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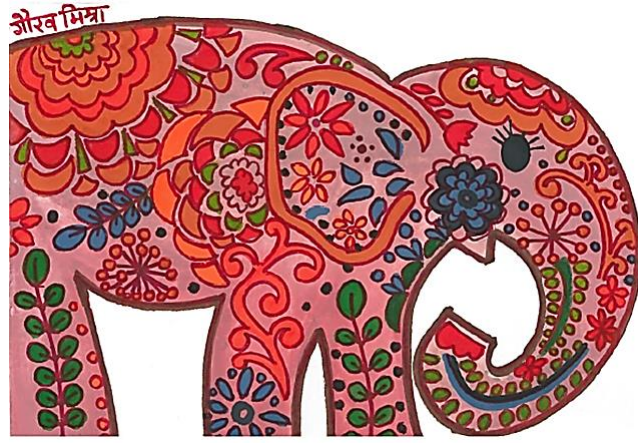
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Spring 2017 Intermediate Hindi II 4 credits MCLG 291

Class and Teacher Information:

- Taught by **Surbhi Jain**, Fulbright TA from India
- **Class Timings** : 10:00 p.m. – 10:50 p.m. (Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday)
- **Course Room**: Liberal Arts 335
- **Surbhi's Office**: Liberal Arts 146A,
- **Surbhi's Email**: surbhi.jain@mso.umt.edu
- **Supervised by Dr. Ruth Vanita**, Professor, Liberal Studies
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Textbook (required):

- **Rupert Snell and Simon Weightman**, *Complete Hindi with two Audio CDs* (McGraw-Hill, 2011). ISBN-13: 978-0071766081 ISBN-10: 0071766081

Introduction and Course Objectives:

- Intermediate Hindi is designed for people who have an elementary knowledge of the language or who have taken Intermediate Hindi 1 last semester (and Elementary 1 and 2 the previous year). This course will help them to build further speaking, reading and writing skills.
- South & South-East Asian Studies (housed in Liberal Studies) offers various courses on India, including Introduction to India, Hinduism, Gandhi, Stories East and West, Love in Bombay Cinema, and The Bhagavad Gita. These courses are taught in English and have no prerequisites or language requirement. Our SSEAS minor consists of 18 credits, and can be combined with any major. Please contact Jana King (jana.king@umontana.edu) for further information.
- There are opportunities to continue your study of Hindi in India, in New Delhi, Varanasi, Jaipur and Landour. Most programs will admit you at any stage of your learning experience and most offer summer and short-term courses as well as their regular year-long programs.

Goals:

We will continue to learn Modern Standard Hindi (Khari Boli), written in the Devanagari script. This is a four-credit course, with four fifty-minute classes per week. You are also required to spend time listening to and working with the CDs which are part of the textbook.

Learning Outcomes:

- Students will develop intermediate proficiency in speaking and understanding Hindi, will deepen their familiarity with the alphabet and script, and will make further progress with reading and writing the language.
- By the end of the semester students will be able to carry on longer conversations related to daily life and some ideas. They will also be able to write a short essay.

- Students will be introduced to more elements of traditional and contemporary Indian society through the language. This will be done informally and will not be part of the evaluation process.

Requirements:

Students are required to

1. Attend all classes. Anyone absent eight times (including excused absences) will receive a failing grade for the course. More than three unexcused absences will affect your grade negatively. Unexcused late arrivals will be counted as absences. Except in cases of emergency, please inform me in advance if you have to miss a class, or come late or leave early
2. Bring the textbook to class.
3. Take all tests and the mid-term and final exam. Tests are held at the end of each textbook lesson and all test scores except your lowest one count toward your final grade. Each test covers not only the most recent lesson but earlier material as well. There will be a final examination. Note that the final exam is on the entire semester's work. **Makeups** are not permitted unless you have a note from Student Health Services or your physician; to protect your privacy, the note does not have to state the nature of your illness.
4. Complete all assigned **homework** and give it to your instructor by the specified deadline. Late work is only accepted in special circumstances and when permission has been granted in advance.
5. **Oral work.** Spend at least two hours a week on working with the CDs

Grades:

Grades will be calculated in the following manner:

- Tests 20%
- Class attendance 20%
- Class Participation 10%
- Homework 25%
- Mid-term 10%
- Final 15%

Extra Credit:

1. We are very fortunate to have Prof. Rupert Snell, one of the world's most eminent Hindi scholars and author of our textbook, giving a lecture at UM this semester.
 - "Worlds Far and Near: Translating Seventeenth-Century Hindi Poetry for Readers Today"
 - April 6, 3.30 in LA103A-B. Followed by discussion and a reception.
 - Sponsored by South & South-East Asian Studies, Liberal Studies, the Mansfield Center, Linguistics Program, Department of Anthropology, and the College of Arts and Sciences
 - You can earn two points extra credit by attending this lecture and writing a couple of sentences about it in Hindi
2. You can earn up to 3 points extra credit by attendance at the conversation sessions.

Further Important Information:

1. If you are a student with a disability and wish to be granted reasonable accommodations for this course, please contact your instructor privately within the first two weeks of the semester, in order to discuss the specific accommodations you request. Please provide a letter from Disability Services (located in Lommasson 154) verifying your disability. For more information visit the [DSS website](http://www.umt.edu/dss) at www.umt.edu/dss.
2. University regulations strictly forbid giving exams prior to finals week, and no early exams will be given under any circumstances. Please remember this when making travel plans.
3. You need to select the traditional grading option (a letter grade), not Credit/No Credit if you are planning to have this course count toward fulfillment of General Education requirements.
4. Plagiarism of any kind is strictly forbidden by university regulations and may result in penalties outlined in the student conduct code.
5. The best way to communicate with me is by email. Please check your university email every day as I may

send you important changes or updates by email. I am not allowed to write to you at any other email address apart from your university email address.

Class Schedule:

This schedule is tentative. It is the student’s responsibility to keep up with any changes and to obtain any hand-outs given in class in her/his absence.

We start by revising the last two chapters studied in Intermediate Hindi 1 last semester, and by reviewing the alphabet and elementary skills. We then begin the individual numbered lessons in the textbook (see below), covering each lesson in roughly a week and a half to two weeks, including one or two tests on each lesson. Also, along with Textbook students will be provided with certain materials to facilitate the concepts and information regarding Hindi Language.

DATE	ASSIGNMENTS/READINGS
Week of Monday, January 23:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of the last semester coursework. • Foundation work of the new semester.
Week of Monday, January 30:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundation work continued. • Continue Lesson 14 Wednesday
Week of Monday, February 6:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin Lesson 15. • Test Monday.
Week of Monday, February 13:	Continue Lesson 15
Week of Monday, February 20:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 20 is Presidents’ Day; no classes. • Continue Lesson 15 • Test Wednesday
Week of Monday, February 27:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin Lesson 16 • Test Monday
Week of Monday, March 6:	Lesson 16
Week of Monday, March 13:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue Lesson 16 • Mid Term Exam Wednesday
Week of Monday, March 20:	March 20-24 Spring Break No classes
Week of Monday, March 27:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start Lesson 17 • Test Wednesday
Week of Monday, April 3:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue Lesson 17 • Test Monday
Week of Monday, April 10:	Continue Lesson 17
Week of Monday, April 17:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesson 18 • Test Wednesday
Week of Monday, April 24:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue Lesson 18 • Test Monday
Week of Monday, May 1:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review • May 5 Last Class
Week of Monday May 8:	Final Exam 10:10 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.