

ASIA 4425: Asian Women and Literature

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: ENGL 1102

This course is a study of women's role and its manifestations in literature in major countries of East and Southeast Asia: China, Japan, Korea, and Vietnam. Students examine women's imagery in masterpieces of literature and appraise important literary works by female authors to explore how women are portrayed in literature and how they view themselves and perceive the world in which they live.

ASIA 4435: Sociology of South Asia

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: ASIA 1102

This course examines social change and development in the South Asian societies through a historically informed analysis of social institutions in the region. Some of the key themes explored include contested histories, identity politics and nationalism, democratization, growth, poverty, and inequality. The course includes case studies from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka, but its main focus is on India.

ASIA 4457: South Asian Politics: A Comparative Perspective

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: ASIA 3001

This course is an overview of the main issues that overlay politics in Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, India, and Pakistan. It covers the common historical background and the development of political institutions across the region. The course highlights the main cleavages along which politics are organized and related political, social, and economic outcomes, including the political party system, economic development, social movements, and ethnic conflict.

ASIA 4490: Special Topics for Asian Studies

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: ENGL 1102

Selected special topics of interest to faculty and students working in Asian Studies.