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Course Aims

Hindi 1030 is an introductory course for students with no prior knowledge of Hindi. Students with **Grade 12 Hindi or equivalent must consult the department before registering.** The course aims to achieve the following:

- To help students acquire the **basic skills necessary for reading, writing and understanding** Hindi.
- To help students acquire the skills to **speak Hindi** in everyday situations.
- To encourage **personal development**, since languages form a significant aspect of our personalities and lives in contemporary times.
- To help students recognize manifestations of **influences of English and other languages on Hindi** in common situations through textbooks and other media such as music, public announcements and film.
- To contribute to an **understanding of the culture, history and arts** of Hindi-speaking peoples (in India and diaspora) through exposure to several media, two of which are music and film.

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course, students are expected to be equipped with:

- Hindi pronunciation and basic linguistics.
- *Devanagari* script, in which Hindi is written.
- Knowledge of English, Sanskrit and Perso-Arab contributions to Hindi.

- Knowledge of Hindi nouns, verbs, participles, expressions related to time and day, numbers, past, present, future and conditional tenses.
 - Confidence to use their basic Hindi vocabulary and grammar to write about and converse in everyday situations, express their feelings and opinions, ask questions, describe surroundings and situations.
 - Ability to read, understand and translate short passages dealing with social, cultural and historical content, and to watch Hindi films and listen to Hindi music easily with the occasional aid of subtitles or descriptions.
 - Appreciation of similarities and differences between Hindi-speaking regions/contexts (in India and diaspora) and North America.
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Contact Hours

Hindi 1030 requires **2 two-hour** class meetings per week.

Texts (Online):

Required:

Textbooks:

(1) Hindi Praveshika: Beginners Hindi – Writing and Conversation. van Olphen, Herman H. Austin: Paradigm.

http://hindiurduflagship.org/docs/Hindi_Praveshika.pdf

(2) Hindi Pathyapustak: First Year Hindi Course. Parts I & II. van Olphen, Herman H. Austin: Hindi-Urdu Flagship, 1995.

http://hindiurduflagship.org/docs/First_Year_Hindi_Course-Part_1.pdf

http://hindiurduflagship.org/docs/First_Year_Hindi_Course-Part_2.pdf

Workbooks:

(1) Hindi Pathyapustak ki Abhyas Pustika. Part I. van Olphen, Herman H. Austin: Hindi-Urdu Flagship.

http://hindiurduflagship.org/docs/First_Year_Hindi_Course-Part_1_Workbook.pdf

*You will need to **bring the textbooks to every class**. The *Abhyas Pustika* contains assignments which review the contents of each chapter and which are to be handed in to your instructor on prescribed dates.

Other Academic Matters: *UWO Academic Calendar* (see Academic Policies/Regulations).

Definition of Plagiarism

Plagiarism is a major academic offence (see Scholastic Offence Policy in the Western Academic Calendar). Plagiarism is defined as the inclusion of someone else's **verbatim** and **paraphrased** text in one's own written work without immediate reference or acknowledgement of the same. The University of Western Ontario uses www.turnitin.com to check plagiarism.

Mark Breakdown

1. Midterm I (2 hours *in class*) **12%**
 2. Midterm II (2 hours *in class*) **17%**

 3. Classroom quizzes **21%**
There will be seven scheduled chapter quizzes, worth 3% each. The quizzes will be written in the regular class hours.

 4. Written assignments **10%**
The written assignment for each chapter will consist of the *Abhyas Pustika* assignments. **Late submissions will not be accepted.**

 5. Attendance **5%**
This mark will be assessed by the course instructor, based on the student's attendance (sign-up sheets).

 6. Oral assignments **10%**
The oral assignments in the course will be conducted during class hours.

 6. Final examination (3 hours) **25%**
The final examination is *cumulative*, i.e., it covers the entire year. It is timetabled by the Office of the Registrar without any input from the Department. Since it may be scheduled for any date during the April examination period, and since students must write at a scheduled time, you should not make any plans which might run into conflict with the examination timetable.
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Course Calendar (assignments are to be handed in on the day of each quiz/midterm)

N.B. We will *try* to follow this schedule, and students will be notified of any changes¹.

Sept. 14: 1st class: meet instructor; overview of textbook. *Hindi Praveshika* p.

¹ - First day of Fall 2009 classes: Sep 10. Last day of Fall 2009 classes: Dec 9. Classes resume: Jan 4, 2010.
Last day of Winter 2010 classes: Apr 9.

