

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

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1. Mission

To promote “Progress for Everyone” by fostering transformative education, conducting pioneering research, and encouraging meaningful collaboration with individuals, communities, and partners both in Bangladesh and around the world.

2. Vision

We expect that the hundredth anniversary of the National University, our commitment to “Progress for Everyone” will be evident in all areas of our operations and stakeholder engagements.

We leverage our core strength in education, research, and community engagement to address pressing global issues and foster sustainable development.

By 2042, National University aims to strengthen its positions as Bangladesh’s top academic institution and rank among the world’s leading universities. Our focus will be on expanding expertise building strategic partnerships, and increasing our global influence. Our services will be measured by the achievements of the individuals and communities we serve.

3. Name of the Program: B.A (Pass) Course in History

Courses and marks distribution

First Year

Course Code	Paper	Course Title	Marks	Credits
First year				
111503	Paper-I	History of Bengal (from earliest time to 1204)	100	4
111505	Paper-I	History of South Asia upto 1526(Selected Topics)	100	4

Detailed Syllabus

Course Code:	211503	Marks: 100	Credits: 4	Class Hours: 60
Course Title:	History of Bengal (from earliest time to 1204)			

Course Description:

This course examines historical development of Bengal before 1204. It includes the political and social changes of the communities since the prehistory period to 11 Centuries under various rulers and political regimes. The geographical features of the region will be analyzed to find elements which influenced the historical development of the region up to Gupta period.

Course Objectives:

The purpose of this course is to demonstrate how condition of Bengal continued to change despite internal conflict. Despite the odds the socio-economic conditions of Bengal underwent a significant improvement during the ancient period.

Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. describe the historical background of the region;
2. familiarize themselves with the sources of ancient history of Bengal;
3. assess the significance development of administrative, social, political, economic and cultural conditions of Bengal during this period;
4. interpret historical facts on the rise and fall of the dynasty and regimes;
5. explain the elements that contributed to the rise and fall of the kingdoms & a good grasp of the history of ancient Bengal would enable them to interpret events of medieval and modern Bengal.

Course Contents:

Topics	Teaching-Learning Strategies	CLOs
1. Geographical features of Bengal: Location and influence, ancient, Janapadas and important century. 2. Sources: History of written sources, archeological evidences, copper plates, coins. 3. Sasanka risigm	Lecture, Group Discussion, Media tools, Interactive brainstorming and Q/A Session	CLO 1 CLO 2 CLO 4 CLO 5
4. The rise of the Palas: Gopala's accession to the throne, the reigns of Dharmapala, Devapala, Mahipala I, Mahipala II and Rampala. The Glories of the Pala period. 5. South-East Bengal's separate political entity: the Devas and the Chandras, the coming of the Chandras to power; achievements of Srichandra.	Lecture, Group Discussion, Media tools, Interactive brainstorming and Q/A Session	CLO 2 CLO 4 CLO 5
6. Sena rule in Bengal: rise under Vijaysena in the light of the Deopara Prasasti, Vallalasena and Laksmanasena 7. Administration in the ancient period: administrative divisions, important officials and their functions; land administration. 8. Society, economy and cultural conditions of the ancient Bengal.	Lecture, Group Discussion, Media tools, Interactive brainstorming and Q/A Session	CLO 3 CLO 4 CLO 4

List of Books:

Chakrabarti, D. K. (1992). *Ancient Bangladesh*. Oxford University Press.

Chowdhury, A. M. (1967). *Dynastic history of Bengal*. Asiatic Society of Pakistan, Dacca.

Majumdar, R.C. (1948). *History of Bengal (Vol. 1 & 2)*. University of Dhaka, Dhaka.

Majumdar, R.C. (1980). *History of ancient Bengal*. Bharadwaj. Iii, Calcutta.

Paul, P. L. (1939). *The early history of Bengal*. Indian Research Institute, Calcutta.

Monahan, F. J. (1925). *The early history of Bengal*. Oxford University Press, London.

Ray, N. (1994). *History of the Bengali people (Ancient period)*. Orient BlackSwan.

