This course offers an introduction to the history of the Mughal empire, a Muslim empire that governed much of the Indian subcontinent between the sixteenth and eighteenth centuries. We will pay attention to the political, economic and cultural aspects of Mughal power, as well as situating the Mughal empire within the global history of the early modern world. Readings include primary sources by South Asian and European writers, including Indo-Persian chronicles (in translation) and European travel accounts. Students will also have a chance to study Mughal painting, architecture and poetry. (This course counts towards the pre-1800 requirement for history majors).