

South Asian Studies Metrics

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Programs and Departments

From its beginning in the fall of 1995 until now, South Asian Studies together with East Asian Studies comprised Emory's Asian Studies program. This fall they will continue to coordinate with each other but begin to go their separate ways in terms of programming and administration. There will continue to be an Asian Studies major and minor this year but at some point the South Asian Studies major and minor will probably move to the newly expanded Middle East and South Asian Studies department. There are about 15 faculty members directly involved in teaching and research in South Asian Studies and up to 45 faculty in related studies. Last year there were about ten undergraduate majors in South Asian studies.

In addition, there is a graduate program in West and South Asian Religions with 21 associated faculty. Students can choose between two study abroad programs in South Asia: one in Rajasthan (probably moving to Hyderabad next year) and the other with the Tibetan exiled community at Dharamsala. The Law and Religion Program of Emory Law School gives particular attention to Islamic ethics, law, and politics. The Halle Institute has also contributed by inviting prominent Indians as Fellows and by sponsoring faculty on tours of South Asia. Aside from the curriculum, there have been film festivals, music and dance concerts, and art exhibits, including exhibits at the Schatten Gallery. In the Atlanta metropolitan area there is a significant presence of West and South Asian "heritage communities," and they have welcomed Emory students who wished to observe and study their traditions here. Recently the Emory Loseling Liaison Committee merged into Asian Studies. Emory's Tibetan studies program includes the meditation study project in the Psychiatry Dept, CIPA's study abroad program in Dharamsala for students in the Spring semester, courses taught by Prof. Geshe Lobsang Tenzin from the Drepung Loseling Institute in Atlanta, faculty and student exchanges with the Tibetan exile community in India, and campus enrichment such as film series, guest speakers, and exhibits. This academic year two new professors were hired in Tibetan Studies and two in South Asian history and a new History Ph.D. program in Asia was introduced.

Description of Material Collected

Scope of the collection

1. Subject Areas covered by the NATC report:
 - a. History (DS330-500) The NATC 2001 tally indicates Emory, including Pitts Theology Library, had a total of 3,448 titles in this range. Woodruff library currently has 6,379 titles in this range.¹

¹ Based on EUCLID report titlecnt run 12/20/2005 with the following settings: Library: General; Copies: >0.

- b. Indo-Aryan Languages (PK101-2891): The NATC 2001 tally indicates Emory, including Pitts Theology Library, had a total of 821 titles in this range. Woodruff Library currently has 1,940 titles in that range.
 - c. Indo-Aryan Literature (PK2901-5534): The NATC 2001 tally indicates Emory, including Pitts Theology Library, had a total of 422 titles in this range. Woodruff Library currently has 848 titles in that range.
2. Chronology: All time periods are covered.
3. Languages: We collect titles in Hindi, Sanskrit, and Tibetan as well as the western languages.
4. Dates of publication: The most active collection efforts in these areas began in the late 1990s. Microform collections, private collections, reprints, and individual items from out-of-print dealers are being acquired to fill in the gaps.
5. Geographic Areas: South Asia includes Tibet, Nepal, Pakistan, India, Bhutan, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka.

Formats and Publication Type

1. Monographs and texts: Primary emphasis is on monographs and monographic series.
2. Serials: Coverage includes major scholarly journals in English and some in supported languages.
3. Electronic publications: As well as cataloging useful websites, we license important online indexes like the Bibliography of Asian Studies.
4. Microforms: We acquire individual titles that are difficult to find in print as well as sets such as mission archives.
5. Multimedia: We acquire films in DVD format and text collections on CD if web format is unavailable.
6. Government publications: We rely on the library's US government document and UN document selectors.
7. Exclusions: We do not actively acquire textbooks, archival material, or ephemera.