

**SREE SANKARACHARYA UNIVERSITY OF SANSKRIT KALADY KERALA**

**DEPARTMENT OF VEDANTA**

**SYLLABUS**

**M. Phil.**

**SEMESTER – I**

**COURSE-1**

**1. SVS 200 - RESEARCH METHODOLOGY.**

Number of credits 4

Unit I : Research: Definition, Origin, Development, Utility, Scope of Research in Sanskrit.

Qualities of a researcher, Long term and short term researches, Research and thinking

Thinking: Speculative, Analytical, etc. Hypothesis & Thesis

Unit II : Ordinary articles and Research Article (Research paper), Dissertation, Thesis, Selection of a research problem. Research design, descriptive, Diagnostic, Experimental, Explanatory

Kinds of Research: Comparative study, critical study, Edition, Critical Edition.

Methods of Research: Traditional, Historical, Philological and Scientific steps to be followed in research.

Unit III: Tools of Research: Synopsis, Source materials, etc. collection of materials-Data-card System-File system.

Library: Book arrangements, catalogue, ALC system, Dewey Decimal.

Thesis: Parts of a Thesis, Preliminaries, Main Body, Bibliography,

Appendix, Footnotes, References, Abbreviations, Language of the Thesis

Thesis-Format, page-making, spacing, numbering, Use of computer and internet

Unit IV : Sanskrit Research- Problems, Prospects, Manuscript studies & Research, Sanskrit and Computer, Indology Status report.

**REFERENCE BOOKS:**

1. C. R. Kothari: Research Methodology-Methods and Techniques, Wishwa Prakashan, 4835/24, Ansari Road, Daryaganj, New Delhi-110 002.

2. S. M. Katre: Introduction to Indian Textual Criticism with Appendix II by P. K. Gode, Deccan College Post Graduate and Research Institute, Yervada, Pune-411 006.

3. Joseph Gibaldi: M. L. A. handbook for writers of research papers Affiliated East-West Press Pvt. Ltd., 104 Nirmal Tower, 26 Barkhanba Road, New Delhi-110 001.
4. R. S. Sivaganesa Murti: Introduction to Indian Manuscriptology, Sharada Publishing House, New Delhi-110 035.
5. Srimannarayana Murthy: Methodology in Indological Research, Bharatiya Vidya Prakashan, Delhi, 1991.
5. Ramachandran, T. R.: The Methodology of Research in Philosophy, Radhakrishnan Institute for Advanced Study in Philosophy, University of Madras, 1984.
6. Dr. Kesava Chandra Dash: Elements of Research Methodology in Sanskrit.
7. Dr. K. Maheswaran Nair: Manuscriptology, Svantam Books, Trivandrum.
8. Dr. K. V. Sarma, Research in Sanskrit, Kuppaswami Sastri Research Institute, Madras.
9. Chattanath Acyutanunni: Gavesanam (Mal), Current Books, Kottayam.
10. Dr. C. L. N. Murthy: Research Trends in Sanskrit, C. B. H. Publications, Trivandrum.
11. Prof. R. P. Misra: Research Methodology - A Handbook, Concept Publishing Company, New Delhi, 1989.
12. Gopal Lal Jain: Research Methodology Methods, Tools and Techniques, Mangal deep Publications, Jaipur, 1999.

### **COURSE – II SVS -201**

#### **2. CORE COURSE**

The paper has two parts. Part A and part B. Part A is a detailed study of a text book. Part B is a study of the 'Influence of Advaita on Modern Thinkers'.

#### **PART A**

One each of the following two pairs will be selected by the department council every year for part A.

- A) 1. Nakamura-History of Early Vedanta Philosophy.  
2. Post Sankara-Nakamura.
- B) 1. Sankseparasarirakam. 2. Siddhantabindu 3. Naishkarmya siddhi.

