

University of Mumbai



No. UG/185 of 2019-20

CIRCULAR:-

Attention of the Principals of the Affiliated Colleges, the Head of the University Departments and Directors of the recognized Institutions in Humanities Faculty is invited to the syllabus uploaded by the Academic Council at its meeting held on 6th June, 2012 vide item No. 4.37 relating to the revised syllabus as per (CBSGS) for Diploma Course in Vallabha Vedanta (Suddhadvaita) and Vaisnavism.

They are hereby informed that the recommendations made by the Board of Studies in Logic and Philosophy at its meeting held on 28th August, 2019 and subsequently approved by the Board of Deans at its meeting held on 1st October, 2019 vide item No.61 have been accepted by the Academic Council at its meeting held on 3rd October, 2019 vide item No. 4.6 and that in accordance therewith, the revised syllabus for the Diploma Course in Vallabha Vedanta (Suddhadvaita) and Vaisnavism, has been brought into force with effect from the academic year 2020-21, accordingly. (The same is available on the University's website www.mu.ac.in).

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30th December, 2019

(Signature)
(Dr. Ajay Deshmukh)
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To

The Principals of the affiliated Colleges, the Head of the University Departments and Directors of the recognized Institutions in Humanities Faculty. (Circular No. UG/334 of 2017-18 dated 9th January, 2018.)

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Copy forwarded with Compliments for information to:-

- 1) The Chairman, Board of Deans,
- 2) The Dean, Faculty of Humanities,
- 3) The Chairman, Board of Studies in Logic and Philosophy,
- 4) The Director, Board of Examinations and Evaluation,
- 5) The Professor-cum-Director, Institute of Distance and Open Learning (IDOL),
- 6) The Director, Board of Students Development,
- 7) The Co-ordinator, University Computerization Centre,

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UNIVERSITY OF MUMBAI



**Diploma Course in Vallabha Vedanta
(Suddhadvaita) and Vashnavism**

Course: Logic and Philosophy

(with effect from the academic year 2020-21)

Diploma Course in Vallabha Vedānta (Śuddhādvaita) and Vaiśnavism

Aims and Objectives

A Certificate Course (One Year) in Vallabha Vedanta and Vaisnavism was introduced in the academic year 2005-06 through the Vallabha Vedanta Academy and Research Centre established in the Department of Philosophy of Mumbai University. The Certificate course in Vallabha Vedanta is designed to introduce to the students the diversity of religious beliefs and values especially of major religions such as Jainism, Buddhism, Islam and Christianity. Many students take this course of Vallabha Vedanta to learn more about their own religious traditions, to clarify their own thinking and also to learn about the traditions of other religions. The diversity of religious beliefs and values may develop "cultural literacy" in the major religions of the world.

The selection of texts to be studied in Diploma course is to help them understand their own tradition and how it has shaped them. This may develop empathy for the goals and mission of key figures of their religion.

Thus the main objective of these courses is to show how their religion functions and how it shapes society, particularly its art and literature, how their religion developed and continue to develop as social and cultural institution, to know the basic history and philosophy of their religion.

There will be two papers for Diploma Course in Philosophy of Vallabha Vedānta (Śuddhadvaita) and Vaisnavism, each carrying 100 marks and Project work of 50 marks.

Learning Outcomes

The learner shall be able to carry forward the exploration into the philosophy of Vallabha Vedanta and Vaishnavism through detailed textual study of some writings of Sri Vallabhacharya as well as selections from the Bhagavad Gita. By the end of the course, the learner shall develop a capacity for not just a deeper understanding of the traditions but also independent reading and critical skills.

Paper I – Theory (100 Marks)

Paper II – Theory (100 Marks)

Project Work (50 Marks)

Minimum marks for passing is 40% in each of the papers as well as the project.

2. Eligibility: A candidate for being eligible for admission to the course must have passed Certificate in Vallabh Vedanta and Vaisnavism, Department of Philosophy, University of Mumbai.

3. Duration for the course: It shall be a part-time course and its duration shall be one academic year i.e. June – April consisting of two academic terms.

4. Fee Structure: The fee prescribed for registration shall be Rs. 100 /-
The fee prescribed as tuition fee shall be Rs. 2200 /-
Identity card Rs. 50/-

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- **There will be two hours of lectures for each paper every week.**

Paper I (Textual Study)

Four Texts (selected from the ‘Sixteen Treatises’ (Sodaśa Grantha) of Śrī Vallabhācārya. (Four Topics: Śaranāgati, Samarpana, Sevā and Bhakti from the selected four texts as mentioned below):

UNIT I

- a. Comparison with other schools of Vedanta(Sankara, Madhva, Ramanuja, Nimbarka)
- b. Kashmir Saivism vs Suddhadvaita

UNIT II

- a. Selected verses from Siddhanta muktavali

UNIT III

- a. Selected verses from Bhakti vardhini

UNIT IV

- a. Selected Verses of Srimad Brahma Sutra Anubhashya

References:

1. James Radington, Sodasa Grantha, Sai Sadguru Publications, Indological and Oriental Publishers, New Delhi, 2000 (English).
2. Ramesh Parekh, Sodasa Grantha, Shri Harsaniji Public Charitable Trust, Mehsana, 1996 (Gujarati).
3. Teachings of Shri Vallabhacharya, Trans. Shyamdas, Pratham Peeth Publications,

2003.

