

Jadavpur University

Department of History

LIST OF PG COURSES

M.A. Courses

All Papers are of 50 marks and End Semester Examinations of 2 hours duration.

Semester I

Course 1 (Hist/PG/1.1): Indian Historiography: Highlights.

Course 2 (Hist/PG/1.2): Modern India, 1885-1947.

Course 3 (Hist/PG/1.3): Life and Thought in Bengal – 19th and 20th centuries.

Course 4 (Hist/PG/1.4): The Twentieth-Century World: Global Capitalism and Its Contestations.

Semester II

Course 5 (Hist/PG/2.1): History and Historiography.

Course 6 (Hist/PG/2.2): Postcolonial India, 1947-1977.

Course 7 (Hist/PG/2.3): Life and Thought in Bengal – 19th and 20th Centuries.

Course 8 (Hist/PG/2.4) The Twentieth-Century World: An Age of Extremes?

Course 9 (Hist/PG/2.5.1): Economic Development and the Growth of World Capitalism.

OR

Course 9 (Hist/PG/2.5.2): Nature, Culture and Imperialism: Global and Comparative Environmental History.

Semester III

Course 10 (Hist/PG/3.1.1): The Social and Political Impact of the Industrial Revolutions.

OR

Course 10 (Hist/PG/3.1.2): Environmental History of South Asia.

Note: It is mandatory for PG History students to decide between the two sets of courses: (i) (Hist/PG/3.2.1) and (Hist/PG/4.1.1) and (ii) (Hist/PG/3.2.2) and (Hist/PG/4.1.2). The group (Hist/PG/3.2.2) and (Hist/PG/4.1.2) has been designed to enable the students to acquire some

expertise in the History of Modern China and Japan while the group (Hist/PG/3.2.2) and (Hist/PG/4.1.2) has been designed to train the students in the History of Modern South-East Asia

Course 11 (Hist/PG/3.2.1): East Asia: A History of Modern Japan.

OR

Course 11 (Hist/PG/3.2.2): History of Colonial and Post-Colonial Burma, Malaysia and the Philippines.

Note: Students who will opt for (Hist/PG/3.3.1) have to opt for (Hist/PG/4.2.1). Similarly, those opting for (Hist/PG/3.3.2) have to opt for (Hist/PG/4.2.2). Those opting for (Hist/PG/3.3.3) have to opt for (Hist/PG/4.2.3). The group (Hist/PG/3.3.1) and (Hist/PG/4.2.1) has been designed to enable the students to acquire some expertise in Modern Indian Political Thought while the group (Hist/PG/3.3.2) and (Hist/PG/4.2.2) has been designed to impart training in Modern Western Political Thought and group (Hist/PG/3.3.3) and (Hist/PG/4.2.3) has been designed to acquaint the students with some of the trends in Medieval Indian history.

Course 12 (Hist/PG/3.3.1): Modern Indian Political Thought: Liberalism and Idealism.

OR

Course 12 (Hist/PG/3.3.2): Modern Western Political Thought: The World of Liberalism and its Critiques.

OR

Course 12 (Hist/PG/3.3.3): Medieval Indian History, 1300-1800: Political Culture.

NOTE: Between course number 13, 14, 17, and 18 there are 32 optional courses in all. The students have to opt for any 4 out of those 28 courses. The option is between 8 sets of courses, i.e., A, B, C, D, E, F, and G. The students have to opt for any one of these 8 sets. For example, students opting for (Hist/PG/3.4.A) have to opt also for (Hist/PG/3.5.A), (Hist/PG/4.3.A), and (Hist/PG/4.4.A). Each group will enable the students to develop some expertise in a particular area. For example, Group A will focus on Ancient Indian History.

Course 13 (Hist/PG/3.4.A): Themes on Early Indian Society and Religion: (upto the Thirteenth Century).

Course 13 (Hist/PG/3.4.B): Politics in Bengal, 1911-1947.

Course 13 (Hist/PG/3.4.C): Social History of Modern India: A Society in Transition.

Course 13 (Hist/PG/3.4.D): History of the United States, 1775-1850.

Course 13 (Hist/PG/3.4.E): European History: Russia, Socialism and the Russian Revolution.

Course 13 (Hist/PG/3.4.F): Pre-colonial and Colonial Economy: Business Communities, Markets and Maritime Empires, 15th to 18th century.

Course 13 (Hist/PG/3.4.G): Social History of Science and Technology in India: Pre-colonial Phase.