#### **PART B - Influence of Advaita on Modern Thinkers**

1. Vivekananda. 2. Aurobindo. 3. Chattampiswamikal. 4. Sri Narayana Guru.

### **SYLLABUS FOR PART B**

**1. Vivekananda :** Reality and God-Nature of the world- Doctrine of Maya-Nature of Man-Soul and its liberation-ways of Realisation: Yogas-Origin and nature of Religion-Ideal of Universal Religion.

**2. Aurobindo :** Reality-Saccidananda-Nature of Creation-Involution and evolution-Four theories of existence-Nature of man-The supermind-Gnostic Being and Divine life-Internal Yoga.

**3. Chattampiswamikal :** chattampiswamikal-His Advaita-concept of reality-Brahman-world-Maya-Avidya-Atmajnana-Samadhi-place of non-violence-concept of jnana and Yoga-social philosophy.

**4. Sri Narayanaguru :** Sri Narayana Guru-Philosophical back ground science of the Absolute, Social Philosophy-Social reform-Critique of Jati.

#### **REFERENCE BOOKS**

1. B.K.Lal : Contemporary Indian Philosophy
2. P.T. Raju: The Idealistic thought of India.
3. T.M.P. Mahadevan and Saroja: Contemporary Indian Philosophy.
4. Complete Works of Swami Vivekananda.
5. Complete Work of Chattampiswamikal.- (ed.) : Dr. K. Maheswaran Nair.
6. Complete Work of Sri Narayana Guru-Prof. G. Balakrishnan Nair, Dr.T. Bhaskaran
7. Aravindadarsanam: Dr. K. Velayudhan Nair.
8. Hiriyanana: Outlines of Indian Philosophy.
9. Nataraja Guru-Life & teaching of Narayanaguru.

#### **SEMESTER II**

#### **COURSE I**

#### **OPTIONAL COURSES.**

**SVS -202 PHILOSOPHY OF SRI NARAYANAGURU AND  
SOCIAL REFORMS.**

Offered by : Dr. P.Chithambaran.  
No. of Credits : 4  
Target Group : M.Phil./ Ph.D students of any Departments.

Sri Narayanaguru was a sage with difference. His message was universal One caste, One Religion and one God for mankind. He offered a philosophy of life and action that has transformed the society in Kerala. The emphasis of his thought was on renewal of society rather than on revival.

Guru expounded a most revolutionary interpretation of traditional Hindu thought and went about reforming society with all the zeal of an activist. He accepted the non-dualist philosophy of Sankara but unlike Sankara took it to its logical and practical implications.

Sri Narayanaguru proved himself to be a catalyst of social change in Kerala. The kind of atrocities witnessed in Gujarat and Uttarpradesh could not happen in Kerala. Such is the sweeping social change and political transformation that the state has undergone.

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The Guru, while remaining in the mainstream of the great Indian tradition, provided a philosophy of life and action that could change society for the better, that could unite men. So there is a need to project this sage, his life and teaching.

**Unit-I : Life and Works-A General study.**

Historical Background, Influence of Yogins, Saiva saints etc.

**Unit-II : Advaita Vedanta and Guru's Philosophy.**

Principles of Advaita Vedanta, important principles of Guru,  
Differences of opinion, concepts of One Cast, One Religion and One God.

**Unit III : Guru's Philosophy and Socio-Economic vision.**

Practical Vedanta, Consecration of Sivalinga,  
consecration of mirror, Views on Education, Industry and Economics.

**Unit-IV : Guru's Philosophy and Social Emancipation.**

Opposition of caste system, Religious reforms,  
Parliament of religions,  
Social upliftment of the downtrodden, Social Renaissance in Kerala.

