
Chair of Indology

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Method of grading
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Other prerequisites
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Contents
Gathering material for a selected research project in South Asia using the local language. Critical reflection of the scholarly methods used.

Intended learning outcomes
Students are able to independently gather information on a selected topic relating to culture or society in the cultural area of South Asia using the local language. They are aware of the advantages and disadvantages of the research methods they employed.

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Module taught in: German and/or English
Block course, 4-6 weeks

Method of assessment (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)
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Introduction to script, grammar and basic vocabulary. Introduction to Kannada conversation, basic knowledge of Kannada culture.

**Intended learning outcomes**

Students are able to read and understand simplified Kannada texts and know simple phrases of everyday communication.

**Courses** (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)

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Module taught in: German and/or English

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**Intended learning outcomes**

Students are able to guide, deepen and revise courses on BA-level in the field of classical South Asian languages.

**Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)**

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Module taught in: German and/or English

**Method of assessment (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)**

report (approx. 10 pages)

Language of assessment: German and/or English

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### Intended learning outcomes

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Students are carrying out a tutorial in a BA course in the field of South Asian literary or cultural history in close consultation with and under guidance of the lecturer.

**Intended learning outcomes**

Students are able to guide, deepen and revise courses on BA-level in the field of South Asian literary or cultural history.

**Courses** (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)

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  - Module taught in: German and/or English

**Method of assessment** (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)

- report (approx. 10 pages)
  - Language of assessment: German and/or English

**Allocation of places**

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**Additional information**

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Researching and writing on a defined problem in indology within a given time frame and adhering to the principles of good scholarly practice.

**Intended learning outcomes**

Students are able to conduct research on a defined topic in indology, adhering to the principles of good scholarly practice, and to present the results of their work in written form.

**Courses** (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)

No courses assigned to module

Module taught in: German and/or English

**Method of assessment** (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)

Master's thesis (approx. 50 to 70 pages)

Language of assessment: German or English

**Allocation of places**

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**Additional information**

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