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- Sept. 16:** *Hindi Praveshika* p. 13-25.
- Sept. 21:** *Hindi Praveshika* p. 25-34.
- Sept. 23:** *Hindi Praveshika* p. 35-44
- Sept. 28:** *Hindi Praveshika* p. 45-54.
- Sept. 30:** *Hindi Praveshika* p. 55-65.
- Oct. 5:** *Hindi Praveshika* p. 65-75.
- Oct. 7:** *Hindi Praveshika* p. 76-85.
- Oct. 14:** *Hindi Praveshika* p. 86-96.
- Oct. 19:** *Hindi Praveshika* p. 97-105.
- Oct. 21:** **Quiz on *Hindi Praveshika* – Reading.**
- Oct. 26:** *Hindi Pathyapustak I* – p. 3-14.
- Oct. 28:** *Hindi Pathyapustak I* – p. 15-24.
- Nov. 2:** *Hindi Pathyapustak I* – p. 25-33.
- Nov. 4:** *Hindi Pathyapustak I* – p. 34-44.
- Nov. 9:** *Hindi Pathyapustak I* – p. 45-53.
- Nov. 16:** *Hindi Pathyapustak I* – p. 54-65.
- Nov. 18:** **Quiz *Hindi Pathyapustak I* – p. 66-70.**
- Nov. 23:** **Review**
- Nov. 25:** **Midterm**
- Nov. 30:** *Hindi Pathyapustak I* – p. 71-79.



- Dec. 2: *Hindi Pathyapustak I* – p. 80-90.
- Dec. 7: *Hindi Pathyapustak I* – p. 90-98.
- Dec. 9: **Quiz** *Hindi Pathyapustak I* – p. 99-104.
- Jan. 4: *Hindi Pathyapustak I* – p. 105-122.
- Jan. 6: *Hindi Pathyapustak I* – p. 123-131.
- Jan. 11: **Quiz** *Hindi Pathyapustak I* – p. 132-141.
- Jan. 13: *Hindi Pathyapustak I* – p. 141-150.
- Jan. 18: *Hindi Pathyapustak I* – p. 151-158.
- Jan. 20: *Hindi Pathyapustak I* – p. 159-169.
- Jan. 25: *Hindi Pathyapustak I* – p. 170-182.
- Jan. 27: *Hindi Pathyapustak II* – p. 2-10.
- Feb. 1: **Quiz** *Hindi Pathyapustak II* – p. 11-25.
- Feb. 3: *Hindi Pathyapustak II* – p. 26-37.
- Feb. 8: *Hindi Pathyapustak II* – p. 37-51.
- Feb. 10: *Hindi Pathyapustak II* – p. 52-65.
- Feb 15-19: **Reading Week**
- Feb. 22: *Hindi Pathyapustak II* – p. 66-74.
- Feb. 24: **Quiz** *Hindi Pathyapustak II* – p. 75-85.
- Mar. 1: *Hindi Pathyapustak II* – p. 86-98.
- Mar. 3: *Hindi Pathyapustak II* – p. 99-111.
- Mar. 8: *Hindi Pathyapustak II* – p. 112-123.
- Mar. 10: **Quiz** *Hindi Pathyapustak II* – p. 124-135.

- Mar. 15: *Hindi Pathyapustak II* – p. 136-147.
- Mar. 17: **Review**
- Mar. 22: **Midterm**
- Mar. 24: *Hindi Pathyapustak II* – p. 148-156.
- Mar. 29: *Hindi Pathyapustak II* – p. 157-170.
- Mar. 31: *Hindi Pathyapustak II* – p. 171-180.
- Apr. 7: **Final Review**
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N.B. Make sure your UWO e-mail accounts are operational.

We use e-mail all the time!

Please Note: You are responsible for ensuring that you have successfully completed all course prerequisites (or have special permission from your Dean to waive the prerequisite) and that you have not taken an antirequisite course. If you are not eligible for the course, you may be removed from it at any time, and it will be deleted from your record. In addition, you will receive no adjustment to your fees. These decisions cannot be appealed.

Absenteeism

Students seeking academic accommodation on medical grounds for any missed tests, exams, participation components and/or assignments must apply to the Academic Counselling office of their home Faculty and provide documentation. Academic accommodation cannot be granted by the instructor or department.

UWO's Policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness (<https://studentservices.uwo.ca/secure/index.cfm>)

Downloadable Student Medical Certificate

(SMC): <https://studentservices.uwo.ca> under the Medical Documentation heading