**REFERENCE BOOKS.**

1. Natarajaguru: Life and teaching of Narayanaguru.
2. Natarajaguru: Philosophy of Guru.
3. Natarajaguru: An Integrated science of the Absolute, vol. I&II
4. Nityachaitanya Yati: Epistemology of Gnosis.
5. Nityachaitanya yati: Neither this Nor that .... But AUM.
6. Nityachaitanya Yati : The psychology Darsanamala.
7. N.C.Kumaran : Sri Narayanaguru: Relevance Today.
8. Dr.P.K. Sasidharan Nair: The philosophy of Sri Narayanaguru,  
Kamaraj University Publications, Madurai No.134.
9. Dr.S.Omana : The philosophy of Sri Narayanaguru, Narayanagurukula  
Publications, Srinivasapuram.P.O, Varkala.
10. Dr.Jerald. J. Percira: Sri Narayanaguru-A Social Educator. R.B. Publishers,  
Cherunnioor, Varkala.
11. Dr.R. Karunakaran : Darsanamala, Sree Sankara Sanskrit Vidyapeetha-1982.
12. P.Parameswaran : Sri Narayanaguru: The prophet of Renaissance, Suruchi Sahitya,  
Kesavakunj, Thandwala, New Delhi.
13. Dr.Sreenivasan: Sri Narayanaguru. Jayasree publications, Parvati Nagar, kowdiar.  
Trivandrum.
14. P.K. Balakrishnan: Sri Narayanaguru. National Bookstall, Kottayam.
15. M.K. Sanu: Sri Narayanaguruswami

16. M.K.Kumaran and Dr. T .Bhaskaran (ed) : Sri Narayanayugaprabhavam.
17. Dr.N.Mohandas(ed) : Visvaguru. S.N. Club, Thiruvananthapuram.
18. T.Bhaskaran: Complete works of Sri Narayanaguru, Mathubhoomi Publications.
19. M.K.Sanu: Narayanaguru. Madhavan Ayyappath(Eng.Tr) Bharatiya vidya Bhavan , Kulapathy K.M Munshi Marg, Bombay-1998.
20. Vijayalayam jayakumar: Sri Narayanaguru- A Critical study, D.K. Print world (P)Ltd. New Delhi.1999.
21. P.Damodarapanickar: The Life and Teachings of Sri NarayanaGurudev, The bodhini press, chengannur, kerala.1972.
22. Nityachaitanya Yati : Narayanaguruvinte Atmadarsanam Prayogikajeevitathil, Chaitanya book,Edappally.
23. Prof. G. Balakrishnan Nair: Complete works of Sri Narayanaguru.

#### **Evaluation.**

1. An end semester examination for two credits.
2. An assignment and one seminar presentation for two credits.

#### **SVS - 203. PHILOSOPHY OF SANKHYA.**

Offered by : Dr.P. Chithambaran.  
 No.of Credits : 4  
 Target Group : M.Phil/Ph.D. Students of any Department.

#### **Unit I : Origin and Development of Sankhya Philosophy.**

Place of sankhya in Indian philosophy, meaning of the word sankhya, transition through ages, sankhya thought in the Vedas, upanisads, Epics, Mahabharata, Bhagavata

purana, Smrtis, Classical literature, Sankhya Sutra of kapila - Pancasikha-Sasthitantra-Varsaganya-Vindhyavasin, Isvara- krishna- Sankhyakarika-commentaries.

## **Unit II: The Philosophy of Sankhya.**

Samkhya Epistemology- three means of knowledge, 25 principles- prakrti-different names and features ,Gunas- three gunas and their nature , Satkaryavada, the manifestation of the world, process of evolution.

## **Unit-III : The Purusa in Sankhya philosophy.**

Proofs for his existence, Plurality of the Purusa, different qualities, Purusa through ages- in the Vedas- Upanisads- Mahabharata-Bhagavadgita- Carakasamhita- and the Sankhya texts.

## **Unit-IV : Bondage and Liberation.**

Bondage, cause of bondage, suffering or dukkha, Means of liberation, the ways of liberation.

