

2010-2011 Course Catalog

The University Of Montana

Central and Southwest Asian Studies

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The University of Montana has emerged as a national and international leader in recognizing the significance of Central and Southwest Asia, and translating that awareness into a major academic program. The program builds on significant faculty experience and expertise in the region, and includes scholars from a variety of academic disciplines. The program has also organized intensive summer language training programs at UM, as well as summer study tours for K-12 teachers to Central Asia, and also hosts an annual conference that brings leading scholars, diplomats, analysts, and journalists to the UM campus.

The University of Montana offers an undergraduate major as well as a Minor in Central and Southwest Asian Studies. Arabic, Chinese, Persian, Russian and Turkish language instruction are also offered. Faculty exchanges have been organized with universities in China, Egypt, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Morocco, Russia and Tajikistan.

Major in Central and Southwest Asia:

Suggested Course of Study in Central and Southwest Asian Studies (CSWA)

First Year	A		S
CSWA 146 H Silk Road (Anthropology106H/ History 146H)	3	-	
WRIT 101 (ENEX 101) Composition	3	-	
Languages (First Year)(Arabic OR Chinese OR Persian OR Russian)	5	5	
Math General Education requirement		3	
General Education Electives (Groups IV, V, VII, VIII, IX, XI)*	4	7	
Total	15	15	
Second Year	A		S
Three 200-level Central and Southwest Asian Studies (CSWA) courses.	3	6	

Languages (Second Year)(Arabic OR Chinese OR Persian OR Russian)WPE (Writing Proficiency Examination)	5±		5±	
General Education Electives (Groups IV, V, VII, VIII, IX, XI)*	7		4	
Total	15		15	
Third Year		A		S
Three upper level courses in Central and Southwest Asian Studies courses (CSWA) (300 level or above)	3		6	
Upper Division Electives(Third and Fourth Year language study strongly encouraged)	12		9	
Total	15		15	
Fourth Year		A		S
Capstone Requirement: CSWA/ANTH/HSTR 441(HIST 110): Seminar Central Asia OR CSWA 496: Independent Study (Twenty-five page research paper) Either course fulfills the Upper Division Writing Requirement in the Major			3	
Upper Division Electives	15		12	
Total	15		15	

± Some languages may require 4 credits at the sophomore level.

* See [General Education](#) section in the catalogue.

Central & Southwest Asian Studies Program (CSWA)

- 1. CSWA/HSTR 146 (HIST 106)/ANTH 106H: The Silk Road
- 2. CSWA/HSTR 241 (HIST 214S)/ANTH 214: Central Asia: Peoples and Environments
- 3. CSWA/HSTR 262 (HIST 283H)/ANTH 283: Islamic Civilization: The Classical Age
- 4. CSWA/HSTR 264 (HIST 284H)/ANTH 284: Islamic Civilization: The Modern Era
- 5. CSWA/HSTR 347 (HIST 346)/ANTH 346: Central Asia and Its Neighbors
- 6. CSWA/HSTR (HIST 386H)/ANTH 386: Nationalism in the Middle East & Central Asia
- 7. CSWA/HSTR 368 (HIST 387)/ANTH 387: Iran Between Two Revolutions

- 8. CSWA/HSTR 442 (HIST 402)/ANTH 462: Cities and Landscapes of Central and Southwest Asia
- 9. CSWA 457: Artistic Traditions of Central Asia (same as ANTH 461/HSTR 459 (HIST 457))
- 10. CSWA/HSTR 441 (HIST 462)/ANTH 460: Central Asia Seminar

Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures

- ARAB 101: Elementary Modern Standard Arabic I
- ARAB 102: Elementary Modern Standard Arabic II
- ARAB 191: Introduction to the Arab World (same as ANTH 195)
- ARAB 201: Intermediate Modern Standard Arabic I
- ARAB 202: Intermediate Modern Standard Arabic II
- ARAB 301: Advanced Modern Standard Arabic I
- ARAB 302: Advanced Modern Standard Arabic II
- ARAB 392: Independent Study
- CHIN 101: Elementary Chinese I
- CHIN 102: Elementary Chinese II
- CHIN 201: Intermediate Chinese I
- CHIN 202: Intermediate Chinese II
- CHIN 301: Advanced Chinese I
- CHIN 302: Advanced Chinese II
- CHIN 313L: Classical Chinese Poetry in English Translation
- CHIN 314L: Traditional Chinese Literature in English Translation
- CHIN 432L: Twentieth Century Chinese Fiction in English Translation
- CHIN 211H: Chinese Culture and Civilization
- MCLG 380L: Chinese Folktales
- MCLG 195: Elementary Persian I
- MCLG 195: Elementary Persian II
- MCLG 295: Intermediate Persian I
- MCLG 295: Intermediate Persian II
- RUSS 101: Elementary Russian I
- RUSS 102: Elementary Russian II
- RUSS 105: Introduction to Russian Culture (same as MCLG/LS 105)
- RUSS 201: Intermediate Russian I
- RUSS 202: Intermediate Russian II
- RUSS 301: Oral and Written Expression
- RUSS 302: Russian Culture and Civilization
- RUSS 312L: Introduction to Russian Literature I (same as MCLG/LS 306)
- RUSS 313L: Introduction to Russian Literature II (same as MCLG/LS 307)
- RUSS 308: Russian Cinema and Culture (same as MCLG/LS/ENFM 308)
- RUSS 411: 19th Century Major Russian Authors
- RUSS 424: Russian Short Story
- RUSS 440: Russian Poetry
- RUSS 494: Seminar in Russian Studies [Variable] (same as MCLG/HRS 494)

Department of Anthropology

- ANTH 106H: The Silk Road (same as CSWA 146/HSTR 146 (HIST 106H))
- ANTH 214: Central Asia: Peoples and Environments (HSTR 241 (HIST 214S))

- ANTH 283: Islamic Civilization: The Classical Age (same as CSWA 262/HSTR 262 (HIST 283H))
- ANTH 284: Islamic Civilization: The Modern Era (same as CSWA 264/HSTR 264 (HIST 284H))
- ANTH 334647: Central Asia and Its Neighbors (same as CSWA 346/HSTR 347 (HIST 346))
- ANTH 367: Iran Between Two Revolutions (same as CSWA 368/HSTR 368 (HIST 387))
- ANTH 462: Cities and Landscapes of Central and Southwest Asia (same as CSWA 442/HSTR 442 (HIST 402))
- ANTH 461: Artistic Traditions of Central Asia (same as CSWA 457/HSTR 459 (HIST 457))
- ANTH 460: Central Asia Seminar (same as CSWA 441/HSTR 441 (HIST 462))

Department of History

- HSTR 146 (HIST 106): The Silk Road (same as ANTH106H/AS 146)
- HSTR 241 (HIST 214S): Peoples and Environments (same as ANTH 214/CSWA 241)
- HSTR 262 (HIST 283H): Islamic Civilization: The Classical Age (same as ANTH 283)
- HSTR 264 (HIST 284H): Islamic Civilization: The Modern Era (same as ANTH 284)
- HSTR 357 (HIST 344): Russia to 1881
- HSTR 358 (HIST 245): Russia Since 1881
- HSTR 347 (HIST 346): Central Asia & Its Neighbors
- HSTR 380H (HIST 331H): Modern China
- HSTR 386H (HIST 386H): Nationalism in the Middle East and Central Asia
- HSTR 368 (HIST 387): Iran Between Two Revolutions
- HSTR 442 (HIST 402): Cities and Landscapes of Central and Southwest Asia (same as ANTH 462/CSWA 442)
- HSTR 457 (HIST 445): World of Anna Karnina
- HSTR 458 (HIST 446): Russian Revolution 1900-1930
- HSTR 459 (HIST 457): Artistic Traditions of Central Asia (same as ANTH 461/CSWA 457)
- HSTR 441 (HIST 462): Central Asia Seminar (same as ANTH 460/CSWA 441)
- HSTR 544 (HIST 544): Modern Russia
- HSTR 586 (HIST 586): Modern Islamic Politics

Requirements for a Minor in Central and Southwest Asia

The Central and Southwest Asian Studies Minor is available to all students. It consists of eighteen credits. Students selecting the minor are required to successfully complete HSTR 146 (HIST106)/ANTH 106H/AS 106H and six credits in foundational Central and Southwest Asian Studies courses (200-level courses). Students must then complete nine credits of additional course work at the 300- or 400- level. No language courses are required; however, students pursuing the minor are strongly encouraged to meet the University-wide general education foreign language competency requirement by completing at least the second semester of one of the following languages (100 level or higher): Chinese, Persian, Arabic, Turkish or Russian. Participation in a study-abroad program is strongly recommended.

