



SOMAIYA
VIDYAVIHAR UNIVERSITY

K J Somaiya Institute of Dharma Studies

Syllabus

Certificate Course in Prakrit Language and Literature

**From
Academic Year 2022-2023**

Revision 2

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(Constituent College of Somaiya Vidyavihar University)**

It is notified for the information of all concerned that the Board of Studies of Jainology and Prakrit, at its meeting held on 18th April 2022, revised the syllabus of Certificate Course in Prakrit Language and Literature. This was further approved by the Faculty of Dharma Studies in its meeting held on 17th May 2022 and by the Academic Council in the meeting held on 6th July 2022. These changes are to be brought into force from the academic year 2022-23. The revised syllabus is uploaded on the website.

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Date: 6th July 2022

HOD (Centre for Studies in Jainism)

Preamble:

The K J Somaiya Institute of Dharma Studies was constituted by a resolution of the Governing Body of Somaiya Vidyavihar University, on 1st July 2020. It brings together three institutions that have been working independently in the field of Sanskrit and Yoga; Pali and Buddhist Studies and Jain Studies.

Of these, the Centre for Studies in Jainism, under which this programme is currently offered, was inaugurated on 21 st April 2003, by Acharya Shri Mahaprajna. Until the Somaiya Vidyavihar University was constituted in Aug. 2019, the Centre was affiliated to the University of Mumbai and commenced activities by offering programmes in Prakrit and Jainology. This is the only center in the city of Mumbai to offer a Master's programme in Jainology and Prakrit and a Ph. D. in Jainology.

Research activities at the institute have resulted in numerous publications, notable among which is the four-volume Samana Suttam. One of the highlights of the previous year have been the monthly seminars arranged with the Spiritual technology Research Foundation (STRF) and the Jain Academy of Scholars, around themes that concerned modern society and to which the Jain teachings offer meaningful resolution. Study tours to locations of Jain heritage and special lectures by noted Indian and foreign scholars add an experiential aspect to the teaching-learning outcome.

Programme Objectives:

Prakrit is the name given to the group of Indo-Aryan languages spoken by the people of the Indian subcontinent from the fourth century BCE onwards. But now its literary source is available in Agamas and various literature. Certificate course in Prakrit Language and literature this program will help to understand the basic rules to translate texts available in Prakrits' dialects.

In this programme-

- 1) The student will be acquainted with the basic grammar of Maharashtri Prakrit language.
- 2) There will be provided the knowledge of Jain textual study as well as literature available in Prakrit like Uttaradhyayan and Gathasaptashati.
- 3) The students will be informed the differences of the other Prakrit dialects Ardhamagadhi and Shauraseni from the Maharashtri dialects of the Prakrit Language.

Programme Outcomes:

- 1) Students will read and articulate paragraphs from Maharashtri Prakrit language.
- 2) Students will also get an opportunity to explore the tradition and culture in comparative perspective by understanding Prakrit literature.
- 3) Student will explore his ability to read and understand Prakrit text through the internal assessment.

Eligibility: HSC or equivalent

Duration: 2 semesters

Acronyms used in Eight Digit Course code e.g. 132C15C101

Acronym Serially as per code	Definition
1	SVU second version revision
32	College code
C	Alphabet code for type of programme
15	Programme code
C	Type of course
1	Semester I – semester number
01	First course of semester – course serial number It will be XX for the elective/choice based courses

Acronym for category of courses		Acronyms used in syllabus document	
Acronym	Definition	Acronym	Definition
C	Core Course	CA	Continuous Assessment
E	Elective Course	ESE	End Semester Exam
A	Audit Course	IA	Internal Assessment
W	Workshop	O	Oral
		P	Practical
		TH	Theory
		TUT	Tutorial
		TW	Term work
		CO	Course Outcome
		PO	Program Outcome
		PSO	Program specific Outcome

Codes for Type of programmes

Code	Name of the Programme	Key Alphabet To be used in Course/Paper code
01	UG Full time	U
02	UG Part time	U
03	PG Full time	P
04	PG Part time	P
05	Ph.D Full time	D
06	Ph.D Part time	D
07	PG Diploma Full time	I
08	PG Diploma Part time	I
09	Certificate course Full time	C
10	Certificate course part time	C
11	Diploma Full time	N
12	Diploma Part time	N

