Course Title: Indian Knowledge System

Course Code:

Course Description:

The course on Indian Knowledge System aims to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the rich and diverse knowledge traditions of India. It explores various branches of Indian knowledge systems, including philosophy, literature, sciences, arts, and spirituality. By examining historical development, foundational texts, and philosophical frameworks, students will gain insights into the deep-rooted wisdom and holistic worldview of Indian culture. The course also aims to highlight the relevance and applicability of Indian knowledge systems in addressing contemporary challenges.

Course Objective:

- To gain a comprehensive understanding of the diverse branches of Indian knowledge systems, including philosophy, literature, sciences, arts, and spirituality.
- To explore the historical development and evolution of Indian knowledge systems, tracing their roots back to ancient times.
- To examine the foundational texts and scriptures of Indian knowledge systems, such as the Vedas, Upanishads, Puranas, and philosophical treatises.
- To analyze the philosophical and conceptual frameworks of Indian knowledge systems, including concepts like dharma, karma, moksha, and the interconnectedness of all beings.
- To investigate the interplay between Indian knowledge systems and other global knowledge traditions, recognizing the contributions and influences of Indian thought on a broader scale.
- To appreciate the holistic and integrative nature of Indian knowledge systems, recognizing their relevance and applicability to contemporary issues and challenges.

Learning Outcome:

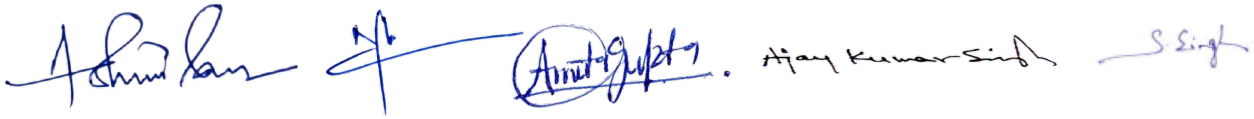
LO1: Demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of the foundational concepts, philosophies, and traditions of the Indian knowledge system, including its historical significance and relevance in contemporary times.

LO2: Critically analyze and evaluate the theories of knowledge (Pramanas) in Indian philosophy, and demonstrate an understanding of the various sources of valid knowledge in Indian epistemology.

LO3: Evaluate and compare Indian and Western philosophical frameworks, including metaphysical concepts, ontological perspectives, and ethical theories, to develop a nuanced understanding of the similarities and differences between these traditions.

LO4: Apply the principles of Indian aesthetics to analyze and interpret classical Indian literary works, music, dance, and visual arts, and demonstrate an understanding of the role of arts in Indian culture and spirituality.

LO5: Examine the contributions of ancient Indian sciences and mathematics, and analyze their applications and advancements in fields such as astronomy, medicine, architecture, and technology, highlighting their significance and relevance in modern times.



LO6: Synthesize and apply the knowledge gained from the Indian knowledge system to address contemporary challenges, including sustainability, ecology, holistic well-being, and societal issues, by integrating traditional Indian wisdom with modern approaches.

1. **Introduction to Indian Knowledge System (IKS)**
   - 1.1 Definition, Concept and Scope of IKS
   - 1.2 IKS-based Approaches on Knowledge Paradigms
   - 1.3 IKS in Ancient India and in Modern India

2. **Metaphysical concepts in Indian thought**
   - 2.1 Exploration of Atman, Brahman, Maya, and their ontological implications
   - 2.2 Understanding the Concept of Karma and its Role in Indian Philosophy
   - 2.3 Analysis of the nature of reality and the concept of moksha (liberation)

3. **Indian scientific treatises and disciplines**
   - 3.1 Contributions to Ancient Indian Mathematics
   - 3.2 Analysis of Ancient Indian Texts on Astronomy, cosmology, and Astrology
   - 3.3 Understanding the concepts of energy (Prana), sound (Nada), and vibration (Spanda) in Indian sciences

4. **Traditional Indian sciences and technologies**
   - 4.1 Exploration of Vastu Shastra (Indian architecture) and its principles
   - 4.2 Study of Jyotisha (Indian astrology) and its practical applications
   - 4.3 Analysis of traditional Indian technologies in areas such as metallurgy and agriculture

5. **Indian systems of medicine and Well-being**
   - 5.1 Study of Ayurveda, Yoga, and Naturopathy as holistic approaches to Health
   - 5.2 Understanding the Principles and Practices of Traditional Indian Medicine
   - 5.3 Exploration of the Integration of Indian healing modalities with modern healthcare

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