## **REFERENCE BOOKS.**

1. Swami Tapasyananda: Kapilopadesa (tra), Advaita Ashram, Calcutta, 1990.
2. Dhundhiraj Sastri: Samkhyadarsanam (ed), C.S.S.Varanasi.1987.
3. Isvarakrishna: Samkhyakarika.
4. Dr.Dharmanand Sarma: Samkhyapravacanasutra (Ed), Amar granth prakashan, New Delhi.1998.
5. Swami Virupakshananda (Tr.and notes): Samkhya-tatvakaumudi, Sri Ramakrishna Math, Chennai, 1995.
6. Chakravarti: Origin and Development of Sankhya system of thought. Oriental Reprint, New Delhi.1975.
7. Johnston.E.H: Early Sankhya, M.L.B.D.Delhi, 1974.
7. Johnston.E.H: Early Sankhya, M.L.B.D.Delhi, 1974.

8. Larson and Bhattacharya: Encyclopedia of Indian Philosophy, Vol.IV, M.L.B.D, Delhi, 1987.
9. Larson.G.J: Classical Samkhya, M.L.B.D., Delhi, 1979.
10. Majumdar and majumdar: The Sankhya conception of personality, Bharatiya book corporation, New Delhi, 1981.
11. Dr.Shiv Kumar: Sankhya thought on the Brahmanical Systems of Indian Philosophy. E.B.L. New Delhi. 1983.
12. Dr.S.Radhakrishnan: Indian philosophy.Vol I and II, O.U.P., 1999.
13. Dr. V. Raghavan: Indian Heritage. Chennai, 1998.
14. Dasgupta.S.N: A History of Indian Philosophy, MLBD, New Delhi, 1991
15. Deussen, Paul: Philosophy of the Upanisads, MLBD, Delhi.1999.
16. Karl.H.potter: Encyclopedia of Indian philosophy.
17. T.M.P.Mahadevan: Invitation to Indian Philosophy, Arnold Heineman, Delhi.1982
18. Metha, Rohit: The call of the Upanisads, MLBD, Delhi, 1996.

**Evaluation.**

1. An End Semester examination for two credits.
2. An assignment and one seminar presentation for two credits.

**SVS - 204 CHANGING CONTEXTUALITY OF  
ADVAITA PHILOSOPHY**

Offered by : Dr. M. S. Muraleedharan Pillai  
 Name of credits : 4  
 Target group : M. Phil., Ph. D. students of any Department.



**Scope** : The study of Advaita Philosophy in different contexts-National, Cultural, Political and Social changes-its Continued Relevance as a Dynamic Force.

**Aim** : Relevance of Advaita Philosophy in the changing contextuality.

## **SYLLABUS**

**Module I** : Basic concept of Advaita Philosophy:- Origin-Development-Pre-Sankara-Sankara-Post-Sankara-Neo-Vedantins.

**Module II** : Impact of Advaita-National-Social-Cultural-Life.

Brahmasamaj - Aryasamaj-Theosophical Society-Ramakrishna Mission.

**Module III** : Advaita and National Movement-Swami Vivekananda-Balagangadhara Tilak-Aurobindo-Gandhi-Vinobabhava.

**Module IV** : Advaita in the Modern Kerala Context.

Chattambi Swamikal-Sri Narayana Guru-Brahmananda Swami Sivayogi-Vagbhatananda. Vagbhatananda.

## **REFERENCE BOOKS**

1. Daya Krishna : New Persepectives in Indian Philosopohy, Rawat Publications, Jaipur and New Delhi, 1999.
2. Ram Nath Sarma: Sri Aurobindo's Philosophy of Social Development, Atlantic Publishers and Distributors, New Delhi, 1991.

