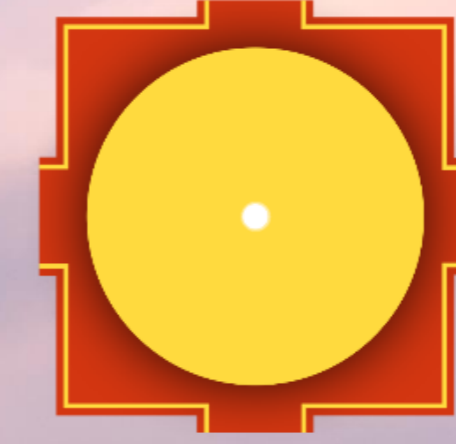


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MIT/HUA Samskrit Master's Program
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“न रत्नम् अन्विष्यति मृग्यते हि तत्”

a valuable diamond does not seek, it is sought after (kālidāsa in his epic poem कुमारसम्भवम्)

MA Samskrit program FAQ # 1

What is unique about this MA Samskrit offering?

- [100% online](#) no travel required (unless seeking India based degree)
- Renowned teachers acclaimed as experts in their field of Samskrit
- USA based Master's degree in Samskrit via [HUA](#) + credits to other [HUA programs](#) including PhD
 - Original curriculum by eminent [kavikulaguru-kAlidAsa](#) Samskrit University in Nagpur
- Indic (drShTiH) syllabus – insightful, conceptual – aimed at authentic exposition of foundational (vyAkaraNa, nyAya, miimAmsA) and applied (veda, yoga, sAhitya) disciplines
 - Read the [testimonials](#) from current students



MA Samskrit program FAQ # 2

What about similar MA Samskrit programs from India?

- No India based institution offers [MA Samskrit 100% online](#), in collaboration with a US university
- “Correspondence course” paradigm entails only registration, self-study, and writing final exams (in person) – these are neither fully remote, nor truly online.
- In contrast, the MIT/HUA [Samskrit MA program](#) is a complete classroom experience including active in-session teaching, learning, and unprecedented access to expert teachers online.
- Remote degree programs from India based universities, are bound by travel (in person exam etc.) requirements along with other constraints subject to local registrar discretion



MA Samskrit program FAQ # 3

Why advanced degree in Samskrit... why not few high level courses?

- Our efforts informally learning and gaining Samskrit proficiency over the years – should have logical conclusion as formal degree or credential (“end game” in this day and age)
- Any learning (including Samskrit) outside the ambit of a University setting, will eventually need to be formally evidenced, to augment career goals and credential-based pursuits
- The “a la carte” option of [advanced Samskrit courses](#) also exists within MIT/HUA framework, with the advantage of earning USA University credit towards other degrees (*note: [SPT](#) required for this*)
- Paucity of India-origin (bhAratiiya) seekers with advanced Samskrit degrees, results in numerous academic and applied Samskrit professions becoming “Western dominated” – such careers require MA or PhD in Samskrit, so those among us passionate about Samskrit studies – must step up



MA Samskrit program FAQ # 4

What are timelines, costs, logistics involved in completing this?

- This particular [Samskrit MA program](#) offers flexibility to stretch or compress the overall duration, with 2 years (minimum recommended) and up to 4 years (or longer) – at same total cost.
- Avg. cost/credit hr. in Semester system for USA graduate degree programs (Language, Arts, Humanities) = \$300 USD (often much higher) – [HUA](#) discounted this program to \$150 USD/credit hr.
- Semester cycle for MA Samskrit (conducted online by [MIT-SVS](#) based in Pune, India) runs July – December, then January – June. Prerequisite to enter program is online [Samskrit proficiency test](#)
- [HUA](#) will be the interface for all administrative, financial, technology aspects of this program, including recognition of course credits and issuing USA university credential etc.



MA Samskrit program FAQ # 5

Still not sure, questions, constraints... can I speak to someone?

- application-grp@hua.edu
- HUA admission can be deferred to next year's [MIT-SVS](#) semester cycle using the same (pass) result of Samskrit proficiency test from prior year. The SPT result is valid for 1 year
- Most “doubts” involve cost comparison, time commitment, course offerings, HUA accreditation, background of teachers, [MIT-SVS operation](#), etc. which admins will be glad to address
- To begin this conversation with HUA/MIT, submit a simple [online form](#), enabling the admin to get in touch with you as prospective student or info. seeker
- ALL encouraged to take [SPT](#) at very nominal cost – it is not a commitment, sets eligibility valid for a year. SPT “level” similar to parichaya exam by [Sanskrita Bharati](#)



MA Samskrit program FAQ # 6

Steps to enrollment when I'm ready to proceed?

