

Course Description:

The course will explain the need for continued research on Indian scriptures due to both the problematic history of previous research and the texts' current relevance. Next, the mechanics of the research process will be taught: data collection, tabulation, authentication of sources and referencing specifically.

Learning Objectives:

Through the course, the scholar will gain an understanding of the need to continue conducting research on the ancient Indian scriptures in the modern day. They will learn how to source the date for the thesis and how to organize it. Furthermore, they will learn about tabulation and how it can help to see the similarities and differences between two or more research subjects, and how to analyse the outcomes of tabulation and draw conclusions from the same. The scholar will learn to distinguish authoritative sources of information from the ones that are not. Finally, they will be taught several different styles of referencing and composing a bibliography accepted within the academic community.

Pedagogy for the course:

The course will be taught via text studies and extensive discussions of the same.

Detailed Syllabus:

Unit I: The need for research on Indian scriptures:

Unit II: Data collection and composition;

Unit III: Discovering similarities and differences through tabulation:

Unit IV: Authentication of sources:

Unit V: Referencing and bibliography:

References and Text Books:

1. Dash, Keshab Chandra. (1992). *Elements of Research Methodology in Sanskrit*. Varanasi: Chaukhambha Sanskrit Sansthan.
2. Ramachandran, T.P. (1984). *The Methodology of Research in Philosophy*. Madras: Radhakrishnana Institute for Advanced Study in Philosophy, University of Madras.
3. Katre, S M (1954). *Introduction to Indian Textual Criticism*. Deccan College Hand Book Series 5. Poona: Deccan College
4. Acharya, Sathyanarayana. (2005). *Samskr̥ta śodha pravidhiḥ*, Odisha.
5. Research methodology in Sanskrit - by university of Calicut

Course Outcomes:

- **CO1** - Understand the discipline specific concepts of research and its methodologies
- **CO2**- Select and define appropriate research problem and parameters
- **CO3**- Organize and conduct research in systematic manner

- **CO4**-Understand the process of writing research report and thesis

Evaluation Pattern:

Unit No	Periodical 1	Periodical 2	End semester	Internal Assessment Component					Total
1	8		10	5					23
2	7		9		3				19
3		6	10		2				18
4		9	11			5			25
5			10				5		15
Total	15	15	50	5	5	5	5		100