3. A. Sreedhara Menon: Social and Cultural History of Kerala, Sterlin, New Delhi, 1979.
4. P. K. Sasidharan Nair : The Philosophy of Sri Narayana Guru, Publication Division, Madurai Kamaraj University, 1998.
5. T.M.P. Mahadevan: The Philosophy of Advaita, Ganesh and Co. Pvt. Ltd., Madras (Ed), 1969.
6. Bipanchandra : Nationalism and Colonialism in India, New Delhi, 1979.
7. Desai A. R. : Social Background of Indian Nationalism, Bombay, 1991.
8. K.P.K. Menon : Chattambi Swamikal The Great Scholar Saint of Kerala, Perumbavoor, 1967.
9. K.K.N. Kurup : Nationalism and Social Change The Role of Malayalam Literature, Kerala Sahitya Academy, Thrissur, 1998.
10. Swami Ranganathananda : Eternal Values for a Changing Society, Vol. I-IV, Calcutta, 1971.
11. Ranjit Sarma : The Idealistic Philosophy of Swami Vivekananda, Atlantic Publishers and Distributors, 1994.
12. R. Balasubramanian (Ed) : The Builders of Indian Philosophy Series, T.M.P. Mahadevan, Munshiram Manoharlal Publishers, 1998.
13. Rajeswar Prasad (Ed) : Social Reforms: An Analysis of Indian Society, Y.E. Publishers, Prapuram Nagar, Agra, India, 1990.

### **Books in Malayalam**

14. K. Damodharan : Bharatiya Cinta, Kerala Language Institute, 1992.
15. A.K. Nayar : Swami Brahmananda Sivayogi, Cannanore, 1971.
16. M. S. Nair : Vagbhatanandaguruvum Samuhyavodhanavum, Dept. of Culture, Kerala State, 1998.
17. Santhiniketanam Krishnan Nair : Gandhijiyum Adhunikam Darsanikavum, D. C. Books, Kottayam, 1998.

## **Evaluation**

1. End Semester Examination 2 credits.
2. Two assignments of one credit each.

For evaluation an internal expert in the field will be co-opted.

## **SVS - 205 THE PHILOSOPHY OF BHAKTI**

Offered by : Dr. V. Ramakrishna Bhatt  
No. of credits : 4  
Target Group : M. Phil., Ph. D. Student of any Department.

## **UNITS OF STUDY**

- I. : A general survey of Bhakti movement in India.
- II. : A general survey of Bhakti literature.
- III. : Intensive study of the text-Bhakti Rasayana.
- IV. : Bhagavat Gita (12<sup>th</sup> Chapter)
- V. : Philosophy of Bhakti based on III and IV Chapter of Naradiyabhaktisutra..

## **REFERENCE BOOKS**

1. Naradiya Bhakti Sutram: Chaukhamba Vidya Bhavan, Varanasi.
2. Sandilya Bhakti Sutram: Chaukhamba Vidya Bhavan, Varanasi.
3. Dr. Munshiram Sharma: Bhakti Vikas: Chaukhamba Vidya Bhavan, Varanasi.
4. Dr. Munshiram Sharma: Bhakti Tarangini: Chaukhamba Vidya Bhavan, Varanasi.
5. Swami Karapatri: Bhakti Rasarnava: Chaukhamba Vidya Bhavan, Varanasi.

## **Evaluation**

1. End Semester Examination for 2 credits.

- Two assignments of one credit each.

For evaluation, external as well as internal an expert in the field of will be co-opted.

### **SVS - 206 ANCIENT INDIAN POLITY**

Offered by : Dr. V. Ramakrishna Bhatt

No. of credits : 2

Target Group : M. Phil., Ph. D. Students of any Department.

#### **UNITS OF STUDY**

- I. : A general survey of Literature.
- II. : Intensive study of the texts:
  1. Kamandakiya Nitisara (cantos 1 to 7)
  2. Sukraniti (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> cantos)
- III. : Evolution of Polity.

#### **REFERENCE BOOKS**

1. Dr. Gurjeswar Chaudhari: Canakyanitidarpana, Chaukhamba Vidya Bhavan, Varanasi.
2. Vishnu Sharma: Pancatantram, Chaukhamba Vidya Bhavan, Varanasi.
3. Somadeva Soori: Nitivakyamrtam, Chaukhamba Vidya Bhavan, Varanasi.
4. Viduraniti : Chaukhamba Vidya Bhavan, Varanasi.

