This is a list of South Asian studies courses. For more information, see Asian and Slavic Languages and Literatures.

SOAS:1502 Asian Humanities: India 3 s.h.
Introduction to four thousand years of South Asian civilization, through popular stories. GE: Values and Culture. Same as RELS:1502.

SOAS:1550 Sex, Music, and Pop Culture in India 3 s.h.
Exploration of debates and conflicts around gender and sexuality in Indian and South Asian popular culture, particularly music; shifting representations of gender relations, sexuality, gender/sexual identities in Indian music; focus on postcolonial period; how folk music, film songs, and classical music (among other genres) have dealt with issues such as changing conceptions of womanhood or masculinity, "queer" or gender/sexually variant communities and identities; how popular culture has negotiated questions of gender and sexuality in relation to nationhood, globalization, and cultural identity.

SOAS:1620 Bhagavad Gita: Essential Teachings of Indian Religion 3 s.h.
Students read the Bhagavad Gita and discuss its interpretations and use in classical and modern religious, literary, and political contexts; composed around 2000 years ago, it is the best known and most influential religious text in Indian history and concisely addresses war and peace, duty and righteousness, renunciation, devotion, and the nature of the universe; its been read, debated, and discussed by ancient philosophers, modern religious teachers, and political figures such as Mahatma Gandhi, the father of modern Independent India. Same as RELS:1620, TRNS:1620.

SOAS:2901 First-Year Sanskrit: First Semester 4 s.h.
Grammar, basic vocabulary; elementary readings. Offered fall semesters of even years. Requirements: undergraduate standing. GE: World Languages First Level Proficiency. Same as CLSA:2901.

SOAS:2902 First-Year Sanskrit: Second Semester 4 s.h.
Readings in epic and puranic texts. Offered spring semesters of odd years. Requirements: undergraduate standing. GE: World Languages Second Level Proficiency. Same as CLSA:2902.

SOAS:3901 Second-Year Sanskrit: First Semester 3 s.h.
The Bhagavad Gita and related religious/philosophical texts. Offered fall semesters of even years. Requirements: undergraduate standing. GE: World Languages Second Level Proficiency. Same as CLSA:3901.

SOAS:3920 Enlightenment: Cross-Cultural Experiments in Religious Realization 3 s.h.
Enlightenment as one of the most important ideas that feeds contemporary religious and spiritual imagination; exploration of this concept in contemporary religious and spiritual discourse. Same as RELS:3582.

SOAS:4103 Individual Hindi arr.
Readings in medieval and modern Hindi.

SOAS:4802 South Asian Research Seminar arr.
Faculty and student research.

SOAS:5201 Individual Sanskrit for Advanced Students arr.
Research, translation projects. Requirements: fourth-year proficiency.