



Mahatma Gandhi University

Programme	BA (Hons) Arabic				
Course Name	KERALA KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS (ARABIC)				
Type of Course	MDC				
Course Code	MG3MDCARB201				
Course Level	200-299				
Course Summary	This course is intended to impart the students an overview of the rich heritage of Knowledge systems in Kerala. Through a multidisciplinary approach, the students will gain insights into the historical, social, cultural and linguistic aspects of various knowledge systems in Kerala.				
Semester	III	Credits		3	Total Hours
Course Details	Learning Approach	Lecture	Tutorial	Practicum	
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Pre-requisites	Nil				

COURSE OUTCOMES (CO) **MGU-UGP (HONOURS)**

CO No.	Expected Course Outcome	Learning Domains *	PO No
1	Identify the distinct features of various knowledge systems of Kerala	A	6
2	Illustrate the scholarly contribution of knowledge systems of ethnic communities and institutional knowledge systems	U	2
3	Evaluate how knowledge systems influenced the social change and modernization in Kerala through ages	E	1
4	Assess the distinct features of the Arab - Muslim knowledge systems in Kerala and the elements of cultural exchange between Kerala and Arab nations	An	9

***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	Ethnic Knowledge Systems of Kerala			
	1.1	Definition of Kerala as a region - Knowledge and Knowledge Systems	10	1,2,3
1.2	Knowledge Systems of Ethnic Communities in Kerala - Forest Dwellers & Rock Paintings- Fishing Communities Knowledge Systems - Fishing- Boat Building - Iron Technology - Carpentry - Oral Knowledge Systems - Folklore - Heroic Poems - Martial Arts			
2	Institutional Knowledge Systems and Social Change in Kerala			
	2.1	Sanskrit Theatre - Traditional Dance forms: Theyyam, Kathakali - Mural Paintings - Astronomy - Ayurvedic Knowledge Systems - Hortus Malabaricus	15	1,2,3
	2.2	Logic & Philosophy: Sri Narayana Guru - Chattampi Swamikal - Kumara Guru - Ayyankali - Social Movements		
2.3	New Knowledge and Modernization - Role of Malayalam in Knowledge production - Translation from Sanskrit and other languages - English Education - Print Culture - Press			
3	Arab - Muslim Knowledge Systems in Kerala			
	3.1	Contacts of Arabs with Kerala - Arab influence on Kerala life	20	1,2,3,4
	3.2	Reform Movements among Muslims in Kerala - Sana'ulla Makthi Thangal - Vakkom Moulavi - Reform through Education		
	3.3	Arab-Muslim Folklore: Mappilappattu, Padappattu, Kissappattu, Kalyanappattu, Vattappattu, Oppana, Kolkali, Kaimuttkali, Arabanamuttu		
3.4	Arabi- Malayalam language and its Heritage - Arabic loanwords in Malayalam - Arabic Language in Kerala - Arabic Poetry & Journals in Kerala			
4		<i>Teacher Specific Content</i>		

Teaching and Learning Approach	<p>Classroom Procedure (Mode of Transaction)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The teacher shall impart a general outline of the rich heritage of Knowledge systems in Kerala. • Students shall assess various dimensions of the historical, social, cultural and linguistic aspects of various knowledge systems in Kerala, by actively engaging in the classroom discussion.
Assessment Types	<p>MODE OF ASSESSMENT</p> <p>Continuous Comprehensive Assessment (CCA) – 25 Marks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assignments • Class Test • Group works and other tools devised by the teacher <p>End Semester Evaluation (ESE) – Duration: 1.5 hours - 50 Marks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short Answer type - 8 out of 10 [8 x 2 = 16 Marks] • Short Note writing – 4 out of 6 [4 x 5 = 20 Marks] • Essay – 1 out of 3 [1 x 14 = 14 Marks]

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