1. COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is designed to give a survey of the political and cultural history of ancient India. The lectures will first provide an outline of political history and a broad chronology. They will be followed by lectures on some of the major elements of cultural history.

2. LECTURES: Twice a week, TR.

Individual conference for Honors & Grad. students.

3. LECTURE SCHEDULE: See a provisional list attached.

4. WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS AND EXAMS:

Two term papers and a final examination (which could be a take-home). First term Paper will be due on 5 March and Second term Paper on 30 April. Term Papers need not be more than 6-7 single-space typed pages.

Honors and Graduate students will be required to do a special research paper in lieu of the second term paper and Final Exam.

The Final (Take-home) exam. and Honors Paper will be due on 7 May.

5. GRADING SYSTEM:

Will be based on the performances in the two term papers (=60%) and the Final exam (40%).

6. READING LIST:

Enclosed.

Note: some of the required/recommended books are not available at the local bookstores. Consult library/teacher.
A PROVISIONAL LECTURE SCHEDULE FOR COURSE NO. 442 : HISTORY OF ANCIENT INDIA:

JANUARY
27. Pre-history, Proto-history, Traditional history.

FEBRUARY
17. Ashoka and his Dhammavijaya. (3rd century B.C.).
19. Disintegration of Mauryan empire and a period of interaction between external and internal elements.

MARCH
5. Regionalism and "Feudalism".
12. The Deccan and the South.

14 - 22 March : Spring Recess.

31. Coming of Islam and phases of its conquest of India.

APRIL
2. India and the Outside world. Cultural expansion and interaction.
7. Social organization. Ideology and institutions.
23. Religion: Buddhism and Jainism.

MAY
5. Art and Architecture.
7. Overview and questions.

SUNDAY, 10 MAY: FINAL EXAMINATION.
LIST OF REQUIRED/RECOMMENDED BOOKS

1. Romila Thapar, _A History of India_, vol. 1 (Pelican).
2. __________., Ancient Indian Social History.
3. __________., Asoka and the Decline of the Mauryas
4. J.W.Elder (Ed.), _Lectures in Indian Civilization_
5. A.L.Basham (Ed), _A Cultural History of India_
6. A.L.Basham, _The Wonder that was India_
7. R.S.Sharma, _Perspectives in Social and Economic History_
   Early India
8. __________., Aspects of Political Ideas and Institutions in
   Ancient India
9. G.M.Bongard-levin, _Mauryan India_
10. J.D.Kosambi, _Ancient India_
11. B.G.Gokhale, _Ancient India, History & Culture_.
12. K.M.Panikkar, _A Survey of Indian History_
13. K.A.Nilkantha Sastri, _A History of South India_
15. William McNeil & Jean Sedlar, _Classical India_
16. R.C.Majumdar and A.D.Pusalkar (Eds.), _The History & Culture of the Indian People_ (First Four Vols.).
17. C.C.Davies, _AN Historical Atlas of the Indian Peninsula_.
18. J.E.Schwartzberg, _A Historical Atlas Of South Asia_.
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