B.A. (Honours): History
Six Semester Programme

COURSE CONTENT
(With effect from the Academic Year 2010-2011)

Department of History
Banaras Hindu University
Varanasi
SEMESTER- I

BSH- 111
History of India from earliest times till the Mauryan period

3 credits

Unit I
Sources: Archaeological, Literary, Foreign accounts
Introduction to Prehistoric Cultures of India: Paleolithic, Neolithic, Mesolithic, Chalcolithic
Harappan civilisation: Discovery, Main Features, Decline, Legacy

Unit II
Vedic period: Nature of Vedic literature; Political, Social, Economic and Religious life of Vedic people
The Mahakavyas: Ramayana and Mahabharata as Sources for the Reconstruction of Ancient Indian History
The Religious Movements of post Vedic period: Jainism, Buddhism -- their Emergence, Main Teachings and Role of Monastic Order

Unit III
Foreign Invasions: Persian Invasion of Darius I; Greek Invasion of Alexander; Effects of Invasions Ganarajyas: Functioning, Type, and Decline
Emergence of Magadh: Geographical Background; Early Dynasties: Haryankas. Shaisunagas, Nandas

Unit IV
Socio-economic Conditions of North India at time of the Emergence of Mauryas
Rule of the Mauryas: Chandragupta, Bindusar, Ashoka
Administration of Mauryas; Ashoka’s Dhamma Policy

Unit V
India’s Contact with the Outside World during the Mauryan Period: Its Effects on Art, Literature, Social Life

Recommended Books:
A. L. Basham: The Wonder that was India. Sidgwick and Jackson, 1954
BSH-112

History of Europe: 1453-1648

3 credits

Unit I
Renaissance: Social Roots
Humanism and its Spread in Europe
Art

Unit II
Reformation: Origin, Course and Results
Counter Reformation
Thirty Years Wars: Significance

Unit III
European State System: Spain, France, England and Russia

Unit IV
Colonial Expansion and Economic Development: Motives, Voyages, Discoveries, and Exploration
Early Colonial Empires of Portugal and Spain
Shift of Economic Balance from Mediterranean Ocean to Atlantic
Commercial Revolution and Price Revolution

Unit V
17th Century Crises in Europe: Economic, Social and Political
**Recommended Books:**

Ferdinand Schevill: A History of Modern Europe
C.J. H. Hayes: Cultural and Political History of Europe Vol. 1(1500-1830)
G.W. Southgate: A Text Book of Modern European History (1643-1781)
H.A.L Fisher: A History of Europe
Acton: Lectures of Modern History
The New Cambridge Modern History, Vol. I-VI, VI, XIV
Partha Sarthi Gupta (ed.): Aadhunik Paschim ka Uday. University of Delhi

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**Sem I Ancillary (3 credits)**

**BSH A- 111**

**History of Ancient India**

**Unit 1**

**Source Material:**
- Literary - Religious and Secular
- Archaeological - Pottery, Monuments, Inscriptions and Coins

**Unit 2**

**Indian Civilization:**
- Indus valley civilization, Vedic and Later Vedic Culture
- Rise and Growth of Jainism & Buddhism

**Unit 3**

**Imperial State and After:**
- Establishment of the Mauryas: Chandragupta Maurya and Ashok
- Sunga dynasty and Kushana

**Unit 4**

**The Second Empire:**
- Imperial Guptas: Samudragupta, Chandragupta II and Skandgupta
- Cultural life in Gupta period

**Unit 5**

**Northern India in Post-Gupta period:**
- Rise of Kingdoms of Thaneswar
Cultural life of North India (750-1200)

**Recommended Books:**
D.N. Jha: Ancient India: An Historical Outline. Manohar Publishers & Distributors, Delhi, 1999
Romila Thapar: History of India. Penguin, 1990

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**Sem I Ancillary**

**BSH A-112 (3 credits)**

**British Rule in India (upto Partition of Bengal)**

**Unit 1**
British - French Struggle for Supremacy:
First, Second and Third Carnatic Wars

**Unit 2**
British Ascendency in Bengal:
Battle of Plassey, Buxar and their Significance

**Unit 3**
Administration of Governor Generals:

**Unit 4**
Disintegration of Regional Forces:
Mysore, Maratha and Sikhs. The Revolt of 1857 and its effects

**Unit 5**
Reconstruction of British Rule:
Administration of Lord Canning and Ripon, Reforms under Lord Curzon’s Rule and the Partition of Bengal

**Recommended Books:**
S. Gopal, British Policy in India, 1885-1905
Percival Spear, A History of India, Vol. II
B. L. Grover & Yashpal, History of Modern India
SEMESTER II

BSH- 121
History of India – From Shunga to Gupta Dynasty

3 Credits

Unit I
Shungas: Pushyamitra
Satavahanas: Gautamiputra Satakarni
Cultural Achievements of the Shunga- Satavahana Period: Sculpture, Architecture, Literature
Indo-Greeks: Menander
Indo-Parthians: Gondophernes

Unit II
Kushanas: Kanishka
Art and Literature of Kushana period
Mahayana Buddhism: Emergence, Main Tenets
Western Kshatrapas: Rudradaman
Kalinga ruler: Kharavela

Unit III
Political Condition of South India reflected through the Sangam Literature
Spread of North Indian Culture to Southern Indian Peninsula
India’s Contact with Rome and its Impact

