

Type: Compulsory
Course Code: SANS 22575
Title: Vedic Literature and Culture
Pre-Requisites: General requirements of the Faculty of Humanities to follow the Honest Degree Level 1

.Learning Outcomes: At the end of this unit the students will be able to;

- Identify the Vedic texts
- Explain origin and development of Vedic Literature
- Define the Vedic Society
- Understand the Vedic Grammar rules
- Describe the nature of Vedic culture

Course Content

A knowledge of the Vedic culture in general and distinguishing characteristic features of the language and style of the different genres of Vedic literature is also expected.

Prescribed Texts: *Rgvêda*, I. 85,154. II. 12, 33. III. 59. VI. 54. VII. 86. X.14, 90, 127, 129.
Atharvaveda, I. 28. IV.12, 20, 19. VI. 24, 140. XIX. 32.
Brahmanas: The legends of Sunahsepa, The Flood, Cyavana; the Pururavas-Urvasi and the Maitreyi-Yajnavalkya dialogues. (These are selected from Bhotlingk's Sanskrit Chrestomathy).

Katôpaniṣad.

Methodology:

Lectures, discussions, Tutorials & presentations

Scheme of Assessment:

Assignments, classroom tests, oral presentations and end the of semester examinations.
(For written examination 60%, for assignments, Presentation, in class tests 40%)

Recommended Reading :

Subrahmanyam, P. S., Ke. Ī Govindan, and S. Sudarsana Sarma., (2005). *Secondary Paribhāṣās of Pāṇiniyan Grammar*, Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, Tirupati.
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Singh, Mahesh Vikram, (2011). *Vedic Literature*, Centrum Press, New Delhi.
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Chaturvedi, Prem Sagar, (1993). *Technology in Vedic Literature*, Books & Books, New Delhi.
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Bhattacharyya, N. N., (2007). *A Cultural Index to Vedic Literature*, Manohar Publishers & Distributors, New Delhi.
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