#### **Evaluation**

1. End Semester examination for 1 credit.
2. Two assignments of one credit.

For evaluation, external as well as internal an expert in the field of will be For evaluation, external as well as internal an expert in the field of will be co-opted.

## **SVS – 207 METAPHYSICS OF ADVAITA**

Offered by : Dr. K. Remadevi Amma  
No. of credits : 4  
Target Group : M. Phi., Ph. D. Students of any Department.

### **SYLLABUS**

#### **Unit I : Origin and Development of Vedanta Philosophy.**

Pre-Sankara, Sankara, Post-Sankara Vedantins, Badarayana, Upavarsa, Saundarapandya, Bartrhari, Dravidacarya, Brahmadata, Gaudapada, Sankara, Padmapada, Sureswara, Prakasatman, Vacaspati Misra.

#### **Unit II: Concept of World in Advaita Vedanta**

Isvara and World, Brahman is the Material and the efficient cause of the world, The empirical world, in what sense the world Mithya.

#### **Unit III : Principles of Advaita Vedanta**

Adhyaropa, Apavada, Maya-Avidya, Jiva, Isvara, Brahman, Creation, Vivartavada, Pancikaranam.

#### **Unit IV : Mukti or Liberation.**

Mukti-A general concept in Advaita, Varieties of deliverance, Jivanmukti or deliverance in Life, Videhamukti, Jivanmukta or the Saint, The Status of Mukta after the fall of the body.

### **REFERENCE BOOKS**

1. Debabrata Sinha : Metaphysics of Experience in Advaita Vedanta

2. Haridas Bhattacharya : The Cultural Heritage of India.
3. Dr. V.N.K. Reddy : eastern and Western Philosophy.
4. Natalia Isayeva: Sankara and Indian Philosophy.
5. Hajime Nakamura: A History of Early Vedanta Philosophy.
6. B.R. Rajan Iyer : Rambles in Vedanta.
7. P.T. Raju : The Philosophical Traditions of India.
8. Swami Lokeshwarananda : Indian Philosophical Systems.
9. Dr. S. Radhakrishnan : Indian Philosophy.
10. S.N. Dasgupta : A History of Indian Philosophy.
11. M. Hiriyanna : Outlines of Indian Philosophy.
12. M. Hiriyanna : The Essentials of Indian Philosophy.
13. Heinrich Zimmer : Philosophies of India.
14. S.S.Roy : The Heritage of Sankara.
15. Swami Mukhyananda : Vedanta.
16. Dr. K.P. Aleaz: The Relevance of Relation in Sankara's Advaita Vedanta.
17. A. Mahadeva Sastri : The Vedanta doctrine of Sri Sankaracharya.
18. Swami Saccidanandendra Sraswati : The Methods of the Vedanta.
19. J. G. Arapura : Hermeneutical Essays on Vedantic Topics.
20. N. C. Panda : Maya in Physics.
21. P.S. Sastri : Indian Idealism.
22. T.S.Devadoss : Indian Philosophical Annual
23. Dr. L.P.Misra : The Doctrine and Discipline of the Advaita Vedanta.
24. L.V.Rajagopal: A Critique of Advaita.
25. Paul Deussen : The System of Vedanta.
26. T.M.P. Mahadevan : The Philosophy of Advaita.
27. Dharmarajadhvarindra : Vedantaparibhasa.
28. Citsukhacharya : Citsukhi.
29. Appayyadiksita : Siddhantalesasangraha.

30. Brahmasutrasankarabhasyam.  
31. Dasopanisads with Sankarabhasyam.

### **Evaluation**

1. End Semester Examination 2 credits.
2. Two assignments of one credit each.

## **SVS - 208 PHILOSOPHY OF CHATTAMPI SWAMIKAL**

Offered by : Dr. C. Poullose

No. of credits : 4

Target group : M. Phil. Ph. D. Students of any Department.