Programme Structure

Semester I Credit Scheme

Course Code	Course Name	Teaching Scheme (Hrs.) TH – P – TUT	Total (Hrs.)	Credits Assigned TH – P – TUT	Total Credits
132C15C101	Prakrit Language and Literature: 1	02 – 00 – 00	02	02 – 00 – 00	02
Total		02 – 00 – 00	02	02 – 00 – 00	02

Semester I Examination Scheme

Course Code	Course Name	Examination Scheme		
		Marks		
		IA	ESE	Total
132C15C101	Prakrit Language and Literature: 1	50	50	100
Total		50	50	100

Semester II Credit Scheme

Course Code	Course Name	Teaching Scheme (Hrs.) TH – P – TUT	Total (Hrs.)	Credits Assigned TH – P – TUT	Total Credits
132C15C201	Prakrit Language and Literature: 2	02 – 00 – 00	02	02 – 00 – 00	02
Total		02 – 00 – 00	02	02 – 00 – 00	02

Semester II Examination Scheme

Course Code	Course Name	Examination Scheme		
		Marks		
		IA	ESE	Total
132C15C201	Prakrit Language and Literature : 2	50	50	100
Total		50	50	100

Detailed Syllabus - Semester I

Semester I Credit Scheme

Course Code	Course Name	Teaching Scheme (Hrs.) TH – P – TUT	Total (Hrs.)	Credits Assigned TH – P – TUT	Total Credits
132C15C101	Prakrit Language and Literature: 1	02 – 00 – 00	02	02 – 00 – 00	02
Total		02 – 00 – 00	02	02 – 00 – 00	02

Semester I: Core Paper 1: Prakrit Language and Literature: 1

Paper / Course Code	Paper / Course Title			
132C15C101	Prakrit Language and Literature: 1			
	TH	P	TUT	Total
Teaching Scheme(Hrs.)	02	--	--	02
Credits Assigned	02	--	--	02
Examination Scheme	Marks			
	IA	ESE	Total	
	50	50	100	

Course Objectives

The term prakrit is used for the popular dialects of India which were spoken until the 4th-8th centuries. There is a big treasure of literature available up to 200 A.D. to 1200 A.D in various prakrit languages, which introduce us with ancient history, culture and tradition. This course helps to understand basic grammar to learn the Prakrit language.

Course Outcomes

At the end of successful completion of the course the student will be able to

1. Students will be able to understand the Grammar of Maharashtri Prakrit language.
2. Students will be acquainted with Prakrit Language and its rules.
3. Students will be able to understand the importance of the Prakrit language to know more on history, ancient culture and literature.

Module No.	Unit No.	Prakrit Language and Literature : 1	Marks/ Hours
1.0	1.1	Introduction to elementary Prakrit Grammar(s)	20/20
		1. History and development of the Prakrit language. 2. Types of Prakrit Languages and their special features. 3. Prākṛta Vyākaraṇa Praveśikā (Alphabets, Declension of nouns and pronouns)	

2.0	2.1	Prakrit Literature	30/25
		1. Prakrit Svayam Shikshak and Prakrit Rachna Saurabh 2. Basic Sutras from Hemchandra Vyakaran – Pāda I	
		Total	50/45

Recommended books:

Sr. No.	Name/s of Author/s	Title of Book	Name of Publisher with country	Edition and Year of Publication
1.	Dr. Jagdish Chandra Jain	Prakrit Sahitya ka Itihasa	Choukhmba Vidyabhavan, Varanasi	1961
2.	Dr. N. C. Shastri	Prakrit Bhasha aur Sahitya ka Alochnatmak Itihasa	Tara Publication, Varanasi	1966
3.	Dr. Kamalchand Sogani	Prakrit Rachana Saurabh	Apabhhransha Sahitya Academy	2013
4.	Dr. Prem Suman Jain	Prakrit Svayam Shikshak	Prakrut Bharati Academy, Jaipur	1982
5.	Satyarnjan Banarji	Prakrit Vyakaran Praveshika	B.L. Institute of Indology, Delhi	1999
6.	K.V. Apte	Hemchandra Shabdanushasan	Chaukhambha Sanskrit Bhavan, Varanasi	1996
7.	Kothari C.K.	Prakrit Pravesh	NIPSR	2004
8.	Pro. Jagdish Chandra Jain	History and Development of Prakrit Literature		2004
9.	Dr. Tara Daga	Prakrit Sahitya ki Ruparekha	Prakrut Bharati Academy, Jaipur	2006
10.	Dr. Radha Vallabh Tripathi	Universal Values of Prakrit Texts	Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi	2011