Unit IV
Guptas: Chandragupta I, Samudragupta, Chandragupta II
Decline of the Imperial Guptas
Cultural Achievements of the Gupta Period: Debate about Golden Age

Unit V
Later Guptas
Vakatakas: Cultural Achievements of the Vakataka period
India’s Contact with South- East Asia

Recommended Books:
R.C.Majumdar: Ancient India. Motilal Banarsidass, 1964
A. L. Basham: The Wonder that was India. Sidgwick and Jackson, 1954
R.C.Majumdar: Ancient Indian Colonisation in South-East Asia. Oriental Institute, 1955
BSH- 122
History of Europe (From Glorious Revolution up to French Revolution)  
3 credits

Unit I
The Glorious Revolution- Major Issues and Political and Intellectual Currents

Unit II
Scientific Revolution upto 18th Century; Mercantilism and European Economy in 17th and 18th Century

Unit III
American War of Independence: Political and Economic Issues and Significance

Unit IV
European Political Patterns and Ideas in the 18th Century: Parliamentary Monarchy; Patterns of Absolutism in Europe  
French Revolution: Causes and Nature

Unit V
Background and Beginning of Industrial Revolution  
Debates on Transition from Feudalism to Capitalism: Problems and Theories

Recommended Books:
H.L. Singh and R.B. Singh: Aadhunik Europe Ka Itihas 1453-1789  
Ferdinand Schevill: A History of Modern Europe  
C.J.H. Hayes: Cultural and Political History of Europe Vol. 1(1500-1830)  
G.W. Southgate: A Text Book of Modern European History (1643-1781)  
David Ogg: Europe in 17th Century  
H.A.L Fisher: A History of Europe  
Robinson & Beard: Europe in Renaissance and Reformation.  
Acton: Lectures of Modern History  
The New Cambridge Modern History: Vol. 1-V, VI, XIV  
Parth Sarthi Gupta (ed.): Aadhunik Paschim ka Uday  
Minakshi Phukan: Rise of Modern West
Sem II Ancillary

BSH A-121 (3 credits)
Indo-Islamic Culture in Medieval India

Unit 1
Establishment of Delhi Sultanate:
Nature of State; Intermediaries and Non-Muslims; Position of Women and Slave.

Unit 2
Bhaktism:
Emergence of Bhakti Movement in India; Major Bhakti saints and their teachings with special reference to Kabir, Raidas, Tulsi and Nanak

Unit 3
Sufism:
Establishment of Sufi Silsilas in India; Chishti, Suharwardi, Shattari and Firdausi
Relationship between Sufis and Non-Muslims
Emergence of Khanqas/Jamat Khanas and Dargahs as centres of composite culture in India

Unit 4
Indian Architecture and Painting:
Basic features of Buildings of Sultanate Period and element of composite culture
Painting: Development of Painting under Mughals
Development of Education, Language and Music in Medieval India
Various element of composite culture in life style, dress, food habits, entertainment etc

Recommended Books:
Satish Chandra: Essays in Medieval Indian Economic History. New Delhi, 1987
-------------------Madhyakalin Bharat, I & II, Jawahar Publication, Delhi
-------------------Madhyakalin Bharatiya Sanskriti. Shivlal Agarwal and Co., Agra

Sem II Ancillary

BSH A-122 (3 credits)
History of Indian National Movement and Constitutional Development

Unit 1
Constitutional development of India during Company’s Rule: Regulating Act of 1773, Pitts Act of 1784
Unit 2
1857 & First War of India’s Independence; Government of India Act of 1858; Indian Council Act of 1861

Unit 3
Establishment of INC; the Moderate Phase; the Indian Council Act of 1892; Creation of Muslim League; The Extremist Phase; the Indian council Act of 1909

Unit 4
Home Rule League; Advent of Mahatma Gandhi; Government of India Act of 1919; Non-Cooperation Movement; Civil Disobedience Movement; Government of India Act of 1935

Unit 5
Quit India Movement; Cripps Mission; Wavell’s Plan; Cabinet Mission Plan; Attlee’s Declaration; Mountbatten’s Plan & Partition; The Indian Independence Act of 1947

Recommended Books:
A B Keith, A Constitutional History of India
Bisheshwar Prasad, Origins of Provincial Autonomy
Gurumukh Nihal Singh, Landmarks in Indian Constitutional and National Development.

SEMESTER III

BSH- 211
History of North India (600A.D. to 1200 A.D.)

Unit I
Harshvardhana: Political Achievements; Contribution to Religion Learning
Rule of Pratiharas: Vatsaraj, Nagabhattachall, Mihirbhoj; Contribution of the Pratiharas to Art and Literature
Rule of the Palas: Dharmapal, Devapalas; Palas as Patrons of Buddhism

Unit II
Struggle for Supremacy over Kannauj between Pratiharas, Palas and Rashtrakutas
Emergence of Rajputs: Theories of Origin
The Arab Invasion of Sindh: Causes and Effects

Unit III
Paramars of Malwa: Vakpati Munja; Bhoja and his Contribution to Various Fields of Knowledge
Chalukyas of Gujarat: Jaysimha Siddharaj, Kumarpal; Chalukyas as Patrons of Jainism
Chandellas of Bundelkhand: Dhang, Vidyadhar; Contribution of Chandellas to Indian Architecture

