**Required texts**

*Intermediate Hindi Reader*, by Usha R Jain with Karine Schomer
*A Primer of Modern Standard Hindi*, by Michael Shapiro

(Besides, other offline and online resources will be available at the Language Learning Center.)

**Optional texts**

*The Oxford Hindi-English Dictionary*, ed. by R. S. McGregor

**Course goals**

We will focus on further honing up communicative skills in all four areas of language learning: reading, writing, speaking and listening. For maximum benefit, you should speak Hindi as much as possible in class. You may use English vocabulary as necessary, but should always try to use Hindi syntax and grammar even when asking questions. By the end of the semester you should be able to hold extended conversations on simple stories, poems, news articles, and audio-video clips ranging over diverse areas. This will also enable you to write formal compositions based on your reading of prescribed texts. And to train your listening skills, you will participate in language lab activities scheduled on your calendar.

**Course plan**

Each week will focus on improving your skills in language learning. Beginning with introduction to texts of diverse genre from the prescribed books and online resources, check calendar for the activities. The class room activities shall include structured conversation, discussing text, grammar &, vocabulary activity, quizzes and journal entry. Given the small class size, we will emphasize interactive exercises as much as possible. (Refer to the calendar)

**Course requirements**

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(Failure to complete one or more of the course requirements may be grounds for failing the course.)

**Homework**

There will be frequent homework assignments so please pay close attention to the calendar. All assignments must be turned in at the beginning of class on the appropriate due dates. LATE HOMEWORK WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.* However, you are allowed to miss one ‘oral report’, one ‘written report in class’, one ‘written report from lab’ and one ‘composition’. Please double space all your work and write in pencil. There will be various kinds of homework assignments including: Exercises in *Teach Yourself Hindi*. Exercises in *A Primer of Modern standard Hindi*. Questions based on *Door into Hindi* and नई दशाएँ (New Directions, New People). You should answer the questions using complete sentences in Hindi. Compositions (at
least one full page each, double spaced). If the composition is a dialogue, it should be at least 1½ page. Follow calendar for the compositions.

Quizzes
If you arrive after all of the quizzes have been turned in, you will not be able to take the quiz. IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO MAKE UP MISSED QUIZZES.*

Cultural presentations and skits
You will be required to make a brief oral presentation (10-15 minutes) on some aspect of South Asian culture. You should choose a topic in coordination with the instructor. You will be evaluated on the following criteria: quality of content, effectiveness in target language, mechanics/syntax, and pronunciation. You may only use note cards with phrases and words (no complete sentences). Power point presentation would be great. Keep in mind that your grade will suffer if you use English or read from a script. So speak in your "comfort zone" and use simple vocabulary and grammar. The goal is effective communication accessible to your classmates. Before your presentation, write any difficult words on the board (with definitions). At the end of your presentation in Hindi, you may say a few things in English that you weren't able to say in Hindi.

Final exam
The final exam will include a variety of question types. As part of the final exam, you will meet individually with the instructor for an oral exam. The final exam will be cumulative, and will include questions based on the cultural presentations as well.

Participation
Your participation grade will be based not on your attendance but on the degree to which you engage in class activities. To do well, you should always come prepared for class and actively participate.

Policy on attendance
Regular attendance is critical for success in language courses. You will be allowed four absences before your final grade will be affected. After four absences for any reason, your final grade will be reduced by .5% for each absence.* You will not receive credit for attending class if you arrive late or leave early. If you arrive after the sign-in sheet for attendance has been passed around, you will not be able to sign in. For your own benefit, you are urged to attend all classes and save your “free days” for true emergencies and/or serious illnesses.

Language Learning Center
At the Language Learning Center in 141 Old Horticulture, besides assigned tasks on calendar you can also use other Hindi learning materials available through the lab. There are a variety of other Hindi materials at the Center available for student use including the audio materials which accompany other textbooks including Conversational Hindi-Urdu, Introduction to Hindi Grammar, and Spoken Hindi, as well as the texts themselves. You are encouraged, but not required to use these materials.

*Students involved in family or other emergencies will be handled on a case by case basis.