INDIA CENTER (GIND) COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

GIND 340 - Religions, Culture, and Modernity in India (4 required units, spring semester)

This course introduces students to religions and culture in India. In the area of culture, topics considered will include over the idea of Indian identity in domestic and international politics; the self and its relations to others; cultural tradition and innovation. In the area of religion, topics will include Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Dalit religions. Special attention is given to the experience of practitioners as influencing and influenced by modernity and globalization. Examples include India's distinctive experiment in multi-religious "secularism," and the globalization of *bhakti* movements.

GIND 350 - Methods in Research and Experiential Learning II (4 required units, spring semester)

This course will continue to develop student skills in research and experiential learning methods such as field notes, interviews, organizational analysis, online research, building bibliographies, budgeting for independent projects, and introductory language acquisition. Assignments will include presentation and peer review and critique of assignments. The course will include two weeks for an independent study project or for an Independent Study Semester proposal.

Independent Study GIND 281-89, 291-99, 470-499 (units vary)

Students have the opportunity to conduct an independent study with guidance from their faculty advisor which must be approved to make sure it meets academic, health and safety criteria. The advisor and the student develop a learning plan for the semester and regular meetings take place to discuss the student's project. Students are expected to hand in written work on a regular basis. Students may not repeat the same course number for credit either in the same or in a different semester.