

University of North Carolina Chapel Hill
Department of Asian Studies

HNUR 220

The Hindi Script (Devanagari)

(One Credit Hour)

<i>Meeting Time:</i>	TBA
<i>Classroom:</i>	TBA
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PREREQUISITES: None.

COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES: In this course, students will master the Hindi alphabet, which is essentially the same as the Sanskrit alphabet and is written from left to right. This course begins from scratch and assumes no prior knowledge of the Hindi alphabet (Devanagari). Although prior knowledge of spoken Hindi or Urdu is helpful, it is not required for this course.

This course is also appropriate for students who have intermediate or higher Oral Proficiency but who do not know how to read and write Devanagari. This course can enable such students to place into the level of Hindi-Urdu corresponding to their tested speaking and listening proficiency (Intermediate Hindi-Urdu (HNUR 203) or above). This course is also appropriate for students at any level who know the Urdu alphabet and want to learn the Hindi alphabet as well.

Inter-institutional and continuing education students are welcome.

COURSE MATERIALS: Hindi Learning Website: TBA

COURSE REQUIREMENTS: The class meets once per week (50 minutes).

Homework: There normally will be one homework assignment per week. Homework is due in class the following Wednesday. Each homework assignment is worth 10 points. **To ensure proper credit, YOU MUST WRITE the homework number (e.g. Exercise 1) on each homework paper.**

Dictations: The Instructor will speak a series of words or phrases in Hindi; you will write them down in Hindi. There will be a total of 10 dictations during the semester. Each dictation is worth 10 points.

Exams: There will be a Midterm Exam and a Final Exam. The **Midterm Exam** is worth 100 points, and the **Final Exam** is worth 200 points. All exams are cumulative. The **Midterm Exam** will be on **Wednesday, March 28**. The **Final Exam** will be given on May 4 at 6:30 PM. **The Final Exam MAY NOT be taken at any other time UNLESS you have an official exam conflict.**

IMPORTANT POLICIES:

1. Expectations: A foreign language class is as rigorous as any other class. Because each new lesson builds on the previous material, you **MUST** complete and turn in assignments on a weekly basis. Your grade will depend solely on what you learn from the course. Whether or not you have some prior exposure to Hindi, do not expect to earn an "A" without investing the same amount of effort you would invest in any other class at UNC. **If you find yourself falling behind, contact the instructor immediately for extra assistance.**

2. Attendance: Regular attendance is obligatory. Five points will be deducted from your final grade for each unexcused absence. More than five unexcused absences during the semester will result in an "F" grade for the course. The Undergraduate Bulletin section on Academic Procedures contains university guidelines on attendance: (<http://www.unc.edu/ugradbulletin/procedures1.html>) If you miss class, even with an excused absence, you are responsible for making up the missed work and keeping up with the schedule of assignments. Contact a classmate or the instructor to find out what you missed.

3. Academic Integrity: Every student is expected to abide strictly by the UNC **Code of Student Conduct** (<http://honor.unc.edu/>). Students must not give or receive aid on any dictation or exam, even if it is "take-home" or "on-line," unless specifically told otherwise by the instructor.

4. Incompletes: The Undergraduate Bulletin section on Academic Procedures contains university policies on Incompletes and AB grades: (<http://www.unc.edu/ugradbulletin/procedures1.html>).

5. Disabilities: Reasonable accommodations will be made for students with verifiable disabilities. In order to take advantage of available accommodations, contact Disability Services (<http://disabilityservices.unc.edu/>).

6. Other Policies: You are expected to familiarize yourself with the UNC Policies and Guidelines for a Cooperative Learning Environment (<http://www.unc.edu/ugradbulletin/procedures1.html>).

GRADING SYSTEM:

Semester grades will be awarded according to the percentage you earn out of the total possible points as given in the table below. **No work submitted after the last day of class will be accepted or counted towards the final grade.**

Homework	11 x 10	110	22%
Dictations	10 x 10	100	19%
Midterm Exam	100	100	19%
Final Exam	200	200	40%
<i>Grand Total</i>		510	100%

The following grading scale will be used. Fractional percentages will be rounded up, for example 84.3% would be counted as 85% = B+.

100% - 95%	94% - 90%	89% - 85%	84% - 80%	79% - 75%	74% - 70%	69%- 65%	64%- 60%	59%- 55%	54%- 50%	Below 49%
A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	F

NOTES ABOUT SEMESTER SCHEDULE

1. Dictations and Exams will happen as given in the schedule below, whether or not the instructor has announced them in class. You are expected to look at this schedule before coming to class each week and be prepared for the scheduled activities.

2. Homework assignments are listed on the date assigned (not on the date due). Homework is due in the next subsequent class unless otherwise indicated below.

SEMESTER SCHEDULE

	<i>Lesson</i>	<i>Homework</i>	<i>Dictations/Exam</i>
January	10 Introduction		
	17 Lesson 1	HW: Exercise 1	
	24 Lesson 1	HW: Exercise 2	Dictation 1
	31 Lesson 2	HW: Exercise 3-4	Dictation 2
February	7 Lesson 2	HW: Exercise 5-7	Dictation 3
	14 Lesson 3	HW: Exercise 8-9	Dictation 4
	21 Lesson 4	HW: Exercise 10-11	Dictation 5
	28 Lesson 4	HW: Exercise 12-13	Dictation 6
March	7 Review		
	14 UNC: Spring Break		
	28 Midterm		Midterm Exam
	28 Lesson 5	HW: Exercise 14-16	Dictation 7
April	4 Lesson 5	HW: Exercise 17-18	Dictation 8
	11 Lesson 6	HW: Exercise 19-20	Dictation 9
	18 Lesson 7-8	HW: Exercise 21-22	Dictation 10
	25 Review		

FINAL EXAM: As scheduled