

CSAMES has received a two-year grant (Oct. 1, 2014 – Sept. 31, 2016) from the U.S. Department of Education’s Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language program to promote South Asian studies on our campus. This grant will enable us to:

- add Urdu and Bengali instruction to our curriculum
- support Sanskrit instruction
- develop online materials for teaching Hindi
- develop a course on Hindi for Agriculture
- provide pedagogical training for all instructors of modern South Asian languages
- provide scholarships for study abroad in South Asia or intensive summer study of a South Asian language
- offer a new interdisciplinary, team-taught General Education course on Muslim Cultures and Societies
- offer a new interdisciplinary, team-taught course on Sustainable Development in South Asia
- strengthen the South Asian library collection
- offer a one credit-hour course on South Asian cultures, ethics and practices for students who plan to do study abroad or have internships in South Asia
- organize public forums and lectures on South Asia
- organize an Indian film series
- organize conferences on:
 - The Indian Ocean: History, Networks and Spaces of the Imagination (Oct. 2014)
 - Ganga, National River of India: cultural significance and environmental concerns (Sept. 2015)
 - The Three Partitions of the British Empire: India, Palestine, Ireland (Spring 2016)
 - The Impact of Hindi Newspapers on Global Financial Knowledge in India (March 2016)