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Diploma in Vedic Studies

PROGRAMME DOCUMENT

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A. Programme Information

In the multicultural and multi-religious context as the Republic of Mauritius, understanding and appreciating socio-religious differences are essential for the sustainable development of a tolerant, harmonious and peaceful nation.

This programme thus aims to introduce the wisdom of the Ancient Scriptures, the Vedas, and related texts such as Darshans, Upanishads, Gita, Ramayana, etc. to develop the understanding of the universal teachings amidst other local cultures.

B. Programme Aims

This programme on Vedic Studies aims to offer theoretical, and practical training based on the ancient teachings of the Vedas. Though the programme primarily targets scholars who wish to deepen their knowledge of Vedic Studies and aspiring Vedic priests, it has been designed in such a way so as to appeal to people from all walks of life, irrespective of their background, whether religious or educational.

This programme also caters for candidates who wish to be considered as “*auditeurs libres*” under the Short Courses at UTM.

C. Programme Objectives

The programme outcomes are to:

- Provide an introduction to the teachings of the Vedas.
- Explain the major universal concepts/precepts of the Vedic / Indian Philosophy.
- Elaborate on the scientific perspectives of various practices, namely- prayer, Sandhya /meditation & yajña (havan), Vedic Sanskāras like Birth rituals, Naming ceremony, Marriage ceremony, Preparation for Marriage, Pre and Post marriage duties, Death Ceremony as recommended by the Vedic literature.
- Practice the Proper recitation of Vedic hymns.
- Explore the issue of Ethics in relation to Vedic Teachings.
- Provide an introduction to Sanskrit language and grammar.
- Provide an introduction to popular Hinduism.
- Provide an introduction of Inter-faith dialogue based on the common denominators, i.e. universal values / ethics.
- Provide practical sessions on the above.

PART I - Regulations

D. General Entry Requirements

As per UTM'S Admissions Regulations, and „Admission to Programmes of Study at Diploma Level“.

General Entry Requirements are not applicable for entry in short course (refer to section „M“ for additional information).

E. Programme Entry Requirements

A pass in Hindi at O-Level

Or

Alternate qualification, for example, a pass at the Prathama / Madhyama Examinations of the Hindi Pracharini Sabha

F. Programme Mode and Duration

Full Time: Minimum 2 Years, Maximum 4 Years (Min 4 semesters, Max 8 semesters)

Part Time: Minimum 3 Years, Maximum 5Years (Min 6 semesters, Max 10 semesters)

G. Teaching and Learning Strategies

The Programme will use a variety of teaching methods, including formal lectures, seminars, practical sessions/hands on sessions, workshops, online materials, video programmes, and guest speakers. To encourage collaborative learning, both individual and group work will be encouraged.

Students will be encouraged to explore and research on topics discussed so as to further enrich the programme with new and different insights. Being a programme that aims to encourage diversity, students will be encouraged to develop critical thinking and make a critique of concepts and theories discussed. The mode of teaching will be mainly in English and Hindi where required.

H. Student Support and Guidance

In addition to traditional lectures, group tutorials or individual tutorials are arranged for students.

I. Attendance Requirements

As per UTM's Regulations and Policy.

J. Credit System

The modules carry 3 or 4 credits as per the programme structure.

Portfolio – 4 credits

For the award of a Certificate, 33 credits are required

For the award of a Diploma, 68 credits are required

1 credit = 15 hours of lecture

1 credit = 30 hours of practical/tutorials/seminars

K. Student Progress and Assessment

For the award of the Diploma, all modules must be passed overall with passes in the examinations, coursework and other forms of assessment.

The modules will be assessed as follows (unless otherwise specified):

- Written examinations of 2-hours'' duration for modules carrying 3 credits and of 3-hours'' duration for modules carrying 4 credits and contributing 70% of the total marks
- Continuous assessment carrying up to 30% of total marks. Continuous assessment can be based on seminars and/or assignments or class tests.
- All modules are normally assessed over 100 marks.
- Vedic Studies Portfolio will be assessed 100% coursework based on a written report and presentation pertaining to vedic issues and studies.
- The overall pass mark for a module shall be 40%.

L. Evaluation of Performance

Grading

Overall Marks	Grade
$70 \leq X \leq 100$	A
$60 \leq X < 70$	B
$50 \leq X < 60$	C
$40 \leq X < 50$	D
$X < 40$	F
A-D	Pass
F	Fail

The % mark at Level 1 contributes a 40% weighting towards the Diploma classification.

The % mark at Level 2 contributes a 60% weighting towards the Diploma classification.

