Religious Studies 60A – Punjabi I: Elementary Punjabi I – Fall 2009

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Office Hours: M 12:00-1:00 PM and W 3:15-4:15 PM, and by appointment. Come see me—I am here to help!

Class Meetings: M T W R, 11:00 – 11:50 AM in Ellison 2816

Course Description & Goals:
This class is the first part of the Elementary Punjabi, which is spread out over the three quarters of the 2009-2010 academic year. It is designed to prepare students to advance to RS 60B and further. Students will develop beginner’s level proficiency in the reading, writing, listening, and speaking of Punjabi through correct understanding of the language’s basic structure and form. The text for this course, Mann et. al.’s An Introduction to Punjabi (forthcoming) addresses these basic skills. Students will also learn about the etiquette and culture of the Punjabi speaking community. For this we will listen to (and sing?) songs, and watch clips from films and other popular sources.

The first week or so (depending on students’ progress) will be spent learning the basic sounds of Punjabi and the elements of the Gurmukhi writing system. After this we will move on to the “regular” schedule. The Monday to Wednesday meetings will be spent on listening comprehension, speaking, reading, and writing, etc. Thursdays will be reserved for quizzes and “cultural competence,” e.g. music time.

Requirements:
1. Daily Homework Assignments, all to be turned in. Included in this is your participation in the class discussion of homework assignments, as you are expected to be able to answer questions about the homework as we go over it in class.
   • 35% of final grade

2. Weekly Quizzes, to be given every Thursday. The quizzes will focus primarily on grammatical forms and will address whatever we have covered in that week. Your lowest grade will be discarded.
   • 15% of final grade

3. Dictations, to be given periodically through the quarter. These are designed to help you review the sounds and vocabulary of the Punjabi spoken language. Your two lowest dictation scores will be discarded.
   • 10% of final grade

4. Final Exam on the last day of class (Thursday, December 3), 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM.
   • 20% of final grade

Late Policy: Each homework assignment, dictation, and quiz will be graded on a 10-point scale. For homework assignments, 5 points will be awarded for turning them in on time, with points lost for late submissions, and up to 5 quality points to be earned. Makeup examinations will be given only under exceptional circumstances.

Accommodations for students with disabilities:
Please let me know if you need any kind of accommodation.