R South Asian Studies

The South Asian Studies Programme (SASP) is an innovative programme which is designed to increase students’ understanding of the South Asian region from different disciplinary points of view. The region comprises seven nation-states – India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bhutan and the Maldives and, wherever possible, modules deal with the region as a whole. In this multidisciplinary programme, there is an emphasis on contemporary and recent historical studies, the aim of which is to give a basis for appreciation of the developments which have taken place in these nations since the end of the colonial period in the mid-20th century, and the opportunities they have for change in the future. The multidisciplinary base of the programme links economics and development studies, historical and political studies, social and cultural studies, and philosophical, literary and linguistic studies. Considerations of gender also inform these disciplines. Students are encouraged to develop connections among these areas in the light of their interests and goals. SASP offers students with GCE ‘A’ Level or GCE ‘AO’ Level passes in Tamil the possibility to pursue studies of Tamil language and culture at an academic level. The SASP is also concerned with the understanding of the South Asian Diaspora in Southeast Asia and world-wide, as well as the historical and contemporary linkages that exist between the nations of Southeast Asia and the South Asian region. SASP is designed to be supportive of graduates who want to be administrators, educationists, analysts, policy-makers, consultants or representatives of Singaporean and international corporations and agencies with interests and operations in the South Asian states.

Entry Requirements

South Asian Studies Programme welcomes all students with good results at GCE ‘A’ Levels (including the General Paper) who have an interest in South Asia. No prior knowledge of the region nor knowledge of any South Asian language is required.

Subject Requirements

Single Major [BA (Hons)]

1. Pass SN1101E. This will be counted towards the Faculty Core or UE requirements.
2. Pass at least 84 MCs of SN modules or SN-recognised modules (See Note 1) (including Tamil or Hindi language modules), which include the following:
   1. SN4101 Approached to the Study of South Asia
   2. A minimum of 44 MCs of SN modules
   3. A maximum of ONE of the following “methods” modules (See Note 2)
      i. GE2101
      ii. HY2241
      iii. PS3257
   4. A minimum of 60 MCs at level 3000 or higher with
      i. a minimum of 40 MCs at level 4000 or higher, including
a. SN4101
5. A maximum of 2 SN or SN-recognised modules at level-5000 (subject to department’s approval)
6. A maximum of 12 MCs of Tamil or Hindi track language modules (See Note 3)

**Single Major (BA)**

1. Pass SN1101E. This will be counted towards the Faculty Core or UE requirements.
2. Pass at least 44 MCs of SN modules and SN-recognised modules (See Note 1) (including Tamil or Hindi language modules), which include the following:
   1. a minimum of 32 MCs of SN modules
   2. a minimum of 20 MCs at level 3000 or higher
   3. a maximum of 12 MCs SN-recognised modules (including Tamil or Hindi language modules) (See Note 1)

**Second Major**

1. Pass SN1101E. This will be counted towards the Faculty Core or UE requirements.
2. Pass at least 44 MCs of SN modules and SN-recognised modules (with either Tamil or Hindi language modules), which include:
   1. a minimum of 32 MCs of SN modules
   2. a minimum of 20 MCs at level 3000 or higher
   3. a maximum of 12 MCs SN-recognised modules (including Tamil or Hindi language modules) (See Note 1)

Please refer to the departmental website for further details.

**Note 1:**
The following modules are recognised as contributing towards the SN major requirements:

- GE2101 – Methods & Practices in Geography
- PS3257 – Political Inquiry
- LAL1201 – Tamil 1
- LAL2201 – Tamil 2
- LAH1201 – Hindi 1
- LAH2201 – Hindi 2
- EC3378 – Emerging India in Asia’s Economic Integration
- GE4202 – Remaking the Global Economy
- GE4204 – Urban Space: Critical Perspectives
- GE4213 – Cultural Geographies
- HY2258 – Passage to India: Modern Indian Society
- HY4222 – Asian Business History: Case Studies
- HY4230 – Historiography and Historical Method
- MS4204 – The Malay Middle Class
- NM4202 – Transnational Information Producers
- NM4213 – Digital Economies
- PS2247 – South Asia: Politics and Foreign Policy
- PS2249 – Government and Politics of Singapore
- PS4214 – Politics, Art, and Popular Culture
Students intending to pursue Honours are encouraged to read ONE of the recognised “methods” modules.