**Unit I** : A Survey of Chattampi Swami's works.

**Unit II** : Creation and Dissolution. Jiva, Isvara, Brahman, Universe, Dissolution.

**Unit III** : Realization, Means of Realization, Realization of Brahman Samadhi.

**Unit IV** : Social Philosophy, Social Unity, Social Vision.

### **REFERENCE BOOKS**

1. Advaitacintapaddhati : Sri Chattampi Swamikal, Thirthapadasram, Vazhoor, Kottayam, 1970.
2. Manonasaam : Sri Chattampi Swamikal, Sri Vidyadhiraja Publications, Thiruvananthapuram, 1998.
3. Nijanandavilasam : Sri Chattampi Swamikal, Narayanagurukulam, Sreenivasapuram. P.O., Varkala-695 145.

4. Chattampi Swamikal : G. Sukumaran Nair.
5. Keralattile Randu Yativaryanmar : T.R.G.Kurup, Printed IS Press, Ernakulam, 1981.
6. Vidyadhiraja Prabandha : compiled A.V. Sankaran, Darsanam Publications, Vellayambalam, Thiruvananthapuram.

Vellayambalam, Thiruvananthapuram.

7. Sri Chattampi Swamikal : Dr. K.P.K. Menon, Sri Vidyadhiraja Publications, Geethanjali, Perumon. P.O., Quilon, 1989.
8. Vedadhikaranirupanam : Sri Chattampi Swamikal, Vidyadhiraja Sabha, Mahila Vibhagam, Quilon, 1975.
9. Chandogyopanisad
10. Aitareyopanisad.
11. Brahmasutras (Sankarabhasya)
12. Bhagavadgita.

### **Evaluation**

1. End semester Examination 2 credits.
2. Two assignments of one credit each.

### **SVS – 209 THE PHILOSOPHY OF MYSTIC EXPERIENCE AND VEDANTA**

Offered by : Dr. Francis A. P.

No. of credits : 4

Target Group : M. Phil./Ph. D. students.

**Aim of the Course** : To impart basic knowledge in various areas, kinds and methods of Research in Sanskrit and to view the basic underlying currents beneath the various Philosophic traditions.



**Unit I** : Mysticism: Definition and Meaning.

**Unit II:** Study of the Mystic Literature

- (1) Interior castle of Teresa of Avila.
- (2) Narada Bhakti Sutras.
- (3) Bhagavad Gita Chs.7,9,12.
- (4) Patanjalyoga Sutras-Samadhipada.

**Unit III** : Characteristics and varieties of Mystic experience and religious experience.

**Unit IV** : Various Traditions in Mysticism. Zen and Jewish Mystics, Hasidism, Sufism, Theosophy, Christian, Hindu and Islamic Mysticism. Mystic experience and Advaita Vedanta.

**Features of this experience are:**

1. Intuitive vision of the one. (all is one).
2. Consciousness of the deifying transformation.
3. Inexpressible peace and bliss.
4. Ineffableness and paradoxicality.
5. Sense of the holy or divine.
6. Certainty of the truth of the intuitive vision.

**REFERENCE BOOKS**

1. The Varieties of Religious experience: James William, 1902.
2. Mysticism East and West : Kattakkal. J., 1993.
3. A Constructive Survey of Upanisadic Philosophy: Ranade R.D., 1986.
4. Mysticism and Yoga Tantra : Santideva Sadhu (Ed), New Delhi, 2000.
5. History of Mysticism : Abhayananda. S., Delhi, 2000.
6. Philosophy of Mysticism : Santideva Sadhu, New Delhi, 2000.
7. Triadic Mysticism : Murthy Paul.E., Delhi, 1999.
8. Mysticism in Upanisads : Santideva Sadhu, Delhi, 2000.

