

The Hindi-Urdu Program

The Hindi-Urdu Program in MESAAS is one of the leading programs in the country. Our Hindi-Urdu courses offer comprehensive development of all skills to learn and use Hindi and Urdu. We offer four levels of Hindi-Urdu courses in addition to accelerated courses for students of South Asian background who already possess knowledge of basic vocabulary and limited speaking and listening skills in Hindi and Urdu.

Our program is designed for students to achieve proficiency in all the four skills of speaking, listening, reading, and writing. We focus on developing academic and professional skills, enabling students with different backgrounds and goals to communicate with Hindi-Urdu speakers in a variety of contexts. Our curriculum is based on the widely accepted national standards (5 Cs) and proficiency guidelines as set by ACTFL.



Why learn Hindi or Urdu?

- To use as a *lingua franca* in the multilingual regions of South Asia.
- To explore the rich cultural and literary traditions of South Asia.
- To enhance your research and professional experiences in South Asia.
- To learn and recite popular Hindi and Urdu poetry, especially ghazals.
- To watch Bollywood movies and sing popular Hindi songs.

Courses offered in 2024-25:

- Elementary Hindi-Urdu I&II (FALL 2024: MTWR Sec.001-4:10-5:15) (Spring 2025: TBA)
- Intermediate Hindi-Urdu I&II (FALL 2024: MTWR Sec. 001-1:10-2:15) (Spring 2025: TBA)
- Hindi for Heritage Speakers I&II (FALL 2024: MTWR Sec.001-2:40-3:45) (Spring 2025: TBA)
- Urdu for Heritage Speakers I & II (FALL 2024: MTWR Sec. 001- 2:40-3:45) (Spring 2025: TBA)
- Advanced Hindi I& II (FALL 2024 TR Sec. 001-10:10-12:00) (Spring 2025: TBA)
- Advanced Urdu (FALL 2023: TR Sec.001- 6:10-8:00)
- Reading in Urdu Literature (Spring 2024: TR Sec.001- 6:10-8:00)

Visit the following websites for the Hindi and Urdu audio-visual clips:

HINDI AUDIO-VISUAL WEB LINK: <http://hindistartalk.lrc.columbia.edu/>

URDU AUDIO-VISUAL WEB LINK: <http://urduaiis.lrc.columbia.edu/>

FESTIVALS OF INDIA WEBLINK: <https://indiafestivals.lrc.columbia.edu/>

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