

Department of English, Amritapuri Campus

Course Title: Culture of Devotion In India
Course Code: EN-813

Objectives:

The course encourages students to adopt interdisciplinary perspectives to interpret contemporary cultural phenomena and the tenets of the religious minded in India. It provides a comprehensive understanding of the origin and evolution of devotion in (ancient) Indian Culture and how the Hindu scriptures authenticate it as an ideal means for 'salvation' on one side, and, as an essential process of evolution in spirituality of a believer, on the other.

Unit I

All About Hinduism - Sri Swami Sivananda

Unit II

Selections from *The Complete Works of Swami Vivekananda*

Unit III

What Religion Is - Swami Vivekananda

Unit IV

An Introduction to Hindu Culture- Ancient and Medieval - Swami Harshananda

Unit V

A Primer of Hinduism - D.S. Sarma

Prescribed Texts & Reference

1. *All About Hinduism*. Himalayas: The Divine Life Society Publication.
2. *The Complete Works of Swami Vivekananda*. India: Advaita Ashrama
3. *What Religion Is*. India: Advaita Ashrama
4. *An Introduction to Hindu Culture - Ancient and Medieval*. India: Advaita Ashrama.
5. *A Primer of Hinduism*. India: Macmillan Publishers.
6. *Srimad Bhagavatam*. Mumbai: Bhaktivedanta Book Trust.
7. *Bhagavad Gita As It Is*. Mumbai: Bhaktivedanta Book Trust.