To earn a minor in Central and Southwest Asian Studies, students must successfully complete 18 credits as follows:

1. Three credits: The Silk Road - Central and Southwest Asian Studies 106 (ANTH106H or HSTR 146H (HIST 106H)).
2. Six credits in approved 200-level foundational Central and Southwest Asian Studies courses
3. Nine credits in approved 300 or 400-level Central and Southwest Asian Studies courses.

In addition, it is expected that students will study one of the following languages: Turkish, Persian, Arabic, Russian or Chinese.

A list of approved Central and Southwest Asian courses is available from advisors.

Courses

Central & Southwest Asian Studies Program

U 146H The Silk Road 3 cr. Offered autumn and spring. Same as HSTR 146H (HIST 106H) and ANTH 106H. Introduction to the study of the human communities, cultures, and economies in Central and Southwest Asia along the ancient four thousand mile-long Silk Road.

U 241 Central Asia: Peoples and Environments 3 cr. Offered autumn. Same as HSTR 241 (HIST 214S) and ANTH 214. Introduction to Central Asia's history, culture and ways of thinking. Focus on the political and social organization of Central Asia and cultural changes as expressed in art and interactions with China, India and the Middle East.

U 262 Islamic Civilization: The Classical Age 3 cr. Offered autumn. Same as HSTR 262 (HIST 283H) and ANTH 283. A concise history of the Islamic world from the 6th century to the fall of the Abbasid Empire in the 13th century, focusing primarily on the teachings of Islam and the causes for the rapid expansion of the Islamic empire.

U 264 Islamic Civilization: The Modern Era 3 cr. Offered spring. Same as HSTR 264 (HIST 284H) and ANTH 284H. History of the Islamic world and particularly the Persian, Arabic, and Turkish speaking lands between 1453 and 1952.

U 346 Central Asia and Its Neighbors 3 cr. Offered spring. Same as HSTR 347 (HIST 346) and ANTH 346. Analysis of the human communities and cultures of Central and Southwest Asia, with particular emphasis on the importance of relationships with neighboring countries and civilizations since ancient times.

UG 368 Iran Between Two Revolutions 3 cr. Offered spring. Same as ANTH 387. The socioeconomic, political, and cultural causes which resulted in the transformation of the Iranian society from a traditional Islamic entity to a modern secular state and the factors which led to the downfall of the secular state and the establishment of an Islamic republic.

UG 386 Nationalism in Modern Middle East 3 cr. Offered autumn. Same as HSTR 386H (HIST 386H) and ANTH 386H. The several intellectual traditions and philosophies some ephemeral and visionary, most eclectic and confused, and virtually all conflicting that are usually believed to underlie the varying concept of Iranian and Arab nationalism in the 20th century.

UG 441 Central Asia Seminar 3 cr. Offered spring. Same as HSTR 441 (HIST 462) and ANTH 460. Advanced analysis of the historical and contemporary issues involving the human communities, cultures, and economies in Central and Southwest Asia.

UG 442 Cities and Landscapes of Central Asia 3 cr. Offered autumn. Same as HSTR 442 (HIST 402) and ANTH 462. Analysis of the main centers of civilization and culture, rich sites and monuments of Central Asia and Southwest Asia since ancient times.

UG 457 Artistic Traditions of Central and Southwest Asia 3 cr. Offered autumn and spring. Same as HSTR 459 (HIST 457) and ANTH 461. Analysis of the study of human artistic creativity and scientific innovations of various cultures in Central and Southwest Asia since ancient times.

FACULTY

Donald Bedunah, Ph.D., Texas Tech University, 1981

Samir Bitar, M.I.S., The University of Montana, 2009

Timothy Bradstock, Ph.D., Harvard University, 1984

Zhen Cao, Ed.D., The University of Montana, 1997

Robert H. Greene, Ph.D., University of Michigan, 2004

Louis D. Hays, Ph.D., University of Arizona, 1966

Marc Hendrix, Ph.D., Stanford University, 1992

Khaled Huthaily, Ed.D., The University of Montana, 2008

Ardi Kia, Ph.D., University of Wisconsin, 1988

Mehrdad Kia, Ph.D., University of Wisconsin, 1986

Ona Renner-Fahey, Ph.D., Ohio State University, 2003

Bharath Sriraman, Ph.D., Northern Illinois University, 2002

Clint Walker, Ph.D., University of Michigan, 2006