

University of Calgary  
Faculty of Arts  
Interdisciplinary Programs

South Asian Studies 499.02

## Contemporary Issues in South Asia

Course Outline – Winter 2018

Course: **SAST 499.02**

Time: T/R 2:00-3:15 SB 148

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### Readings:

On historical methods: <https://www.quora.com/What-is-the-most-common-historical-method-used-by-historians-today?share=1>

<https://edwardseducationblog.files.wordpress.com/2013/07/historical-method.pdf>

### On Critical Review

method: [https://cdn.dal.ca/content/dam/dalhousie/pdf/library/CoreSkills/Book\\_Reviews.pdf](https://cdn.dal.ca/content/dam/dalhousie/pdf/library/CoreSkills/Book_Reviews.pdf)

<http://www.wendybelcher.com/writing-advice/how-to-write-book-review/>

### Course Description:

This course is based on the investigation of themes and methodologies related to the study of South Asian civilizations. Students will select a topic to research and a methodology to employ. They will produce a scholarly paper on their research and present an oral summary to the class. Students will also critique and question each research project as presented in the oral summary.

## Core Competencies:

Students will learn two different approaches to the study of a theme or topic in South Asian Studies. They will gain experience in research, writing, and oral presentations. They will develop their critical thinking abilities and will be exposed to other research and the application of different methods.

## Assignments and Evaluation:

Written Research Proposal:	Jan 25, 2018	=	10 pts
Oral Summary	on date assigned	=	25 pts
Research Paper	April 12, 2018	=	45 pts
Class participation:		=	20 pts

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Total 100 pts

## Grading

A numerical mark will be given for each course requirement. A letter grade will be assigned on the following number and letter grade scheme, usually used within the Department of Classics and Religion:

A+	100 - 96	A	95 - 90	A-	89 - 85
B+	84 - 80	B	79 - 75	B-	74 - 70
C+	69 - 65	C	64 - 60	C-	59 - 55
D+	54 - 53	D	52-50	F	Under 50

[Students must attend all oral presentations and engage the speaker about the research. (exception only with medical note)]

This course may not be repeated for credit.

There is no Registrar-scheduled Final Examination

### **Policy for Late Assignments**

Assignments will lose ten (10) points per day if not submitted in paper form at the end of class on the due date.

### **Academic Honesty**

Plagiarism is not tolerated at the University of Calgary and has serious consequences. Your essays/presentations must be your own work and inadequate referencing may be seen as plagiarism. Please see the relevant sections on Academic Misconduct in the current University Calendar (section K, which can be found here: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html>). If you have questions about correct referencing, please consult your instructor, or librarian staff.

### **Student Accommodations**

The student accommodation policy can be found at: [ucalgary.ca/access/accommodations/policy](http://ucalgary.ca/access/accommodations/policy).

Students needing an Accommodation because of a Disability or medical condition should communicate this need to Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities [ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy](http://ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy).

Students needing an Accommodation based on a Protected Ground other than Disability, should communicate this need, preferably in writing, to the course instructor.

## **Desire 2 Learn (D2L) Help**

Go to <http://elearn.ucalgary.ca/desire2learn/home/students> for Student Help and FAQ's about D2L. Troubleshooting tips and a tutorial are also available on this website.

## **Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources**

- For program planning and advice, students in the Faculty of Arts will contact The Arts Students' Centre (ASC). Drop in at SS102, call at 403-220-3580 or email at [ascarts@ucalgary.ca](mailto:ascarts@ucalgary.ca). You can also visit the Faculty of Arts website at <http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate> which has detailed information on common academic concerns.
- For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at (403) 210-ROCK [7625] or visit them at the MacKimmie Library.

## **Freedom of Information and Privacy**

This course is conducted in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPP): <http://www.ucalgary.ca/secretariat/privacy>

The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act indicates that assignments given by you to your course instructor will remain confidential unless otherwise stated before submission. The assignment cannot be returned to anyone else without your express permission. Similarly, any information about yourself that you share with your course instructor will not be given to anyone else without your permission. As one consequence, students should identify themselves on all written work by placing their name on the front page and their ID number on each subsequent page.

## **Student Ombudsperson and Students' Union Representative**

The Student Ombuds Office provides independent, impartial and confidential support for students who require assistance and advice in addressing issues and concerns related to their academic careers. See [www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds](http://www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds) for more information.

The Students' Union Faculty of Arts representative can be reached at [arts1@ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts1@ucalgary.ca).

## **Emergency Evacuation Assembly Point**

In case of an emergency evacuation during class, students must gather at the designated assembly point nearest to the classroom. The list of assembly points is found at [www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints](http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints). Please check this website and not the nearest assembly point for this course.

## **Safewalk**

The Safewalk program provides volunteers to walk students safely to their destination anywhere on campus (including McMahon Stadium, Health Sciences, Student Family Housing, the Alberta Children's Hospital and the University LRT station). This service is free and available to students, staff and campus visitors 24 hrs/day, 365 days a year. Call 403-220-5333 or use one of the Help phones located throughout campus to request a walk.