

UNIVERSITY OF MUMBAI

No.UG/204 of 2007

CIRCULAR :-

The Head of the University Department of Philosophy and the Principals of the affiliated colleges in Arts are hereby informed that the recommendation made by the Board of Studies in Logic and Philosophy at its meeting held on 5th April, 2007 has been accepted by the Academic Council at its meeting held on 13th April, 2007 vide Item No.4.39 and subsequently approved by the Management Council at its meeting held on 20th April, 2007 vide Item No.26 and that in accordance therewith One Year short term "**Post graduate Diploma in the Study of Religions**" has been introduced by the University and that the same will be brought into force with effect from the academic year 2007-2008.

Further that in exercise of the powers conferred upon the Management Council under Section 54(1) and Section 55(1) of the Maharashtra Universities Act 1994, it has made **Ordinances 5690 and 5691 and Regulations 5661, 5662, 5663, 5664, 5665 and 5666** relating to the one year "**Post graduate Diploma in the Study of Religions**" as per Appendix and that the same will be brought into force with effect from the academic year 2007-2008.

MUMBAI-400 032

18th May 2007

for I/c. REGISTRAR

To, The Head of the University Department of Philosophy and
The Principals of the affiliated colleges in Arts,

A.C./4.39/13.04.2007

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Copy forwarded with compliments for information to :-

- 1) The Dean, Faculty of Arts,
- 2) The Chairman, Board of Studies in Logic and Philosophy

for I/c. REGISTRAR

Copy to :-

The Director, Board of College and University Development, the Deputy Registrar (Eligibility and Migration Section), the Director of Students Welfare, the Executive Secretary to the Vice-Chancellor, the P.A. to the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, and the Registrar and the Assistant Registrar, Administrative sub-center, Ratnagiri for information.

The Officer on Special Duty and Controller of Examinations (10 copies), the Finance and Accounts Officer (2 copies), Record Section (5 copies), Publications Section (5 copies), the Deputy Registrar, Enrolment, Eligibility and Migration Section (3 copies), the Deputy Registrar, Statistical Unit (2 copies), the Deputy Registrar (Accounts Section), Vidyanagari (2 copies), the Deputy Registrar, Affiliation Section (2 copies), the Director, Institute of Distance Education, (10 copies) the Director University Computer Center (IDE Building), Vidyanagari, (2 copies) the Deputy Registrar (Special Cell), the Deputy Registrar, (PRO), the Assistant Registrar, Academic Authorities Unit (2 copies) and the Assistant Registrar, Executive Authorities Unit (2 copies). They are requested to treat this as action taken report on the concerned resolution adopted by the Academic Council referred to in the above Circular and that a separate Action Taken Report will be sent in this connection. the Assistant Registrar Constituent Colleges Unit (2 copies), BUCT (1 copy), the Deputy Account, Unit V (1 copy), the In-charge Director, Centralize Computing Facility (1 copy), the Receptionist (1 copy), the Telephone Operator (1 copy), the Secretary MUASA (1 copy) the Superintendent, Post-Graduate Section (2 copies), the Superintendent, Thesis Section (2 copies)



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Ordinances, Regulations and Syllabus for the Post-graduate Diploma in Study of Religions

(With effect from the academic year 2007-2008)

POST-GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN STUDY OF RELIGIONS

Preamble:

India is a land of variety. It is the home of different religions of the world. The social fabric of India is woven by the faiths, beliefs, customs, traditions, arts and lifestyles of the people practising different religions. All of them have rendered a unique grandeur to the cultural scenario of our country. A strong bond of unity based on the eternal principles of Bharatiya Sanskriti underlies deep down the apparent diversity. Hence peace and harmony have been hallmarks of Indian Culture.

But the present thrust on acquisition and the strong forces of consumerism have shaken the strong bedrock of culture throughout the world. The relevance of religion is being questioned on one hand while on the other hand religion is being used as a divisive force in a pluralistic society like India. It is important to accept and respect the co-existence of divergent faiths in the next millennium. It is correctly said that to be religious now means to be inter-religious.

On the background of religious fanaticism, fundamentalism and terrorism in cosmopolitan Mumbai, it is imperative to introduce the basic understanding of all major religions to all strata of the society.

O. 5690 Structure of the Course:

Title of the course

Postgraduate Diploma course in Study of Religions.

O. 5691 Eligibility

Graduate from any discipline

R. 5658 Duration of the course

One Year (Part time) – June to April.

Lectures (80 lectures per paper)

(32 lectures per unit)

R. 5659 Fee Structure

Rs. 2000/- (tuition fees)

Rs. 50/- (post-graduate registration fees)

Rs. 300/- (library fees)

Rs. 150/- (examination fees)

R. 5660 Teachers' qualification

M. A. (Philosophy/Sanskrit) - (Ph. D. is desirable)

Intellectuals from a cross-section of educational/religious/cultural/social institutions.

R. 5661 Intake capacity

80 students(maximum) per batch per center

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Scheme of Papers

Two papers of theory of 100 marks each plus one dissertation of 50 marks, as follows:

Paper I - Development of Religion (Semester I).

Paper II - Religious Literature and Practical Aspects of Religion (Semester II).

Paper III - Dissertation 50 marks.

Minimum marks for passing

40% marks in each paper and dissertation.

Examination Pattern

Paper I at the end of semester I and Paper II at the end of semester II. The dissertation of 50 marks has to be completed under the guidance of a post-graduate teacher recognized by University of Mumbai. The dissertation should be submitted by the end of March.

The examination will be conducted by the institute. The examiners will include post-graduate teachers recognized by University of Mumbai.

Payment for Resource persons

Honorarium: Rs. 150/- per lecture of 50 minutes.

Rs. 100/- for evaluation per dissertation.

Course Content:

Total no. of lectures: 160

No. of lectures per unit: 32

Paper I - Development of religious thought

Unit I (Evolution of Religion)

1. Concepts of 'Religion' and 'Dharma'.
2. Definition, subject-matter, scope, aim and method of comparative study of Religion.
3. Development of Religion
 - Ancient to modern.
 - Polytheism to Monotheism.
 - Language, Mythology and Symbolism.

Unit II (Philosophy of Religion)

1. Philosophical foundations of major world-religions.
2. Western view-point: Pre-renaissance & post-renaissance (Religious/ Scholastic Philosophy).
3. Indian view-point: Vedic and post-Vedic period.

Paper II- Literature and Practical Aspects of Religion

Unit I (Religious Texts)

1. Outline of Religious Literature - Vedic, Agamic, Buddhist and Jaina.
2. Outline of Semitic Religious Literature - Judaism, Christianity, Islam.
3. History of important faiths - Vedic, Zoroastrian, Buddhist, Jaina, Judaic, Christian, Islamic

Unit II (Practical aspects of religion)

1. Meditation
 - Vipassana and its regional variations
 - Yoga theory & practice
 - Preksha DhyanaMeditation in Semitic Tradition
 - Sufi
 - Spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius.

2. Religious festivals, sacraments and rituals - their significance.

Unit III (Importance of religion in modern times)

1. Relevance of comparative study of religion in the present context.
2. Need of inter-religious dialogue and the possibility of unity of religions.
3. Common ethical values underlying all religions.

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