Unit IV
Kalachuris of Tripuri: Gangeyadeva, Lakhmikarna
Gahadvalas; Govindachandra, Jayachandra
Senas: Ballalsena, Lakhman Sen; Senas as Patrons of Sanskrit Language
Chauhanas of Shakambhari: Vignaraj IV, Prithviraj III; Architectural and Literary Activities under Patronage of Chauhanas

Unit V
Invasion of Mahmood of Ghazni: Main Events, Impact of the Invasion, Personality of Mahmood
Invasion of Mohammad Ghori: Main Events, Impact of Invasion
Emergence of Feudal Order during Early Medieval Period: Major Debates

Recommended Books:
Lallan Gopal: The Economic life of Northern India (c. 700-1200). Motilal Banarsidass, 1989
Romila Thapar: The History of Early India: From the Origins to AD 1300. Penguin India, 2003
Vishuddhananda Pathak: Uttrari Bharat ka Rajanitik Itihas

BSH-212
History of India (1200 A.D. to 1320 A.D)
3 Credits

Unit I
India on the Eve of Turkish Invasion: The Principal North Indian States, Indian Feudalism Foundation of Muslim Rule in India: Factors behind Turkish success; Muhammad Ghauri; Qutbuddin Aibak

Unit II
Consolidation of Delhi Sultanate: Iltut mish, Elimination of Rivals, Conquests and Coercion of Local Intermediaries/Zamindars/Ruling Elites

Unit III
Successors of Iltut mish: Razia and Balban; Turkan-i-Chehalgani, Balban’s Theory of Kingship, Internal Measures, His External policy; The Mongols
**Unit IV**

Fall of the Balban Dynasty and Rise of Khaljis: Kaiqubad and Bughra Khan; Khalji Revolution; Jalaluddin Khalji; Accession of Alauddin Khalji as a Ruler

**Unit V**

Alauddin Khalji: Agrarian Measures, Market Control Policy, Deccan Policy and Role of Malik Kafur, Mongol Policy; Decline of Khaljis

**Recommended Books:**

Satish Chandra: Essays in Medieval Indian Economic History. New Delhi, 1987
----------------------------------------Madhyakalin Bharat, I & II, Jawahar Publication, Delhi
Das, Puri and Chopra: Madhyakalin Bharat
R.C. Dutt, Majumdar, Ray Chaudhary: Bharat ka Brihad Itihas. Calcutta, 1960
Irfan Habib (ed.): Medieval India-I: Researches in the History of India 1200-1750. Delhi, 1992
----------------------------------------Bhartiya Itihas me Madhyakal, Tr. by Ramesh Rawat, Granth Shilpi, 1999
----------------------------------------Madhyakalin Bharat, Part I to VI. Rajkamal Prakashan, Delhi
Muhammad Habib: Politics and Society during the Early Medieval Period. edited by K.A. Nizami, Delhi
Harbans Mukhia: Madhyakalin Bharat, Naya Aayam. Tr. by Nadim, Rajkamal Prakshan, Delhi
S.B.P. Nigam: Nobility under the Delhi Sultannate. Delhi, 1968
P.N. Ojha: Madhyakalin Bharat ka Samajik Jeevan. New Delhi, 1984
B.C. Paul and Company, Madras, 1934
Ghanshyam Dutt Sharma: Madhyakalin Bharatiya Samajik, Aarthik evam Rajnitik Sansthayein, Rajasthan Hindi Grant Akadmi, Jaipur, 1986
----------------------------------------Madhyakalin Bharatiya Sanskriti. Shivlal Agarwal and Co., Agra
Tarachand: Influence of Islam on Indian Culture. Allahabad
S.C. Verma: Madhyakalin Bharat - I,. Delhi University, 1993
B.N.S. Yadav: Society and Culture in Northern India in the 12th Century. Allahabad, 1973
Sem III Ancillary

BSH A – 211 (3 credits)
Glimpses of Modern European History (1453-1945)

Unit 1
Renaissance and Reformation:
Renaissance: Roots, Spread in Europe, Development in Art
Reformation: Course and Results

Unit 2
Evolution of European State System:
Spain, France, England and Russia. Shift from Despotism to Enlightenment

Unit 3
Revolutions in Europe:
Glorious Revolution, French Revolution and Russian Revolution

Unit 4
Economic Developments in Europe:
Commercial Revolution, Agricultural Revolution and Industrial Revolution

Unit 5
World Wars:
First World War: Causes, Results.
Second World War: Causes and Results

Recommended Books:
H.L. Singh and R.B. Singh: Aadhunik Europe Ka Itihas 1453-1789
Ferdinand Schevill: A History of Modern Europe
C.J.H. Hayes: Cultural and Political History of Europe Vol. 1(1500-1830)
Parth Sarthi Gupta (ed.): Aadhunik Paschim ka Uday
SEMESTER IV

BSH- 221
History of South India (600 A.D. to 1200 A.D.)

