

Amrita IKS Centre for Ayurveda, Vyakarana and Darshana

COURSE TITLE: AṢṬĀDHYĀYĪ STUDIES

Focus Area/Subject Area: Sanskrit grammar

Total Duration: 4 Credits

Eligibility: Undergraduate

Pre-requisite: Advanced Knowledge of Sanskrit

Details of the Instructor:

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Course Objective:

This course is based on the system of teaching the Aṣṭādhyāyī of Pāṇini using the Aṣṭādhyāyī-krama. This is one of the streams of the Pāṇinian tradition and a way of working with the text to study the 4000 odd sutras of the text in the fastest and the easiest way. This method will allow students to appreciate how the text packs a maximal semantic payload into the smallest possible syntactic space, a minimal syllabary. Students will be able to- easily identify the prakṛti-s, pratyaya-s, ādeśa-s, āgama-s, etc., and their workings in śloka-s and other general usages; easily understand the important texts of Vyākaraṇa, like Siddhāntakaumudī, Prauḍhamanoramā, etc.; easily enter into different śāstra-s like Nyāya, Vedānta, Mīmāṃsā, etc. This is developed as a separate endeavour of the University.

Learning Outcome:

1. Students will be able to easily identify the prakṛti-s, pratyaya-s, ādeśa-s, āgama-s, etc., and their workings in śloka-s and other general usages.
2. Students will be able to easily understand the important texts of Vyākaraṇa, like Siddhāntakaumudī, Prauḍhamanoramā, etc.
3. Students will be able to easily enter into different śāstra-s like Nyāya, Vedānta, Mīmāṃsā, etc.

SYLLABUS

Unit 1

Introduction to the Aṣṭādhyāyī and its system; History of Sanskrit grammar

Unit 2

Aṣṭādhyāyī- Chapters 1 and 2

Unit 3

Aṣṭādhyāyī- Chapters 3 and 4

Unit 4

Aṣṭādhyāyī- Chapters 5 and 6

Unit 5

Aṣṭādhyāyī- Chapters 7 and 8

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