4. Anurag Gumashta, Shri Vallabha Vidyapeeth Shri Vithalesh Prabhucharan Ashram Trust, Kolhapur, V.S. 2070.
5. K. Narain, The Philosophy of Vallabha School of Vedanta, Indological Research Centre, Varanasi.

Paper II

UNIT I

- a. Selected verses from Kapila Gita

UNIT II

- a. Selected verses from Kapila Gita

UNIT III

- a. Selected verses of Navaratnam

UNIT IV

- a. Selected Verses of Sarvanirnaya Prakarna

References:

1. T. Ramanan, Subodhini, Sai Sadguru Publications, Indological and Oriental Publishers, New Delhi, 2008 (English)

9. Advanced Diploma Course in Vallabha Vedānta (Śuddhādvaita) and Vaiṣṇavism

Aims and Objectives

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Learning Outcomes

The learner shall be able engage with the traditions through closer and more detailed as well as complex reading of selections from several texts. This shall provide the learner with an opportunity to acquire a scholarly rigor and conceptual mastery over the subject matter that will be dealt with.

- 1. Scheme of Papers:** There will be two papers for Advanced Diploma Course in Philosophy of Vallabha Vedānta (Śuddhādvaita) and Vaiṣṇavism, each carrying 100 marks and Project work of 50 marks.

Paper I – Theory (100 marks)

Paper II – Theory (100 marks)

Project Work (50 marks)

Total – 250 marks

2. **Eligibility:** A candidate for being eligible for admission to the course, will have to pass Diploma in Vallabha Vedānta (Śuddhādvaita) and Vaiṣṇavism, Department of Philosophy, University of Mumbai.
3. **Duration for the course:** It shall be a part-time course and its duration shall be one academic year i.e. June – April consisting of two academic terms.
4. **Fee Structure:**
 - The fee prescribed for registration shall be Rs. 100 /-
 - The fee prescribed as tuition fee shall be Rs. 2930 /-
 - Identity card Rs. 50/-

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- **There will be two hours of lectures for each paper every week.**

Paper I (Textual Study) Tattvārthadīpanibandha

Unit I

Śāstrārtha Prakaraṇa:

- a. Sources of Knowledge (6-12)
- b. Nature of Jada and Cosmology (23, 26-34)
- c. Nature of Jīva (61-64)

Unit II

Śāstrārtha Prakaraṇa:

- a. Nature of Brahman (65-72)
- b. Śuddhādvaita (91-93)
- c. Means and End (101-104)

Unit III

Sarvanirṇaya Prakaraṇa (84-89, 94-107, 110-116, 118-122)

Unit IV

Sarvanirṇaya Prakaraṇa (137-149, 220, 225-237, 246, 247, 254)

References:

1. Jose Pereira, Tattvārthadīpanibandha, Motilal Banarsidass Publishers, Delhi, 1991 (English).
2. Sharada Goswami, Tattvārthadīpanibandha, Shri Vallabhacharya Trust, Kutch, 2057 V.S. (Hindi).
3. J.G. Shah, Tattvārthadīpanibandha, Seth Narayandas and Jethalal Asanmal Charitable Trust, Mumbai, 1943 (Gujarati).
4. Anurag Gumashta, Shri Vallabha Vidyapeeth Shri Vithalesh Prabhucharan Ashram Trust, Kolhapur, V.S. 2070.
5. K. Narain, The Philosophy of Vallabha School of Vedanta, Indological Research Centre, Varanasi.

Paper II (Textual Study)

Śrīmad Brahmasūtra Anubhāṣya

Unit I

Anubhasya: Chapter I. I. 2, 3

Anubhasya: Chapter I. IV. 23-27

Unit II

Anubhasya: Chapter II. I. 14-20

Anubhasya: Chapter II. I. 30-37

Unit III

Anubhasya: Chapter III. II. 28-30

Anubhasya: Chapter III. III. 35-39

Unit IV

Anubhasya: Chapter IV. IV. 17-22

References:

1. P.M. Modi, Anubhāṣya, Vallabha Satsang Mandal, Vadodra, 2009 (English)
2. Kedarath Mishra, Anubhāṣya (Hindi)
3. Goswami, Lalit Krishnaji (ed.) Anubhashyam, alongwith an introduction by Goswami Shyam Manoharji, Chaukhamba Sanskrit Prakashan, Delhi, 2001.

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