Detailed Syllabus - Semester II

Semester II Credit Scheme

Course Code	Course Name	Teaching Scheme (Hrs.) TH – P – TUT	Total (Hrs.)	Credits Assigned TH – P – TUT	Total Credits
132C15C201	Prakrit Language and Literature: 2	02 – 00 – 00	02	02 – 00 – 00	02
Total		02 – 00 – 00	02	02 – 00 – 00	02

Semester II: Core Paper 1: Prakrit Language and Literature: 2

Paper / Course Code	Paper / Course Title		
132C15C201	Prakrit Language and Literature: 2		
	TH	TUT	Total
Teaching Scheme(Hrs.)	02	--	02
Credits Assigned	02	--	02
Examination Scheme	Marks		
	IA	ESE	Total
	50	50	100

Course Objectives:

Prakrit is not one language but it is the group of many dialects. These were colloquial languages in ancient times. There are many Jaina Scriptures which are written in Prakrit language and even Sanskrit writers had used this language in their writings. Hence this language is more useful to understand the lifestyle of ancient people and Jaina scripture.

Course Outcomes:

At the end of successful completion of the course :

1. Students will be able to understand Prakrit literature and mostly philosophical literature of Jaina's.
2. Students will be able to understand the difference between Maharashtri, Shauraseni, Magadhi and Ardhamagadhi Prakrit.
3. Students will be benefitted by this course and will be able to read Prakrit text.

Module No.	Unit No.	Prakrit Language and Literature : 2	Marks/ Hrs.
3.0	3.1	Prakrit Literature	25/25
		1. Uttarājjhyayaṇa Sutta – Viṇaya Sutta 1-10 Gāhā 2. Gāhāsattasāi – 10 Gāhā 3. Pāgada Pavesa with 6 lessons 4. Sutras on Vibhakti and Dhatu Pratyaya from Hemchandra Vyākaran – Pada III	

4.0	4.1	Introduction to elementary Prakrit Grammar(s) 1. Prākṛta Vyākaraṇa Praveśikā (Sampurn) – Satyaranjan Banarji 2. Introduction to Shauraseni, Magadhi and Ardhamagadhi Prakrit 3. Translation from prakrit language to chosen language and Sentence formation	25/20
		Total	50/45

Recommended books:

Sr. No.	Name/s of Author/s	Title of Book	Name of Publisher with country	Edition and Year of Publication
1.	P.L.Vaidya	Prakrit Grammar	Bhandarkar oriental Research Institute, Poona	1980
2.	K.V. Apte	Hemchandra Shabdanushasan	Chaukhambha Sanskrit Bhavan, Varanasi	1996
3.	Acharya Mahapragya	Prakrit Vakyaarachana Bodha	Jaina Vishwa Bharati, Ladnun, Rajasthan	2003
4.	Kothari C.K.	Prakrit Pravesh	NIPSR	2004
5.	Satyarnjan Banarji	Prakrit Vyakaran Praveshika	B.L.Institute of Indology - Delhi	2012
6.	Dr. Tara Daga	Prakrit Sahitya ki Ruprekha	Prakrit Bharti Academy , Jaipur	2006
7.	Alfred C. Woolner	Introduction to Prakrit	Motilal Banarsidass, Delhi	2008
8.	Dr. Vinitpragya	Uttaradhyayan Sutra	Shri Chandraprabhu Maharaj Juna Jaina Mandir Trust, Chennai	2002
9.	Shri Subhadra Muni	Shri Uttaradhyayan Sutra	University Publication, New Delhi	1999
10.	Dr. Jagnnath Pathak	Gatha Saptashati	Chaukhambha Sanskrit Sansthan, Varanasi	2008