Unit I
Rule of Badami Chalukyas: Pulakeshin II, Vikramaditya II; Chalukyas as Patrons of Art, Literature and Architecture
Rashtrakutas: Dhruv, Govinda III, Amoghvarsh
Chalukyas of Kalyani: Someshver II, Vikarmaditya VI; Cultural Achievements of the Chalukyas of Kalyani

Unit II
Western Gangas: Shripurush, Bharasimha III; Western Gangas as Patrons of Art and Learning
Yadavas of Devagiri: Seunachandra, Bhillama V; Establishment of Devagiri as Capital of Yadavas
Hoysalas of Dvarsamudra: Vir Ballal
Kakatiyas: Rudradeva

Unit III
Pallavas: Mahendravarman I, Narasimhavarman II; Aryanization of South during the Pallava Period: Meaning and Substance
Pandyas: Varaguna I, Srimara

Unit IV
Cholas: Emergence and Early History: Rajaraj I, Rajendra, Kulottunga I

Unit V
Cultural Exchange between India and South-East Asia
Idea of Greater India
Important Trade Routes inking India and Countries of South-East Asia

Recommended Books:
Keshavan Veluthat: The Political Structure of Early Medieval South India. Orient Blackswan, 2012
Balakrishnan Raja Gopal: The Chalukyas of Kalyana and the Kalachuris. Prasaranga, Karnataka University, 1981
----------------------------------------------- The Rashtrakutas of Malkhed: Studies in the History and Culture.
Geetha Book House, 1994
-----------------------------------------------The Culture and History of the Tamils. Firma K. L. Mukhopadhyay, 1964
BSH- 222

History of India (1320 A.D. to 1526 A.D.)

3 credits

Unit I
Tughlaqs: Ghayasuddin Tughlaq’s Administrative and Fiscal Measures; Muhammad bin Tughlaq: The Token Currency, Transfer of Capital, Karachil Expedition, Rebellion and Famine in Doab

Unit II

Unit III
Syeds and Lodis: Invasion of Timur, Establishment of Syed Dynasty and their rulers. Lodi empire: Bahrol Lodi, Sikandar Lodi, Ibrahim Lodi; Lodi’s theory of Kingship, Fall of the Lodis; First Battle of Panipat

Unit IV
Sufism: Definition; Prominent Sufi Silsilas and Saints in India with special reference to Chishti, Suhrawardi and Firdausi; Relationship between Sufi and State

Unit V
Bhaktism: Definition; Prominent Bhakti Saints with special reference to Kabir, Raidas and Nanak Vaishnavism and Shaivism; Evolution of Composite Culture

Recommended Books:
Satish Chandra: Essays in Medieval Indian Economic History, New Delhi, 1987
------------Madhyakalin Bharat, I, II. Jawahar Publication, Delhi
Das, Puri and Chopra: Madhyakalin Bharat
Irfan Habib(ed.): Medieval India-I: Researches in the History of India 1200-1750. Delhi, 1992
------------Bhartiya Itihas me Madhyakal. Tr, by Ramesh Rawat, Granth Shilpi, 1999
------------ Madhyakalin Bharat, Part I to VI. Rajkamal Prakashan, Delhi
Sem IV Ancillary

BSH A-221 (3 credits)
Social-Religious Reform Movements of the 19th and mid 20th Centuries

Unit 1
Religious Reform Movements among Hindus:
Brahmo Samaj, Prathana Samaj, Arya Samaj, Ramakrishna Movement, Theosophical Movement: Nature and Significance

Unit 2
Religious Reform Movements among Muslims: Ahamadiya Movement, Aligarh Movement, Deoband School: their Impact

Unit 3
Social Reform Movements:
Efforts to Improve Position of Women: Prohibition of Sati, Infanticide, Child Marriage, Widow Remarriage; Education of Women and its Significance

Unit 4
Struggle Against Caste System:
Impact of New Forces; Movements Against Caste System with Reference to Narayan Guru and Jyotiba Phule and Impact on Society

**Unit 5**

**Gandhi and Ambedkar:**
Views on caste system, Ideas of social reforms and reconstruction

**Recommended Books:**
A. R. Desai: Social Background of Indian Nationalism. Popular Book Depot, Bombay, 1959
Kenneth Jones: Socio-Religious Reform Movement in Modern India. Cambridge University Press, 1995
B. L Grover and Yashpal: History of Modern India

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**SEMESTER V**

**BSH- 311**

**History of India (1526 A.D. to 1627 A.D.)**

3 credits

**Unit I**
The Political condition of Hindustan on the Eve of Babur’s Invasion
Babur: Early Career, Battle of Panipat, Khanwa, Ghaghara and Chanderi

**Unit II**
Humayun: Political and Military Difficulties; Role of his Brothers, His Relationship with Bahadur Shah; Sher Shah and his Nobility; Factors behind Humayun’s Failure against Sher Shah

**Unit III**
Sher Shah: Early career, Rise to Power in Bihar and Bengal
Reign of Sher Shah: His Military Victory; Administration – especially Military and Revenue Administration; Collapse of Sur Regime

**Unit IV**
The Age of Akbar: Regency of Bairam Khan, Internal Conflict, Role of Harem in Mughal Politics (1560-64); Akbar’s Religious, Rajput and Deccan Policies; Uzbeck Evolution of Mansab and Jagir System, Revenue Administration

**Unit V**
Jahangir: Accession of Jahangir, His Measures after Accession, Religious and Rajput Policies, Role of Nur Jahan, Revolt of Mahabat Khan and Bir Singh Bundela, Tussle for Succession in last years of Jahangir’s Reign
Recommended Books:


Satish Chandra: Essays in Medieval Indian Economic History, New Delhi, 1987

------------------------Madhyakalin Bharat, I, II. Jawahar Publication, Delhi
------------------------Mughal Religious Policies: The Rajputs and The Deccan. New Delhi, 1993
------------------------Parties and Politics at the Mughal Court, 1707-1740. New Delhi, 1979


Das, Puri and Chopra: Madhyakalin Bharat

R.C. Dutt, Majumdar, Ray Chaudhary: Bharat ka Brihad Itihas, 2, “Madhyakalin” part I, Calcutta, 1960

