

Unit I: The Art and Architecture of India

India has a long and rich tradition of art and architecture that dates back to the third millennium BCE. This unit will cover the arts of India from the Indus Valley Civilization (c. 2600-1900 BCE) through the Mughal Empire (1526-1858). Focusing on Buddhist, Hindu, and Islamic art, this unit examines the religious role of Indian art while also stressing the impact that political patronage had on the development of religious art and architecture. After completing this unit, you will have a comprehensive understanding of the major artistic traditions of India and how they have been shaped by Buddhism, Hinduism, and Islam.

Unit I Time Advisory

This unit should take you 45 hours to complete.

- Subunit 1.1: 3 hours
- Subunit 1.2: 13 hours
 - Guided Observation 1 (subunit 1.2.3): 3 hours
- Subunit 1.3: 12 hours
- Subunit 1.4: 12 hours

Unit I Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this unit, students will be able to:

- Identify major pre-modern Indian works of art and architecture.
- Identify, compare, and contrast major Indian artistic and architectural developments.
- Identify the core beliefs of Buddhism, Hinduism, and Islam and their relationship to artistic production.
- Look at, analyze, and compare and contrast Buddhist sculptures.