- Pre-register your interest (if not already done so)
 - <https://info.hua.edu/ma-sanskrit-prereg-form>
- Pass the SPT ([sanskrit proficiency test](#)) one time
 - Optionally enroll in a [readiness course](#) towards SPT
 - Readiness course provides 6 weeks of [sanskrit learning](#)
- [Enroll](#) in first semester S1 <please work with program admin for this step>
 - Register for first mandatory course (vyAkaraNam-1) to reserve your spot
 - By mid-June enroll min 4 courses (or full 1st year) irrespective of 2/3/4 yr. mode



MA Samskrit program FAQ # 7

Can you summarize how this is administered/implemented?

Medium of Instruction	Primarily Samskrit, with some English
Delivery method	MA Certificates in Samskrit (Levels 1 & 2): Online classes, online exams HUA Master's degree in Samskrit
Duration	2 years (full time), 3-4 years (part-time); 48 credits
Class Load	9 hours per week (2 subjects at a time)
Prerequisite	Any bachelor's degree + working knowledge of Samskrit
Admission Criteria	Online Samskrit Proficiency Test (preparatory course available)
Program fee (Total 7.2k USD)	3,600 USD per certificate/150 USD per credit



MA Samskrit program FAQ # 8

What does the overall syllabus look like?

Curriculum: 4 subjects/semester (full-time mode)
2-3 subjects/semester (part-time mode)

Mandatory Subjects (13 Slots)	Elective Subjects (3 slots)
Introduction to veda	veda stream
paaNini-vyaakaraNam (4 levels)	rg, yajus, saama, atharvaNa
saahityam (4 levels)	vedaanga stream (2 levels)
Basic nyaaya-vaisheshika and miimaamsaa	yoga, aayurveda, jyotisha, vedaanta
Structure and method of Indic shaastras	Foundations stream
Term Project	advanced nyaaya-vaisheshika & miimaamsaa



Schedule of Course Offerings for the Master's Programs in Sanskrit

In the table below, subjects in red are mandatory, and others are electives. '|' denotes alternatives. Within a cell, subjects in the same line separated by a '+' are offered in parallel. All courses are 3-credit (45 hrs) in the US and 5-credit (Lecture-Tutorial-Practical ratio of 3-0-2) in India.

4-year Master's in Sanskrit Schedule: Load - 6 hrs / week

	Sem 1 (Aug – Dec)	Sem 2 (Jan – May)
Year 1	Vyakarana 1 Sahitya 1	Vyakarana 2 Sahitya 2
Year 2	Vyakarana 3 Sahitya 3	Vyakarana 4 Sahitya 4
Year 3	Veda 1 Vedic Science Foundations	Nyaaya-vaisheshika Basic Veda 2 Applied Sci Basic
Year 4	Mimaamsa Basic Veda 3 Applied Sci. Advanced	Term Project Veda 4 Nyaaya-vaisheshika Adv Mimaamsa Advanced

3-year M.A Sanskrit Schedule: Load – 6-9 hrs / week

	Sem 1 (Aug – Dec)	Sem 2 (Jan – May)
Year 1	Vyakarana 1 Sahitya 1 + Vedic Science Foundations	Vyakarana 2 Sahitya 2 + Nyaaya-vaisheshika Basic
Year 2	Vyakarana 3 + Veda 1 Sahitya 3	Vyakarana 4 + Veda 2 Applied Sci Basic Sahitya 4
Year 3	Mimaamsa Basic Veda 3 Applied Sci. Advanced	Term Project Veda 4 Nyaaya-vaisheshika Advanced Mimaamsa Advanced

2-year M.A Sanskrit Schedule: Load – 12 hrs / week

	Sem 1 (Aug – Dec)	Sem 2 (Jan – May)
Year 1	Vyakarana 1 + Veda 1 Sahitya 1 + Vedic Science Foundations	Vyakarana 2 + Veda 2 Applied Sci Basic Sahitya 2 + Nyaaya-vaisheshika Basic
Year 2	Vyakarana 3 + Mimaamsa Basic Sahitya 3 + Veda 3 Applied Sci. Advanced	Vyakarana 4 + Term Project Sahitya 4 + Veda 4 Nyaaya-vaisheshika Advanced Mimaamsa Advanced

Elective 1	R̥gveda	Applied Science Basic: {Yoga, Āyurveda, Jyotiṣa, Vedānta}
Elective 2	Yajur+Sāma-veda	Applied Science Advanced: {Yoga, Āyurveda, Jyotiṣa, Vedānta}
Elective 3	Atharva-veda	Fundamental Science Advanced: { Mīmāṃsā, Nyāya-vaiśeṣika}

MA Samskrit program FAQ # 9

What courses are offered, and who are the teachers?

Courses taught by...

vyaakaraNam

prof. Tilak Rao

saahityam

prof. Madhusudan Penna

veda

prof. M.A. Alwar

vedic science

prof. Shrinivasa Varakhedi

foundations

& dr. Vaishnavi Nishankar



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Thank you