Language modules are optional.

To declare Honours track, students must have completed 110 MCs, including 44 MCs in the Major, with a CAP of 3.20 and above.

The Honours Thesis/Project (15 MCs) is optional. To qualify for Honours Thesis/Project, students must complete 110 MCs including 44 MCs of SN major requirements with a minimum CAP of 3.5. In order to obtain Honours (Highest Distinction), students must achieve a CAP of 4.5 or higher AND at least an ‘A-’ in the Honours Thesis/Project.

Students who do not attempt the Honours Thesis/Project will read Level-4000 modules to fulfil the Honours Requirements.

Students may also read a Level-4000 Independent Study Module (5 MCs). The Level-4000 ISM carries a prerequisite of 100 MCs completed, including 44 MCs in the Major, with a minimum CAP of 3.2. It precludes the Honours Thesis/Project.

All Level-4000 modules carry a general prerequisite of having completed 80 MCs, including 28 MCs in the Major, with a minimum CAP of 3.2 OR being on the Honours track (some Level-4000 modules may have different prerequisites).

Minor in India Studies
Pass at least 24 MCs of SN and SN-recognised modules (See Note 1), which include:

1. SN1101E South Asia: People, Culture, Development
2. a minimum of 8 MCs of SN or SN-recognised modules at level-3000(See Note 1)
3. a maximum of 8 MCs of either Tamil OR Hindi language modules (See Note 2), NOT both
Note 1:
The following modules are recognised as contributing towards the India Studies minor requirements:
EN3265 - South Asian Literatures in English
HY2258 - Passage to India: Contemporary Modern Indian Society
LAH1201 - Hindi 1
LAH2201 - Hindi 2
LAL1201 - Tamil 1
LAL2201 - Tamil 2
SN1101E - South Asia: People, Culture, Development
SN2213 - Governance & Politics in South Asia
SN2232 - South Asia: Poverty, Inequality, Power
SN2233 - Globalizing India: The Politics of Economic Change
SN2234 - Gender & Society in South Asia
SN2251 - Information Revolution in India
SN2261 - The Emergence of Contemporary South Asia
SN2271 - Religion & Society in South Asia
PH2204/SN2273 - Introduction to Indian Thought
SN2274 - South Asian Cultures: An Introduction
SN2275 - Contemporary Tamil Literature
SN2277 - Indian Communities in Southeast Asia
SN2278 - Introduction to Sikhism
SN2279 - The Making of Modern India, 1856-1947
SN2280 - Marriage, Sex, Love in South Asia
SN2281 - Nations at Play: History of Sport in South Asia
SN2283 - China-India Interactions: Changing Perspectives
SN3223 - International Relations of South Asia
SN3232 - South Asia: Development, Issues, Debates
SN3261 - Exile, Indenture, IT: Global South Asians
SN3262/HY3236 - The Struggle for India, 1920-64
PH3204/SN3272 - Issues in Indian Philosophy
SN3274 - South Asian Cinema
SN3275 - Tamil Culture and Society
SN3276 - Introduction to Classical Indian Texts
SN3278 - Rivers of India: Divinity & Sacred Space
SN3279 - Language, Culture and Identity in India
SN3280 - Governing Public Services in India
SN3281 - The Story of Indian Business
SN3880A - Art of India

Note 2:
Language modules are optional.

**Note 3:**
A maximum of 8 MCs from the minor can be used to satisfy the requirements of a major or another minor.

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