The Hindi-Urdu Program in the MESAAS Department of Columbia University, one of the leading centers for the study of South Asia in the country, now offers intensive summer Hindi-Urdu courses at elementary and intermediate levels.

The courses are designed for students to achieve a higher level of proficiency. They target academic and professional needs, enabling students with different backgrounds and goals to communicate with Hindi-Urdu speakers in a variety of contexts. The curriculum is based on national standards and proficiency guidelines as set by ACTFL.
The Hindi-Urdu summer courses are comprehensive and taught by experienced teachers. The curriculum offers interpersonal, presentational and interpretive tasks supported by multimedia materials in smart classrooms.

The Urdu script is taught in the second session of Elementary Hindi-Urdu. Columbia’s is the only Hindi-Urdu summer program in the country to offer training in both Hindi and Urdu scripts. Students can expect to have reading and writing facility in both languages by the end of the elementary course. Intermediate Hindi-Urdu builds upon the skills of elementary Hindi-Urdu and broadens students’ awareness of South Asian culture and society.

Summer Courses in 2013:
Special Tuition Fee: $2,909.00 per course

Elementary Hindi-Urdu I: (May 28 to Jun 21)
Elementary Hindi-Urdu II: (Jun 24 to Jul 19)
Intermediate Hindi-Urdu I: (May 28 to Jun 21)
Intermediate Hindi-Urdu II: (Jun 24 to Jul 19)

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Special Features of the Columbia Hindi-Urdu Summer Program

- Special tuition fee
- Instructors hold daily office hours
- Field trips to South Asian neighborhoods and restaurants of New York City
- Mandatory cultural activities on Thursday and Friday afternoon
- Screening of Bollywood movies
- Cooking lessons