

The Department of History
HIST 286: Cities of India and South Asia



Winter 2020
With Professor Arafaat Valiani
Tuesday/Thursday 2:00-3:20pm
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This course introduces students to the historical study of cities in the Indian subcontinent in the modern period (19th century to the present). We will explore a variety of urban contexts in South Asia, as well as comparisons with other Asian and North American cities. However students are not expected to learn about all of the modern human history of cities in the subcontinent. Instead, we will practice applying some of the key analytical approaches that distinguish the study of South Asian urban history. In order to do so, lectures and readings are organized three prominent themes in the study of urban history of the region, specifically economics, social life, and globalization. We will use a variety of resources including texts, articles, photographs and designs, and film to learn about these topics.

Students successfully completing this course will receive four (4) credits toward the sixteen (16) credits required to satisfy the Social Science, Global Perspectives (GP) and Identity, Pluralism & Tolerance (IP) requirements for either a BA or BS degree. History and Sociology majors will receive credit toward their major requirement. This course fulfills a Global Context requirement for Business and Accounting majors.

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See the syllabus at: www.arafaat.com