

Postgraduate Online Programmes in Applied Integral Studies by International Centre for Integral Studies (ICIS) Certified by IGNOU beginning 8th February, 2010

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■ PG CERTIFICATE PROGRAMMES

The programmes will run for one academic semester. There will be a total of 16 Credits per programme – where One Credit = 30 learning hours (including listening to the lecture, reading the transcript, completing the required readings, completing objective and conceptual & application-based reflective assignments, participation in online forums and teleconferences, etc.). Each programme culminates in a research-based project paper or a seminar.

Note: Students without any background in Integral Studies will also need to take a 4-Credit Introductory Course – towards a 20-Credit PG Certificate Programme.

- [The Upanishads in the light of Sri Aurobindo](#)
- [The Study of the Bhagawad Gita in the light of Sri Aurobindo](#)

Pre-Requisite Course (essential for those without a prior background in Integral Studies)

- [An Introduction to Integral Studies: Key Perspectives from the Works of Sri Aurobindo & the Mother](#)

DETAILS...

THE UPANISHADS IN THE LIGHT OF SRI AUROBINDO

Facilitator: Vladimir Yatsenko

Credits: 16 (includes a 4 Credit Research Practicum/Seminar)

Duration: Six months

Vladimir Yatsenko is a Russian scholar and teacher of Sanskrit and the Indian scriptures, settled in Auroville (an international township for human unity), since several years.

Programme Objectives

This programme is an introduction to the Upanishads and Vedantic Metaphysics and Psychology in the light of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother. It maps all major concepts of the Vedantic paradigm and their interpretation in the perspective of Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo. Besides the commentaries of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother the traditional commentaries of Shankara, Sayana and other scholars are widely used.

1. To introduce students to the major concepts as they are presented in Upanishads in the light of Sri Aurobindo.
2. To be able distinguish different Epistemological frameworks, such as ādhibhūta, ādhidaiva, ādhyātma in the texts of Upanishads.
3. To be able to see and to describe the worldview of the Upanishadic Rishis in depth and in detail.
4. To be able to synthesis the views depicted in these four Upanishads into one Vision of the Vedanta and to compare it with the Vedic and post Vedantic paradigms of knowledge.

Course 1: Isha & Kena Upanishads (6 Credits)

1. The Structure and the general content of the Upanishads. Sri Aurobindo on the Epistemology of Upanishadic literature
2. The Vision of the Isha Upanishad
3. The Four movements of the Isha Upanishad in the light of Sri Aurobindo
4. The Kena Upanishad 1-2. Knowledge about Brahman
5. The Kena Upanishad 3-4. The Parable of the Gods
6. Assimilation & Assessment

Course 2: Aitareya & Taittiriya Upanishads (6 Credits)

1. The Aitareya Upanishad. The Myth of Creation. Purusha Sacrifice
2. The Aitareya Upanishad. The Myth of a Primeval Death and the embodiment of the Spirit in Matter
3. The Aitareya Upanishad on the knowledge of Consciousness. Samjnana, Ajnana, Vijnana, Prajnana in the light of Sri Aurobindo
4. The Taittiriya Upanishad, Bhrigu Valli. Knowledge about Brahman
5. The Taittiriya Upanishad, Brahmananda Valli. Knowledge of the Five Purushas
6. Assimilation & Assessment

Course 3: Research Practicum/Seminar/Project Work (4 Credits)

THE STUDY OF THE BHAGAWAD GITA IN THE LIGHT OF SRI AUROBINDO

Facilitator: Sampada Savardekar, PhD

Credits: 16 (includes a 4 Credit Research Practicum/Seminar)

Duration: Six months

Dr. Sampada Savardekar, an ex-student of Sri Aurobindo International Centre for Education, Pondicherry, has done her doctorate in Sanskrit from Pondicherry University. Her primary areas of interest and research are: Indian Scriptures and Indian Culture, besides Sanskrit.

Programme Objectives

The study of any scripture, however sacred, would prove futile if it cannot be relevant to today's human needs. That, which apart from being true to its own epoch, also holds within it the message for future humanity must be an ideal treatise, which can deliver modern man from his present state of spiritual bankruptcy.