Irfan Habib(ed.): Medieval India-I: Researches in the History of India 1200-1750. Delhi, 1992

------------------------Bhartiya Itihas me Madhyakal. Tr, by Ramesh Rawat, Granth Shilpi, 1999
------------------------Madhyakalin Bharat, Part I to VI. Rajkamal Prakashan, Delhi

Afzal Hussain: The Nobility under Akbar and Jahangir: A Study of Family Groups. Manohar, New Delhi, 1999


Harbans Mukhia: Madhyakalin Bharat: Naye Aayam. Tr. by Naresh Nadim, Rajkamal Prakashan, Delhi

K.A. Nizami: Akbar and Religions, Delhi, 1989

P.N. Ojha: Madhyakalin Bharat ka Samajik Jeevan. New Delhi, 1984


I.H. Qureshi: Akbar, the Architect of the Mughal Empire. Karachi, 1978


S.A.A. Rizvi: Studies in Mughal India. Delhi, 1919


J,N.Sarkar: Fall of the Mughal Empire, 4 Vols, Calcutta 1964

------------------------History of Aurangzeb, 5 Vols., Bombay, 1974
------------------------House of Shivaji. Calcutta, 1960
------------------------Mughal Administration. Bombay, 1992


------------------------Madhyakalin Bharatiya Samskiriti. Shivlal Agarwal and Co, Agra

R.P Tripathi: Rise and Fall of the Mughal Empire. Allahabad, 1985

S.C. Verma: Madhyakalin Bharat-I. Delhi University,1993
BSH-312

**History of India (1740 A.D. to 1805 A.D.)**

3 credits

**Unit I**
Political Conditions in India in 1740: Anglo-French Struggle (Carnatic Wars), Consequences, Significance; Battle of Plassey and Consequences (1757-1760)

**Unit II**
Third Battle of Panipat: Importance (1761); Haider Ali (Mysore)
First Anglo-Mysore War: Consequences; Nawab Mir Kasim of Bengal, Battle of Buxar (1764) Treaties of Allahabad (1765); Dual Government in Bengal; Role of Clive; Impact of Dual Government

**Unit III**
Administration of Warren Hastings (1772-1786), Relation with States, First Anglo-Maratha War (1775-1782), Second Anglo-Mysore War; Impeachment of Warren Hastings; Regulating Act (1773); Pitt’s India Act (1784)

**Unit IV**
Administration of Lord Cornwallis (1786-1793): Permanent Settlement, Judicial Reforms; Tipu Sultan and Third Anglo-Mysore War
Lord Wellesley (1798-1805): System of Subsidiary Alliance and Empire Building; Fourth Anglo-Mysore War, Consequences

**Unit V**
Second Anglo-Maratha War (1803-05), Consequences

**Recommended Books:**
Ramkrishna Mukherji: The Rise and Fall of the East India Company
R.C. Mazumdar, H.C. Raychaudhary and Kalikinkar Datta: An Advanced History of India (In Hindi: Bharat ka Brihad Itihas)
S.C. Sarkar and K.K. Datta: Modern Indian History, Vol II (In Hindi: Adhunik Bharat Ka Itihas)
Christopher Bayly: Indian Society and the Making of British Empire
Edward Thompson and G.T. Garrat: Rise and Fulfillment of British Rule in India
T.G.P. Spear: The Oxford History of Modern India
G.S. Sardesai: New History of the Marathas (In Hindi: Maratho Ka Naveen Itihas)
A.R. Desai: Social Background of Indian Nationalism. (In Hindi: Bharatiya Rashtravad ki Samajik Pristhabhoomi)
Ram Lakhan Shukla: Adhunik Bharat ka Itihas. Delhi University
Satya Ray: Bharat me Upniveshavad aur Rashtravad
G.N. Singh: Landmarks in the Constitutional and National Development of India (Hindi anuvad: Gürumukh Nihal Singh, Bharat ka Samvidhanik aur Rashtriya Vikas)
S.C. Sarkar: The Bengal Renaissance (In Hindi: Bengal ka Navjagaran)

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BSH- 313

History of India (1857 A.D. to 1909 A.D.)

3 credits

Unit I
Overview of India after 1857; Queen’s Proclamation of 1858 and its Critical Analysis
Constitutional Developments from 1858-1909: The Government of India Act 1858; Indian Council’s Act of 1892

Unit II
Socio-Religious Reform Movements in the Second Half of Nineteenth Century: Arya Samaj and Dayanand; Prarthana Samaj; Widow Remarriage and Vidya Sagar; Jyotiba Phule and Satya Sadhokak Samaj; Syed Ahmad Khan and Aligarh Movement

Unit III
Economic Policies in the Second Half of Nineteenth Century: Famines and Famine Policy; Development of Railways and Irrigation and their Impact; Rise of Cotton Textile Industries; Evolution of Banking and Finance; Overview of De-Industrialization Debates in Modern Indian Historiography

Unit IV
Emergence of Indian Nationalism: Pre-Congress Political Organizations and Associations; Formation of Indian National Congress; Analysis of Policies during Lytton, Ripon and Curzon’s Vice-Royalties; Overview of Historiographies of Nationalism in India

Unit V
Partition of Bengal and Swadeshi Movement; Extremists Challenge to Moderates; Congress Surat Split; Formation of Muslim League: Objectives and their Analysis; Morely Minto Reforms of 1909: Provisions and their Critical Analysis

