

Department of English, Amritapuri Campus

Course Title: Devotion and Values for a Meaningful Living
Course Code: EN-814

Objectives:

The course encourages students to adopt interdisciplinary perspectives to interpret contemporary cultural phenomena world-wide and the tenets of the religious-minded in India. It provides a comprehensive understanding of the origin and evolution of devotion in Indian Culture and how emphasis in the Hindu scriptures fall more on a value-based living to make human life worthy. Highlighting the idea of 'Vasudeva Kudumbakam', the emphasis falls on how the age-old Indian prayer, *Lokaa: Samasthaa: Sukhino Bhavantu* can be made a 'reality', and how even the idea of 'salvation' is described as second only to a meaningful life rooted in the values by the Indian thinkers.

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.

Mylapore: Ramakrishna Mission. Swami Harshananda

Unit V A Primer of Hinduism - D.S. Sarma

Prescribed Texts & References

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.
8. Values: The Key to a Meaningful Life:
Advaita Ashrama (A Vedantakesari Presentation)
9. Spiritualizing Everyday Life. Advaita Ashrama: Swami Ashokananda