The aim of studying the Bhagawad Gita is to unravel the message always verifiable by experience it contains, the truth that is valid for all ages, and all mankind. Sri Aurobindo's vision further clarifies the spirit of the Gita's teaching, which was missed by earlier thinkers due to their keenness in finding in the Gita sufficient material to support their own philosophical thesis.

We propose to approach this epic composition with an attitude of humility and not one of judgement. We hope to seek from it its essential and living message, and not delve into a mere academic scrutiny of terms. The Bhagawad Gita is not a record-book of historical events and therefore, we look at it not from the eye of a historian, but with the openness of a seeker.

Course 1: The Crisis & the Query (6 Credits)

1. Introduction, the need of studying the Gita
2. Arjuna's Crisis
3. Karma and the Concept of Yajna
4. Avataarhood and Vibhuti yoga
5. Vishwarupadarshanam (The Gita's treatment of evil)
6. Assimilation & Assessment

Course 2: The Secret of Deliverance (6 Credits)

1. Bhakti and Shraddha
2. Swabhava and Swadharma
3. Gunas and beyond
4. Purushottamayoga (includes Jiva and Para-prakriti)
5. Conclusion and finale
6. Assimilation & Assessment

Course 3: Research Practicum/Seminar/Project Work (4 Credits)

PRE-REQUISITE COURSE:

AN INTRODUCTION TO INTEGRAL STUDIES: KEY PERSPECTIVES FROM THE WORKS OF SRI AUROBINDO & THE MOTHER

Essential for those not having a previous background in Integral Studies.

Facilitator: **Monica Gupta**

Credits: **4**

Duration: **2 months**

Monica Gupta, a senior lecturer in Gargi College, University of Delhi, has a background in Educational and Developmental Psychology, as well as the integral studies.

Course Objectives

- To give an introduction to the lives and works of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother.
- To give an overview of the key philosophical ideas of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother.
- To provide a basic understanding of the psychological and sociological evolutionary potential of humankind.
- To give an introduction to Integral Yoga and its practice.

Units

1. Introduction to Sri Aurobindo and the Mother
2. Integral Philosophy: Some Key Concepts
3. The Planes and Parts of the Being
4. The Fundamentals of Integral Yoga & Transformation
5. Social Evolution: Moving towards a Life Divine on Earth
6. Assimilation & Assessment

■ PG DIPLOMA PROGRAMMES

Credits: 32 (includes Research Practicums/Seminars)
Duration: One year

The following is an outline of the learning planned each semester.

<u>Semester 1:</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Total</u>
Course 1	6	
Course 2	6	
Research Practicum/Seminar 1	4	16 credits
<u>Semester 2:</u>		
Course 3	6	
Course 4	6	
Research Practicum/Seminar 2	4	16 credits
TOTAL		32 CREDITS

Note: Students without any background in Integral Studies will also need to take a 4-Credit Introductory Course – towards a 36-Credit PG Diploma Programme.

➤ Vedic Studies in the light of Sri Aurobindo

FEE STRUCTURE

■ PG CERTIFICATE PROGRAMMES

Fee	Within India (in INR)	Outside India (in USD)
Application fee	250	20
Course fee	7000	450
Evaluation & Certification fee	1100	75
<i>In Cases where Applicable:</i>		
Prospectus fee (hard copy)	250	20
Returned Cheque fee	200	15
Late Course Fee Payment (up to 15 days)	2% of Course fee	2% of Course fee

Note:

- In case of an on-site practicum, the costs for the same to be borne by the student.
- For those taking the 4 Credit Pre-requisite Course 'An Introduction to Integral Studies: Key Perspectives from the Works of Sri Aurobindo & The Mother', there would an additional Course fee of Rs.2500 (USD 175).

Scholarships: Partial scholarships are available for needy and deserving students.

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Fee	Within India (in INR)	Outside India (in USD)
Application fee	250	20
Course fee	14000	900
Evaluation & Certification fee	2200	150
<i>In Cases where Applicable:</i>		
Prospectus fee (hard copy)	250	20
Returned Cheque fee	200	15
Late Course Fee Payment (up to 15 days)	2% of Course fee	2% of Course fee

Note:

- In case of an on-site practicum, the costs for the same to be borne by the student.
- For those taking the 4 Credit Pre-requisite Course 'An Introduction to Integral Studies: Key Perspectives from the Works of Sri Aurobindo & The Mother', there would be an additional Course fee of Rs.2500 (USD 175).

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