

HISTORY 264

David Milobar **India: From Akbar to Independence**
Wednesday 8:30- 11:20

Winter, 2010

The Indian subcontinent comprises a vast geographic area embracing a startlingly complex and ancient array of cultures. This course will explore the political, economic, social foundations of one of the world's dynamic civilizations. The main themes that shaped the history of South Asia from the rise of the Mughal empire, the Company Raj and the British Raj to independence will be studied. Topics will include the rise of Mughal power and society, imperialism, commerce and society, the India Mutiny, the British Raj and Indian society and economy, and the rise of nationalism and independence.

History 264 will be lecture based with video and visual images allowing the student to gain a more complete understanding of life in India c. 1500 to 1947. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in small group and full class discussions on issues raised by the lectures and weekly readings.

Course Texts:

Barbara D. Metcalf and Thomas R. Metcalf, **A Concise History of Modern India.**

*Additional readings/documents available through the library/internet.

Assignments:

Weekly Reading Assignments 10%

Participation 10%

Map/ Term Quiz 10%

Mid-Term Exam 20%

Term Paper 20%

Final Exam 30%