Course 13 (Hist/PG/3.4.H): Technology and Warfare till 1700 CE: A Global Perspective.

Course 14 (Hist/PG/3.5.A): Early Indian Political Ideas and Institutions.

Course 14 (Hist/PG/3.5.B): Regional History – The Functioning of the State in Eastern India in the Late Medieval/ Early Modern Period.

Course 14 (Hist/PG/3.5.C): Social History of Modern India: Colonialism, Nationalism and Beyond.

Course 14 (Hist/PG/3.5.D): Twentieth Century US.

Course 14 (Hist/PG/3.5.E): Capitalism, Modernisation and the Instability of Liberal Hegemony in Western Europe.

Course 14 (Hist/PG/3.5.F): Economic Changes in Colonial India: A case study of Bengal.

Course 14 (Hist/PG/3.5.G): Social History of Science and Technology: Magic, Science, Religion and Belief from the Ancient World to the Scientific Revolution.

Course 14 (Hist/PG/3.5.H): The Rise of British Empire in a Global Perspective: Warfare, Technology and Societies in Transition 1700-1850.

Semester IV

NOTE: Between course number 13, 14, 17 and 18 there are 32 optional courses in all. The students have to opt for any 4 out of those 32 courses. The option is between 8 sets of courses, i.e., A, B, C, D, E, F,G and H. The students have to opt for any one of these 8 sets. For example, students opting for (Hist/PG/3.4.A) have to opt also for (Hist/PG/3.5.A), (Hist/PG/4.3.A), and (Hist/PG/4.4.A). Each group will enable the students to develop some expertise in a particular area. For example, Group A will focus on Ancient Indian History.

Course 15 (Hist/PG/4.1.1): History of Modern China: 1840-1980.

OR

Course 15 (Hist/PG/4.1.2): History of South East Asia: Indonesia, Indo China and Thailand in the 19th and 20th centuries.

Course 16 (Hist/PG/4.2.1): Modern Indian Political Thought – Communalism, Humanism and Socialism and Dalitology.

OR

Course 16 (Hist/PG/4.2.2): Modern Western Political Thought: The State, Society and Democracy.

OR

Course 16 (Hist/PG/4.2.3): Medieval Indian History, 1300-1800: Economy and Culture.

Course 17 (Hist/PG/4.3.A): History of Indian Culture till 12th century.

Course 17 (Hist/PG/4.3.B): Regional History: Colonialism, Nationalism and Regionalism: The Assam Experience 1823-1947.

Course 17 (Hist/PG/4.3.C): Social History of Modern India: Colonial and Post-colonial History of the Margins.

Course 17 (Hist/PG/4.3.D): History of the U S A: The Civil War and Emergence of Modern America.

Course 17 (Hist/PG/4.3.E): European History: Socialism: The Soviet Experience.

Course 17 (Hist/PG/4.3.F): Economic Changes in Colonial India: North-eastern India/North-western India/Southern India/Western India.

Course 17 (Hist/PG/4.3.G): Social History of Science and Technology in India: the Colonial phase.

Course 17 (Hist/PG/4.3.H): War, Society, Culture and Colonialism in South Asia, 1770-1947.

Course 18 (Hist/PG/4.4.A): Material Culture, Progress and the Intellectual Milieu in Early India.

Course 18 (Hist/PG/4.4.B): Regional History: History of Punjab with special reference to the History of the Sikhs: from the late seventeenth century to the mid-nineteenth century (c. 1699-1849).

Course 18 (Hist/PG/4.4.C): Social History of Modern India: Colonial perceptions, Social changes, Political will and Popular participation.

Course 18 (Hist/PG/4.4.D): The Far Side of the Dollar: Twentieth Century USA From the Great Depression to the Imperialism of Our Times.

Course 18 (Hist/PG/4.4.E): European History: Socio-cultural and Political Movements and Ideologies in Europe.

Course 18 (Hist/PG/4.4.F): State, Industry and Planning: Colonial and Post-colonial India.

Course 18 (Hist/PG/4.4.G):

In this course, either course Hist/P.G./4.4.G-1 or Hist/P.G./4.4.G-2 will be offered from year to year.

(Hist/PG/4.4.G-1): From Scientific Revolution to Modern Science.

OR

(Hist/P.G./4.4.G-2): Science in Traditional and Modern World: Mesopotamia, Sinic World and the World of the Indigenous Tribes of the Americas.

Course 18 (Hist/PG/4.4.H): The Age of Total War 1790-1945.