9. Gandhian Mysticism : Chakrabarthy, Mohit, Delhi, 1989.
10. The Interior Castle: Selected works of St. Theresa of Avila, Trivandrum, 1982.
11. The Way of Perfection, Trans. By Allison Peers, New York, 1964.
12. Narada Bhakti Sutras, Trans. By Swami Tyagisananda, Madras, 1983.

### **Mode of Evaluation**

There shall be an end Semester examination for 2 credits. One Mid-Semester test paper for one credit and one seminar presentation for one credit.

### **SVS -210 ISAVASYA UPANISAD: A TEXTUAL ANALYSIS**

Offered by : Dr. Francis A.P.  
No. of credits : 4  
Target Group : M. Phil/Ph. D. Students of any Department.

**Aim of the Course** : To introduce students the Philosophical classics and textual study of Isavasya Upanisad.

**Unit I** : The Upanisads: A brief survey of Upanisads (UPS). The Evolution of UPS. The number of UPS. The principal UPS. The peace mantra.

**Unit II**: The Philosophy of Isavasya UP: Concepts of Reality, Individual life, renunciation, realization, path of knowledge, path of action, morality, vidya, avidya, etc.

**Unit III** : The textual analysis of the 18 mantras.

**Unit IV** : Great commentators of Isavasyopanisad

1. Sankara.
2. Ramanuja.
3. Madhva.

## REFERENCE BOOKS

1. Narottam Giri (com): Isavasya Upanisad: 1995.
2. The principal Upanisads: Trans. by Hume R.E., 1931.
3. Deussen Paul, The Philosophy of Upanisads, 1906.
4. Tagore Rabindranath: The Philosophy Upanisads : 1980.
5. Gambhirananda Swami, The eight Upanisads : Trans.Vol.1-11, 1957.
6. Ranade R.D.: A Constructive survey of Upanisadic Philosophy:1986.
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## Mode of Evaluation

There shall be an End Semester examination for two credits. One Mid-Semester test paper for one credit. One seminar presentation for one credit.

## SVS - 211 THEORY OF CAUSATION

Offered by : Dr. K. Muthulekshmi

No. of credits : 4

Target Group : M. Phil., Ph. D. Students.

**Unit I : Theory of Causation:** a brief introduction-Division of causes-cause-effect relations-effect's pre-existence in its inherent cause-different approaches-Asatkarya and Satkaryavada-s-Sadasatkaryavada.

## Unit II : Asatkaryavada

Nityaparamanukaranavada of Nyaya, Vaisesika and Prabhakaramimamsa-Anityaparamanukarana- vada of Hinayana Bauddhas-Svabhavavada of Carvakas.

### Unit III : Satkaryavada

Praktiparinamavada of Sankhya-yoga, Brahma Parinamavada of Ramanuja, Vivartavada of Advaita Vedanta.

### Unit IV: Sadasatkaryavada & Dimensions of causal theory

Theory of causation in Jaina and Bhatta school of Mimamsa-Theory of causation explaining origin and evolution of physical matter-Theory of causation as applied in Ayurveda.

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### **Evaluation**

An end-Semester examination for 2 credits. An assignment and one seminar presentation for 2 credits.

### **SVS - 212 ADVAITA VEDANTA AND INTERPRETATIVE LITERATURE**

Offered by : Dr. K. Muthulekshmi.

No. of credits : 4

Target Group : For M. Phil/Ph. D. Students.

Unit 1: Interpretative Literature in Sanskrit-A brief survey-main characteristic-techniques-functions-historical, ideological, etc.

Unit II: Interpretative Literature in Advaita Vedanta-important turning points and ideological shifts in its history-how they are facilitated by interpretation.

Unit III : Textual study-selected portions from

Brahmasutrasankarabhasya and Bhamati-emphasis on interpretative aspects.

Unit 4: Interpretation in a Broader sense-aspects of reading and understanding texts, Indian context-modern interpretations of Advaita.

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## COURSE-II

SVM 203 Seminar Course-4 Credits

The students are requested to make four presentations.