

Institute for Science and Spirituality Delhi

COURSE TITLE

INTRODUCTION TO DASAMULA TATTVA AND GAUDIYA VAISHNAVA VEDANTA

Focus Area/Subject Area: Indian Philosophy

Total Duration: 24 Hrs (2 Hours/Week)

Eligibility: Undergraduate

Details of the Instructor:

Mr. Sukavak Das, Research Associate, ISS Delhi

Course Objective:

To give an overview of the core philosophy of Gaudiya Vaishnava Vedanta

Learning Outcome:

Students will be equipped with ten pillars of Gaudiya Vaishnavism beautifully articulated by great visionary saint Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakur in his work, Dasa-Mula Tattva

SYLLABUS

Unit 1: Introduction to Gaudiya Vaishnavism (4 hours)

Unit 2: Nature of Pramana (2 hours)

Unit 3: Krishna: The Supreme Absolute Truth (2 hours)

Unit 4: Sakti-Prinamavada: Material and Spiritual Potencies (2 hours)

Unit 5: Rasa: the flavours of transcendental relationships (2 hours)

Unit 6: Jivas: The marginal potency (2 hours)

Unit 7: Baddha Jivas: Conditioned living beings (2 hours)

Unit 8: Mukta Jivas: Liberated living beings (2 hours)

Unit 9: Achintya Bheda-Abheda Tattva (2 hours)

Unit 10: Bhakti: Pure devotional service (2 hours)

Unit 11: Prema: The ultimate goal of life (2 hours)

References:

1. Bhaktivinoda Thakura. Dasa Mula Tattva (The Ten Foundational Truths of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu's Philosophy). Ras Bihari Lal and Sons, printed in 2009.
2. Gupta, Ravi M. The Chaitanya Vaishnava Vedanta of Jiva Gosvami: When knowledge meets devotion. Routledge, 2007.