M. Award Classification

1. Overall weighted mark y (%)

$y \geq 70$
$40 \leq y < 70$
$y < 40$

Classification

Diploma with Distinction
Diploma
No Award

2. Short course (Level 1 - 3) Award

It is possible for applicants to enroll in one or more modules of the programme. Only modules currently on offer may be considered for short course unless otherwise approved by the School. Students will not be allowed to accumulate more than 32 credits under the short course mode of study unless approved otherwise by the School.

Short course Award classification

Short course level 1 in Vedic Studies
Short course level 2 in Vedic Studies

Number of Credits (z) for short course award

$3 \leq z \leq 12$
$13 \leq z \leq 21$

Short course level 3 in Vedic Studies

22 ≤ z ≤ 32

N. Programme Organisation and Management

Programme Development Committee:

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Part II - Programme Structure

O. Diploma in Vedic Studies – Full Time (Version 1.2)

		YEAR 1								
Semester 1						Semester 2				
Code	Modules	Hrs/Wk L P	Credits	Code	Modules	Hrs/Wk L P	Credits			
VED1101B	Introduction to Vedic Philosophies	3 + 0	3	VED1201B	Education and the Vedas	3 + 0	3			
VED1102B	Introduction to Vedic Prayers	2 + 2	3	VED1103B	Cosmology	3 + 0	3			
LANG1809B	Language Practice: Hindi	3 + 2	4	LANG1810B	Hindi Prose	3 + 0	3			
VED1301B	Introduction to Sanskrit Grammar	3 + 2	4	SSCI 1102 B	Introduction to Sociology	3 + 0	3			
COMM1111B	Communication Skills	3 + 0	3	CNLG1103B	Counseling Theories and Principles	3 + 2	4			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Start of Level 1							Finish of Level 1	→	

		YEAR 2							
Semester 1						Semester 2			
Code	Modules	Hrs/Wk L P	Credits	Code	Modules	Hrs/Wk L P	Credits		
VED2104B	Rituals and Sacraments	3 + 2	4	VED2106B	Modern Reformers	3 + 0	3		
SSDV1104B	Sustainability for Social Sciences	3 + 2	4	SSCI2108B	Sociology of the Family	3 + 0	3		
LWS2403B	Vedic and Mauritian Laws	3 + 0	3	SSCI2109B	Gender Issues	3 + 0	3		
VED2105B	Eight Limbs of Yoga	3 + 2	4	VED2107B	Upanishad Philosophy	3 + 2	4		
SSDV 2406B	Leadership Skills	3 + 0	3	PORT2201B	Vedic Studies Portfolio		4		

Start of Level 2 Finish of Level 2 **P. Diploma in Vedic Studies – Part Time (Version 1.2)**

YEAR 1							
Semester 1				Semester 2			
Code	Modules	Hrs/Wk L P	Credits	Code	Modules	Hrs/Wk L P	Credits
VED1101B	Introduction to Vedic Philosophies	3 + 0	3	VED1201B	Education and the Vedas	3 + 0	3
VED1102B	Introduction to Vedic Prayers	2 + 2	3	VED1103B	Cosmology	3 + 0	3
SSCI1102 B	Introduction to Sociology	3 + 0	3	LANG1809B	Language Practice: Hindi	3 + 2	4
COMM1111B	Communication Skills	3 + 0	3				
Start of Level 1						→	

YEAR 2							
Semester 1				Semester 2			
Code	Modules	Hrs/Wk L P	Credits	Code	Modules	Hrs/Wk L P	Credits
LANG1810B	Hindi Prose	3 + 0	3	VED2104B	Rituals and Sacraments	3 + 2	4
VED1301B	Introduction to Sanskrit Grammar	3 + 2	4	SSDV1104B	Sustainability for Social Sciences	3 + 2	4
CNLG1103B	Counseling Theories & Principles	3 + 2	4	SSDV 2406B	Leadership Skills	3 + 0	3
Finish of Level 1				Start of Level 2 <input type="checkbox"/>			

YEAR 3							
Semester 1				Semester 2			
Code	Modules	Hrs/Wk L P	Credits	Code	Modules	Hrs/Wk L P	Credits
VED2106B	Modern Reformers	3 + 0	3	SSCI2109B	Gender Issues	3 + 0	3
SSCI2109B	Sociology of the Family	3 + 0	3	VED2107B	Upanishad Philosophy	3 + 2	4
LWS2403B	Vedic and Mauritian Laws	3 + 0	3	PORT2201B	Vedic Studies Portfolio		4
VED2105B	Eight Limbs of Yoga	3 + 2	4				
						Finish of Level 2 <input type="checkbox"/>	