Recommended Books:
Sekhar Bandyopadhya: From Plassey to Partition: A History of Modern India. Delhi: Orient Longman, 2004 [Also available in Hindi]
A. R. Desai: Social Background of Indian Nationalism. 3rd edn., Popular Book Depot, Bombay, 1959
Sumit Sarkar: Modern India 1885-1947. Macmillan, New Delhi, 1983 [Also available in Hindi]
BSH- 314
History of Europe (Late 18th Century to 19th Century) 
3 credits

Unit I
The French Revolution and its European Repercussions; Crisis of the Ancient Regime; Emergence of Napoleon Bonaparte: Expansion, Consolidation and Downfall

Unit II
Congress of Vienna & Peace Settlements; Metternich, phase of Conservatism; French Revolutions of 1830 and 1848; Napoleon III: Domestic and Foreign Policy

Unit III
Eastern Question upto 1856

Unit IV
Unification of Italy and Germany; Reforms of Czar Alexander II

Recommended Books:
Charles Downer Hazen: Modern Europe Since 1789. S. Chand Ltd., New Delhi, 1995
F. Lee Bens & Mary Elizabeth Sheldon: Europe: 1939 to Present. New York, 1971
Gathorn Hardy: Europe: A Short History of International Affairs. Oxford, 1947
Brandenburg Erich: From Bismarck to the World War. S. Chand, New Delhi
BSH- 315
History of West Asia from Mid 19th Century to 1945 A.D. 
3 credits

Unit I
Political, Economic and Social Condition of West Asia in Mid 19th Century; Interest of Great Western Powers in West Asia

Unit II
Tanzimat Era; Abdul Hamid’s Policy of Reforms, Limitations; Young Turk Movement; Programme and Achievements

Unit III
Turkey and First World War; Emergence of Kamal Pasha; Reforms and Achievements

Unit IV
Growth of Anglo-French Imperialism in Egypt; Rise of Nationalism: Causes and Results

Unit V
Anglo-Egyptian Relations: Treaty of 1936 and afterwards till Second World War

Recommended Books:
Bernard Lewis: The Emergence of Modern Turkey
George Kirk: Short History of the Middle East
Sydney N Fisher: The Middle East
Hasan Kayali: Arabs and Young Turk
William Yale: The Near East
HE Wortham: Mustafa Kamal
Henry A Foster: Mustafa Kamal
Erik J Zurrcher: Turkey, A Modern History
M Rowlatt: Founders of Modern Egypt

BSH- 316
History of Modern China (1839 A.D. to 1969 A.D.) 
3 credits

Unit I
China’s confrontation with External and Internal Crises:
Introduction: Land, Politics and Culture; The Opium Wars and the Unequal Treaty System Taiping Rebellion and other Agrarian and popular Movements
Unit II
Qing Restoration and Modernization Movements:
Self Strengthening; Hundred Days Reform; Expansion of Foreign Powers and “Scramble for Concessions”; Boxer Rebellion

Unit III
Search for New Solutions:
Revolution of 1911; Sun Yat Sen and his Contribution; The May Fourth Movement and its Significance

Unit IV
Nationalism and Revolution:
Rise of Communist party and KMT; Establishment of First United front: 1924-27; Chiang Kai Shek and KMT; The Nanjing Decade 1928-37; Mao Zedong and CPC: Growth of Revolution from the Countryside 1927-1935; Second Sino-Japanese War and Success of Communist Revolution 1937-49

Unit V
Establishment of Communist State and its Challenges:
Transition to Socialism and Factional Conflicts; Great Leap Forward; Cultural Revolution 1966-69

Recommended Books:
Jean Chesneaux: China from the Opium Wars to the 1911 Revolution. Pantheon Books, 1976
------------------------China from the 1911 Revolution to Liberation. Random House, 1977
Immanuel Y. Hsu: The Rise of Modern China. OUP, 1995 (5th Ed)
Ranbir Vohra: China’s Path to Modernization: A Historical Review from 1800 to the Present. Prentice-Hall, 2000

BSH 317
An Introduction to Historical Research Method
3 Credits

Unit 1
History: Definition; Development of Historical Concepts
Introducing E. H. Carr’s What is History

Unit 2
History and its Allied Subjects with special reference to Geography, Cartography and Political Science
Unit 3
Sources for the study of History:
Primary and Secondary: Textual, Material, Digital, Oral
Historical Methods

Unit 4
Sources for the study of Indian History - Ancient, Medieval, Modern and Contemporary

Unit 5
Significance and Purpose of History

Recommended Books:

SEMESTER VI

BSH- 321
History of India (1628 A.D. to 1740 A.D.)
3 credits

Unit I
Shah Jahan: Conflict for the Throne, Accession, Deccan Policy, Golden Age of Empire, War of Succession, Recovery of Qandhahar

Unit II
Aurangzeb: Accession, Religious and Rajput Policies; Deccan: Rise of Shivaji and Aurangzeb’s Struggle for Deccan

Unit III
Shivaji and Maratha Power: Expansion of Maratha Power, Maratha State under Shivaji, Shambhaji and Raja Ram, Effect of Aurangzeb’s Deccan Policy on Mughal Empire
Unit IV
Downfall of Mughal Empire: Factors behind Decline of Mughal Empire, Major Theories on Decline; Later Mughals; Rise of Successor States

