This course introduces students to the history of India from 1857 to the present. In the wake of the great revolt of 1857, the British transformed the methods and goals of their rule. We will study the character of that regime and of the many and varied responses of Indian peoples to that empire. Of particular concern to us will be the transmission of ideas and institutions between the British and Indians. We will also examine the rise, development, and the ultimate success of the independence movement of the twentieth century, as well as the background to the tragic conflict between Hindus and Muslims that tore apart the sub-continent. The course concludes with a study of India in the fifty years since independence.

Please be aware that this course is as rigorous as that offered during the normal school year. You will be doing the same amount of work as I assign during a normal quarter. This means that you should be prepared to devote several hours every day to completing reading assignments. The course grade will be determined on the basis of a midterm exam (30% of grade) and a final exam (50% of grade). Class discussion is also an important part of the course, and students are expected to complete reading assignments on time and to participate in discussion. (Please bring the Hay volume to every class.) Twice during the term students will participate in a debate over an issue arising from the readings. Each student should prepare a two-page summary of his or her position, supported with quotes taken from the Hay volume (to be handed in on the day of the debate). These papers will receive a satisfactory or unsatisfactory mark (and this grade will be figured into the discussion grade – 20% of the final grade).

This course will be managed in part on Blackboard. You can go to the web site to find study questions for each class, a guideline to debate expectations, and your debate assignment. If you have any questions about Blackboard, you can consult the Center for Educational Technologies.

Required readings:

- ed. Stephen Hay, Sources of Indian Tradition, vol. II
- Metcalf & Metcalf, A Concise History of India
- P. Tandon, Punjabi Century

Course Outline:

- June 25 Consolidation of British rule after 1857
  - Hay, 173-95
  - Metcalf, chap. 4
- June 26 Rise of Hindu reform
  - Hay, 36-82
- June 27 Indian opposition
  - Hay, 84-127
- June 28 Character of British rule
  - Metcalf, chap. 5
July 2  Radical nationalism  Hay, 128-71
July 3  No Class
July 4  Holiday
July 5  Idealism and prejudice in British rule  Wiser, 1-134

First Debate: What is the goal and what are the best means for achieving Indian independence (Moderates vs. Extremists)?

July 9  Living under British rule  Tandon, entire book
July 10  The crisis of 1914-20  Metcalf, chap. 6
         MIDTERM EXAM (first half of class period)
July 11  Indian loyalties and identities  Metcalf, chap. 7
July 12  The rise of Muslim communalism  Hay, 195-241
July 16  Gandhi in his own words  Hay, 243-73
         Metcalf, chap. 8
July 17  Other voices of opposition  Hay, 275-333
         Special showing – “Jinnah” dvd

Second Debate: Can Muslims and Hindus live together in a united India (same boundaries as British India) after independence?

July 18  Indian village life in the 20th century  Wiser, 135-275
July 19  The Nehru dynasty  Metcalf, chap. 9; Wiser, 276-338
July 20  Final exam (during class time) -- two-hour essay exam