

SOUTH/SOUTHEAST ASIAN STUDIES (SSEA)

SSEA 195 - Special Topics. 1-6 Credits.

(R-6) Offered intermittently. Experimental offerings of visiting professors, offerings of new courses, or one-time offerings of current topics.

SSEA 202X - Introduction to India. 3 Credits.

Offered alternate years. This course introduces students to the history, economy, political and legal system, society, culture, religions, and literary and artistic traditions of India, which is the world's largest secular democracy and the birthplace of four major world religions.

Gen Ed Attributes: Historical & Cultural Studies, Cultural Intl Diversity (X)

SSEA 232H - Buddhism. 3 Credits.

Offered autumn. Same as RLST 232H. A historical introduction to the development of Buddhist thought and practice in the cultures of Asia and the West.

Gen Ed Attributes: Historical & Cultural Studies, Cultural Intl Diversity (X)

SSEA 234X - Hindu Religious Traditions. 3 Credits.

Offered spring, odd-numbered years. Same as RLST 234X. Critical exploration of selected aspects of Hindu thought, narrative and practice, both in contemporary and historical perspective. Focus primarily on India, but with consideration of Hinduism's transformation and impact beyond South Asia.

Gen Ed Attributes: Cultural Intl Diversity (X)

SSEA 295 - Special Topics. 1-12 Credits.

(R-12) Experimental offerings of visiting professors, experimental offerings of new courses, or one-time offerings of current topics.

SSEA 330X - Peoples and Cultures of World. 3 Credits.

Offered intermittently. Same as ANTY 330X. Ethnographic survey of societies and cultures of Indonesia and the Philippines.

SSEA 342 - Topics Comparative Lit & Rel. 3 Credits.

Offered intermittently. Same as LSH 342. These courses compare major traditions, texts and trends in two or more world civilizations or cultures. Works of literature and/or philosophy are examined in their historical contexts, and in relation to each other.

SSEA 366 - Tibetan Civilization. 3 Credits.

Offered intermittently. No prerequisites. An exploration of the history and culture of a unique civilization that has influenced greatly the cultures of Himalayan, East and South Asia. Special attention will be given to Tibetan religions, modernity, and globalization as they have presented profound challenges to Buddhist traditions.

SSEA 368 - Contemporary Buddhism in SSEA. 3 Credits.

Offered intermittently. No prerequisites. Like other major religions, modernity and globalization have presented profound challenges to Buddhist traditions. In this course we will explore various contemporary issues that have affected Theravada Buddhist societies-colonial and post-colonial revivalism, religious nationalism, women's rights and social reform-as case studies of some of the major ways religions have confronted modernity.

SSEA 395 - Special Topics. 1-12 Credits.

(R-12) Experimental offerings of visiting professors, experimental offerings of new courses, or one-time offerings of current topics.

SSEA 495 - Special Topics. 1-12 Credits.

(R-12) Seminar designed for students with a minor in South and Southeast Asian Studies. Regional or temporal focus may vary.