ইসলাম, সিরাজুল (সম্পা.) (২০০৩)। *Banglapedia (Vols. 1–10)*। ঢাকা। এশিয়াটিক সোসাইটি।

মজুমদার, রমেশচন্দ্র (১৯৯৮)। *বাংলাদেশের ইতিহাস* (প্রথমখণ্ড)। শ্রীসুরজিৎচন্দ্র দাস।

রায়, নীহাররঞ্জন (১৯৪৯)। *বাংলার ইতিহাস: আদিপর্ব*। দি বুক এম্পোরিয়াম।

সেন, দিলীপচন্দ্র (১৯৩১)। *পাল-পর্ব যুগের বঙ্গদেশ*। কলকাতা। কলকাতা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়।

সেন, দীনেশচন্দ্র (১৯০৯)। *পাল-সেনযুগের বঙ্গদেশ*। কলকাতা। কলকাতা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়।

Course Code:	111505	Marks: 100	Credits: 4	Class Hours: 60
Course Title:	History of South Asia upto 1526-1765			

Course Description:

This course examines historical development of South Asia upto 1526-1765. It includes the Sources of Mughal History & Conditions of the sub-continent on the eve of the Mughal conquest, Mughal and Afghan Rule. Central and provincial administration, social and economic condition, literature, art and architecture under the Mughals. Causes of the downfall of the Mughal empire. The coming of the Europeans trading companies.

Course Objectives:

This course aims to develop students' understanding on the political development of the Indian sub-continent in the era of Mughal empire and prior to the coming of European powers. It will assist students to be analytical and to link the influences of Mughal and Afghan culture into modern South Asian society structure.

Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. describe the socio-political development of south Asia during the Mughal's period;
2. discuss the decline causes of those empires and evaluate their legacy; and
3. analyze the factors attracted European powers especially the British to come to south Asia.

Course Contents:

Topics to be covered	Teaching-Learning Strategies	CLOs
1. Sources of Mughal History 2. Conditions of the sub-continent on the eve of the Mughal conquest	Lecture, Group Discussion, Media tools, Interactive brainstorming and Q/A Session	CLO 1 CLO 2
3. Mughal and Afghan Rule: (a) Mughal-Afghan conflicts; (b) Babur: battles of Panipath and the foundation of Mughal rule; (c) Humayun: his difficulties on accession and Mughal-Afghan conflicts for supremacy, defeat of Humayun; (d) Sher Shah: founder of the second Afghan empire and his reforms; (e) Akbar: conquest, land revenue systems, religious policy. Rajput policy, Mansabadari system; (f) Jahangir: influence of Nur Jahan, rebellion of Khurram and MahabatKhan; (g) Shah Jahan: Deccan and Central Asian policy, administration, zenith of Mughal empire; (h) Auranzib: deccan and religious policy.	Lecture, Group Discussion, Media tools, Interactive brainstorming and Q/A Session	CLO 1 CLO 2
4. Central and provincial administration, social and economic condition, literature, art and architecture under the Mughals. 5. Causes of the downfall of the Mughal empire. 6. The coming of the European trading companies 7. Anglo-French rivalry in the Deccan, causes of French failure and English success. 8. Battle of Palasy and Ascendancy of Robert Clive.	Lecture, Group Discussion, Media tools, Interactive brainstorming and Q/A Session	CLO 1 CLO 2 CLO 3

List of Books

Majumdar, R. C. (ed). (1974). *The History and Culture of Indian People* (vol. VII). Bombay, India: Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan.

Prashad, I (2006). *A Short History of Muslim Rule in India*. Digitized, University Michigan.

Sarkar, J. N. (1950). *Fall of the Mughal Empire* (Vol. 4). Calcutta, India: S. C. Sarkar & Sons

Sharma, S. R. (1940). *Religious Policy of the Mughal Empire*. Bombay, India: Oxford University Press.

Tripathi, R. P. (1963). *Rise and Fall of the Mughal Rule*. Allahabad, India : central Book Depot.

আব্দুল আলীম, এ কে. এম (২০১৪) । ভারতীয় উপমহাদেশে মুসলিম শাসন ব্যবস্থার ইতিহাস । ঢাকা । মাওলা ব্রাদার্স ।

ওয়াজেদ আলি, এস (১৯৪৩) । আকবরের রাষ্ট্রসাধনা । ঢাকা: নবযুগ প্রকাশনী ।

করিম, আবদুল (২০১৫) । ভারতের উপমহাদেশে মুসলিম শাসন । ঢাকা, জাতীয় সাহিত্য প্রকাশ ।

কুমার চট্টোপাধ্যায়, প্রণব (১৯৮৮), আধুনিক ভারতের ইতিহাস । কলকাতা পশ্চিমবঙ্গ রাজ্য পুস্তক পর্যৎ

রায়, অতুল চন্দ্র ও চট্টোপাধ্যায়, প্রণব কুমার (২০০০) । ভারতের ইতিহাস । কোলকাতা মৌলিক লাইব্রেরী ।