Unit V
Mughal Administration: Central and Provincial Administration, Agrarian System of Mughal Empire
Development of Architecture and Paintings under Mughals
Trade and Commerce: Inland and Overseas Trade, Commodities of Trade
Development of Persian, Hindavi and Regional Languages under Mughals

Recommended Books:
Satish Chandra: Essays in Medieval Indian Economic History, New Delhi, 1987
-------------------------Madhyakalin Bharat, I, II. Jawahar Publication, Delhi
-------------------------Mughal Religious Policies: The Rajputs and The Deccan. New Delhi, 1993
-------------------------Parties and Politics at the Mughal Court, 1707-1740. New Delhi, 1979
Das, Puri and Chopra: Madhyakalin Bharat
R.C. Dutt, Majumdar, Ray Chaudhary: Bharat ka Brihad Itihas, 2, “Madhyakalin” part I, Calcutta, 1960
Irfan Habib(ed.): Medieval India-I: Researches in the History of India 1200-1750. Delhi, 1992
-------------------------Bhartiya Itihas me Madhyakal. Tr, by Ramesh Rawat, Granth Shilpi, 1999
-------------------------Madhyakalin Bharat, Part I to VI. Rajkamal Prakashan, Delhi
Afzal Hussain: The Nobility under Akbar and Jahangir: A Study of Family Groups. Manohar, New Delhi, 1999
Harbans Mukhia: Madhyakalin Bharat: Naye Aayam. Tr. by Naresh Nadim, Rajkamal Prakashan, Delhi
K.A. Nizami: Akbar and Religions, Delhi, 1989
P.N. Ojha: Madhyakalin Bharat ka Samajik Jeevan. New Delhi, 1984
I.H. Qureshi: Akbar, the Architect of the Mughal Empire. Karachi, 1978
S.A.A. Rizvi: Studies in Mughal India. Delhi, 1919
J.N. Sarkar: Fall of the Mughal Empire, 4 Vols, Calcutta 1964
-------------------------History of Aurangzeb, 5 Vols., Bombay, 1974
-------------------------House of Shivaji. Calcutta, 1960
-------------------------Mughal Administration. Bombay, 1992
BSH- 322
History of India (1805 A.D. to 1857 A.D.)

3 credits

Unit I
Charter Act of 1813: Provisions and Importance
Administration of Lord Hastings (1813-1823), Concept of Paramountcy, Contribution to Empire Building
Anglo-Nepal War (1814-1816); Third Anglo-Maratha War (1818-1819), First Anglo-Burmese War (1824-1826)

Unit II
Maharaja Ranjeet Singh, Rise and Fall of Sikh Kingdom, Relations with East India Company (1806-1832)
Administration of Lord William Bentinck, Social Policy, Relations with Indian States, Development of Ryotwari and Mahalwari Revenue systems, Charter Act of 1833

Unit III
First Anglo-Afghan War (1839-1842); Annexation of Sindh (1842-43); First Anglo-Panjab War (1845-46); Administration of Lord Dalhousie (1848-56); Doctrine of Lapse; Second Anglo-Sikh War (1848-49); Second Anglo-Burmese War (1852); Annexation of Awadh; Estimate of Dalhousie's Imperial Policy; Charter act of 1853

Unit IV
Economic Policies of East India Company, Impact on India's Development; Social Policies; Development of British pattern of Education; Beginning of Indian Renaissance, Raja Ram Mohan Roy, Brahmo Samaj, His Importance

Unit V
Revolt of 1857: Background, Causes, Nature, Consequences

Recommended Books:
Ramkrishna Mukherji: The Rise and Fall of the East Indian Company
R.C. Mazumdar, H.C. Roychadhuri & Kalikinkar Datta: An Advanced History of India (In Hindi: Bharat ka Brihad Itihas)
BSH- 323  
**History of India (1909 A.D. to 1947 A.D.)**

3 credits

**Unit I**
Overview of India in First Quarter of Twentieth Century; Emergence of Revolutionary Activities outside India with special reference to Ghadar Party; Home Rule League and Home Rule Movement

**Unit II**
Advent of Gandhi: Champaran, Kheda and Ahmedabad; Critical Analysis of Lucknow Pact; Jallianwala Bagh and its Impact on National Politics; 1919 Act or Montague-Chelmsford Reforms: Provisions and Critical Analysis

**Unit III**
Non-Cooperation and Khilafat Movement; Emergence of Swaraj Party; Formation of Hindu Mahasabha: Objectives and their Analysis; Simon Commission: Agenda and its Analysis; Nehru Report; Jinnah’s Fourteen Points

**Unit IV**
Critical Appraisal of 1929 Lahore Session and 1931 Karachi Session of Congress; Civil Disobedience Movement; Overview of Main Features of Round Table Conferences

**Unit V**
Formation of Kissan Sabhas; Emergence of Congress Socialist Party; Formation of Communist Party; Overview of Labour Movement in India

**Unit VI**
Government of India Act of 1935; Formation of Provincial Congress Ministries; Quit India Movement; Main Features of Cripps Mission; Wavell Plan; Cabinet Mission Plan; Results of 1946 Election and Politics of Partition
Recommended Books:

Sekhar Bandyopadhya: From Plassey to Partition: A History of Modern India. Delhi: Orient Longman, 2004 [Also available in Hindi]
A. R. Desai: Social Background of Indian Nationalism. 3rd edn., Popular Book Depot, Bombay, 1959
Sumit Sarkar: Modern India 1885-1947. Macmillan, New Delhi, 1983 [Also available in Hindi]
S.N. Sen: Eighteen Fifty-Seven. New Delhi: The Publication Division. Ministry for Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, 1957 [Also available in Hindi]
Bipan Chandra: Nationalism and Colonialism in Modern India. Orient Longman, Delhi, 1979 [Also available in Hindi]

BSH- 324
History of Europe (Late 19th Century to Middle of the 20th Century)

3 credits

Unit I
Europe between 1871-1914; Rise of Germany and Bismarckian Diplomacy

Unit II
The Eastern Question: From Treaty of Paris (1856) to outbreak of First World War

Unit III
Causes and Consequences of First World war; Peace treaties & Settlements
Political Condition of Russia in Beginning of 20th Century: Revolution of 1905, Russian Revolution of 1917; New Economic Policy

**Unit IV**
Weimar Republic, Rise of Hitler; Fascism in Italy; Spanish Civil War

**Unit V**
Great Depression and its Impact on Europe on the eve of Second World War

**Recommended Books:**
- Charles Downer Hazen: Modern Europe Since 1789. S. Chand Ltd., New Delhi, 1995
- Gathorn Hardy: Europe a Short History of International Affairs. Oxford, 1947
- Erich Branderburg: From Bismarck to the World War. S. Chand, New Delhi

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**BSH- 325**

**History of West Asia (Beginning of the Twentieth Century to 1967 A.D.)**
3 credits

**Unit I**
Rise of the Arab Nationalism: Causes and Result; Mandate System in West Asia after First World War, Iraq, Syria and Lebanon

**Unit II**
Palestinian Problem, History and Development; Arab and Israel conflicts upto 1967; Formation of Kingdom of Saudi-Arab, Reign of Ibn-Saud Abdul Aziz II

**Unit III**
Iran and Western Powers; Shah Raza Khan: Reforms and Achievements; Foreign Policy of Iran in First Half of 20th Century

**Unit IV**
Economic Development: Agriculture and Industries; Oil policy: Salient features
Unit V
Social Change in West Asia, Impact of Westernization and Modernization

Recommended Books:
Alberts H Houran: Syria and Lebanon
Stephen H Longrigg: Iraq (1900-1950)
William Yale: The Near East
P Sykes: History of Persia vol. II
Charles Issawi: Economic History of Middle East
George Antonius: The Arab Awakening
Hans Kohn: A History of Nationalism in the East
George Lenczowski: The Middle East in the World Affairs
Terald Kurland: Arab Israeli Conflict
W. Lacqueur: A History of Zionism
D. Wilbur: Iran: Past and Present

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BSH- 326
History of Modern Japan (1850 A.D. to 1952 A.D.)
- 3 credits

Unit I
Opening of Japan to the World & End of Shogunate System:
Introduction: Land, Politics & Culture; Japan in Early Nineteenth Century; Western Powers and Unequal Treaty System; Crumbling of Tokugawa and Meiji Restoration

Unit II
Building of Modern State:
Programme of Modernization: Political Unification, Economic Measures, Army and Navy, Education, Transformation of Society
Movements for Freedom and People’s Rights
Meiji Constitution

Unit III
Imperial Japan: Expansion and Industrialization:
War with China; War with Russia; Annexation of Korea
Twenty One Demands; Washington Conference
The Second Phase of Modernization

Unit IV
Democratic Decade of 1920s:
Emergence of Party Cabinets
Ideological Challenges
**Unit V**

**From Ascendance to Ashes & Reconstruction:**
Rise of Nationalism and Militarism
War with China (1937); Pacific War
Allied Occupation: Reforms & Reconstruction

**Recommended Books:**

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**BSH 327 (4 Credits)**

**Contemporary India**

**Unit 1**

**The Dawn of Independence:**
The Colonial Legacy
The Aftermath of Partition; Resettlement of Refugees and Issue with Pakistan
Integration of the Indian States; Hyderabad, Junagarh and Kashmir
Main features of the Indian Constitution

**Unit 2**

**National Consolidation:**
Evolution of Parliamentary Democracy
Adoption of Planning and the concept of the Mixed Economy
Linguistic Reorganisation of States
Tribal Policy, with special reference to the North-East and Eastern and Central India

**Unit 3**

**The Political Economy of Development:**
Agrarian Policy: abolition of Zamindari
Industrial Policy; Emergence of Public Sector Enterprises
Green Revolution; New Economic Policy from 1991
Challenges of Education Policy and the issue of Literacy; Kothari Commission; National Education Policy- 1986; Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan
Unit 4
**Political and Social Movements:**
- J. P. Movement; the Emergence and the Janata Experiment
- Agrarian Struggle and the question of Peasant rights
- Struggles for Women’s Empowerment: The Hindu Code Bill; the Shah Bano and Roop Kanwar Cases; Legislation
- Issue of Identity Politics: Communalism; Regional and Caste Consciousness; Dalit Politics

Unit 5
**India and the World:**
- Independent India’s Foreign Policy- the Nehru Period (1947-1964)
- Foreign Policy- Challenges and Responses in the Post-Nehru Period (1964-1990)
- Issue of Non-Alignment after the end of the Cold War
- India’s Role in the Contemporary World

**Recommended Books:**
- D. R. Gadgil, *Policy Making in India*, New Delhi, 1985
- Bipin Chandra, *Essays on Contemporary India*, New Delhi, 1993