



MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY, KERALA

Abstract

Syriac (Minor) - Fourth Semester - Substitution of a course and approval of the syllabus for the same - Approved - Orders Issued.

ACA 16

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Priyadarsini Hills, Dated: 28.11.2025

Read:- 1. U.O.No.5797/AC A16/2024/MGU, dated.27.06.2024.

2. Minutes of the meeting of the Expert Committee on Syriac (UG), held on 03.11.2025.

3. Orders of the Vice Chancellor under Section 10(17), Chapter III of the Mahatma Gandhi University Act 1985, dated. 27.11.2025.

ORDER

The syllabi of various Honours Under Graduate Programmes coming under The MGU-UGP (Honours) Regulations, 2024, have been approved vide paper read as (1) above and published on the website of the University.

The Expert Committee on Syriac (UG), deliberated on substituting the course, **MG4DSCSYR200: Prose, Grammar, and History of Syrian Church in India (From 15th Century)**, with **MG4DSCSYR200: Syriac Literature and Archaeological Imprints**, in the **Fourth Semester** syllabus of **Syriac (Minor)** and has submitted recommendations, vide paper read as (2) above. **(Syllabus for the new course is attached as Annexure).**

Considering the urgency of the matter, sanction has been accorded by the Vice Chancellor, in exercise of the powers of the Academic Council vested upon him under Section 10(17), Chapter III of the Mahatma Gandhi University Act 1985, vide paper read as (3) above, to approve the aforementioned recommendations.

Orders are issued accordingly.

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Programme						
Course Name	Syriac Literature and Archaeological Imprints					
Type of course	DSC C					
Course Code	MG4DSCSYR200					
Course Level	200					
Course Summary	This course aims at imparting knowledge of History of Syriac literature in broad sense. Also give importance to Archaeological study especially in the areas of Syriac inscriptions and Manuscripts. Here considers the advanced level of grammar especially on verbs and provides some popular Syriac texts from Bible for the translations. This course aims to introduce the learners the history of Syriac literature.					
Semester	IV	Credits				Total Hrs.
Course Details	Learning Approach	Lecture	Tutorial	Practical	Others	
		3	0	1	0	75
Pre -requisites						

COURSE OUTCOMES (CO)

CO No.	Expected Course Outcome	Learning Domains	PO No.
1	Understand history of Syriac literature (2nd to 3rd	K	6

	centuries)		
2	Understand history of Syriac literature (4th to 7th centuries)	K	4
3	Understand the advanced level of grammar.	U	8
4	Understand archaeological imprints and modern trends of Syriac language	U	6
Remember (K), Understand (U), Apply (A), Analyse (An), Evaluate (E) Create(C), Skill (S), Interest (I) and Appreciation (Ap)			

COURSE CONTENT

Content for Classroom transaction (Units)

Module	Units	Course Description	Hrs.	CO. No
1	History of Syriac Literature (2nd to 3rd centuries)			
	1.1	Peshitta Old Testament	3	1
	1.2	The Diatessaron	2	1
	1.3	The Old Syriac Gospels	2	1
	1.4	Bardaissan	2	1
	1.5	Odes of Solomon	2	1
	1.6	The Acts of Solomon	2	1
	1.7	The story of Ahikar	2	1
	1.8	Activity: Compare between the early Syriac writings.	8	1
2	History of Syriac Literature (4th to 7th centuries)			
	2.1	Aphrahat	3	2
	2.2	Ephrem	3	2
	2.3	Narsai	3	2
	2.4	Jacob of Serugh	2	2

	2.5	Jacob of Edessa	8	2
3	Syriac Grammar			
	3.1	Conjugation of Verbs in Future Tense	4	3
	3.2	Conjugation of Verbs in Present Tense	3	3
	3.3	Conjugation of Verbs in Present Tense	3	3
	3.4	Activity: Conjugate all models of verbs in Present Tense and Past Tense	7	3
4	Archaeological Imprints and modern trends of Syriac Language			
	4.1	Syriac Manuscripts	3	4
	4.2	Syriac Inscriptions	3	4
	4.3	Syriac in the 21 st Century	3	4
	4.4	Activity: Find out a Syriac Inscription near to you and analyses it	7	4
5		Teacher Specific Content		

Teaching and Learning Approach	Classroom Procedure (Mode of Transaction) - Lecture - Practicum
Assessment Type	Mode of Assessment A. Continuous Comprehensive Assessment (CCA) 30 Marks - Unit tests - Assignments - Internal Exam1 - Internal Exam2 - Model Exam B. End Semester Evaluation (2 Hrs.) 70 Marks Part A 6 x 3 = 18 (out of 8) Part B 5 x 8 = 40 (out of 7) Part C 1 x 12 = 12 (out of 2)

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