



**Course Description:** This is a unique course that will introduce students with rich heritage of the Vedic knowledge system which is the root of all knowledge. To the manner in which thinking about international security and conflicts have been impacted as a result of advances in science and technology. Now with the emphasis on IKS in NEP 2020, It has provided an opportunity to introduce this programme and in near future, the demand will grow more and faster. Because of India's rapid emergence as an economic, military, technological, and cultural power on the global stage, the consequential heightened interest in Hindus and their civilization has consistently increased. . The course will focus on different areas namely, Yajna Vedic literature, tatva vimarsha, and preliminary ritualistic procedure to perform Vedic Rituals.

**Relation to**

**Veda, Vedic literature, Samhitas, Yajna  
Vedic Exegesis**

**Course Objective:** The course aims to enable students:

- Develop a good understanding of foundational **principles** underlying Hindu civilization, society, and culture
- Develop a good understanding of **analytical methods** through which knowledge, is analyzed and processed.
- These methods fall in two categories: an analytical approach, and critical thinking.
- Inculcate a very good understanding of Hindu **Practices**

**Learning Outcome**

On completion of the course students will be able to :

LO 1 –Develop a good understanding of **analytical methods** through which knowledge, is analyzed and processed.

LO 2 – Achieve a good understanding of foundational **principles** underlying Hindu civilization, society, and culture.

LO 3 – Acquire knowledge of various interrelated sources of the Indian knowledge system

### Course Content – Core -I

#### Unit 1 Vedic Tradition and its Fundamental Concepts

- Veda and its Meaning, Etymology, Synonyms and Various Traditions
- Veda, Vedatrayi, Samamnaya, Nigama, Swadhyaya and Their Oneness
- The Nature of Rishi, Deities and Meter
- Various Recensions of Vedic Samhitas
- Veda : Mantra, Brahmana, Aranyaka and Upanisada

#### Unit 2 Yajna and Istis

1. .Kamyā and Nishkama Yajna
2. Agnihotra and Sandhyopasana
3. Science of Agnisala, Five types of Fires and Yajnasalas (Yajna Maṇḍapa)
4. Concept of Ṛta, Satya, Dikṣa, Tapa and Yajna
5. Concept of Good and Evil in Veda (Sin-Virtue, Ṛit-Anṛta, Heaven-Hell etc.)
6. Nature of the Viniyoga - Ṛṣi, Deity, Meter and Application

#### Unit 3 Yajna Mimamsa

1. Vedic theology according to Yaska (Nirukta)
2. Outcome of Vedic Yajnas - Apurva



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year 2022-23**

3. The Concept of Deity, Polytheism, Monotheism and Monism

**Unit – 4 Significant traditions of Vedic Exegesis**

1. Universal Relevance of the Veda

a. Personality Development through Vedic literature

b. Society depicted in Vedas.

c. Rasta Sukta of Rigveda (1.8) and Yajurveda(22.22) , Atharvaveda(3.30- 1 to 7)

2. Vedic Nirvachan: Ritualistic, Spiritual and Others

3. Environmental Science of Veda

**Project: ( Credit :2) Vedic Rituals and Procedures**

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