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SANSKRIT STUDIES AT HUA – SCRIPT TO SCRIPTURES



CERTIFICATE PROGRAM IN SANSKRIT PROFICIENCY (CPSP)



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Certificate Program in Sanskrit Proficiency (CPSP) offers an enriching journey into the heart of Sanskrit for beginners aged 14 and above. This comprehensive 4-year program guides the students towards proficiency in reading, writing, speaking, and understanding Sanskrit, enabling direct access to ancient Hindu texts without relying on translations. Divided into four phases over 16 quarters, students will earn 24 credits to complete the program, with a strong focus on mastery of Devanāgarī script, and Sanskrit grammar and vocabulary. The program fosters a deep appreciation for the systematic nature of Sanskrit and its rich cultural and spiritual heritage.

What Makes Our CPSP Program Unique?

- **Foundational Learning:** Begins with the basics of the Devanagari script.
- **Comfortably paced:** Progressively guides students towards Sanskrit proficiency.
- **Medium of Instruction:** English; no prior knowledge of Sanskrit required.
- **Live Interactive Classes:** 100% online with real-time interaction with faculty.
- **Flexible Structure:** Breaks allowed between phases to cater to busy lives.



PROGRAM GOALS

- Achieve proficiency in reading and writing the Devanāgarī script.
- Skillfully apply Sanskrit vocabulary and grammar.
- Translate and explain Sanskrit texts in English, and vice-versa.
- Communicate effectively in both spoken and written Sanskrit.
- Create diverse content in Sanskrit.



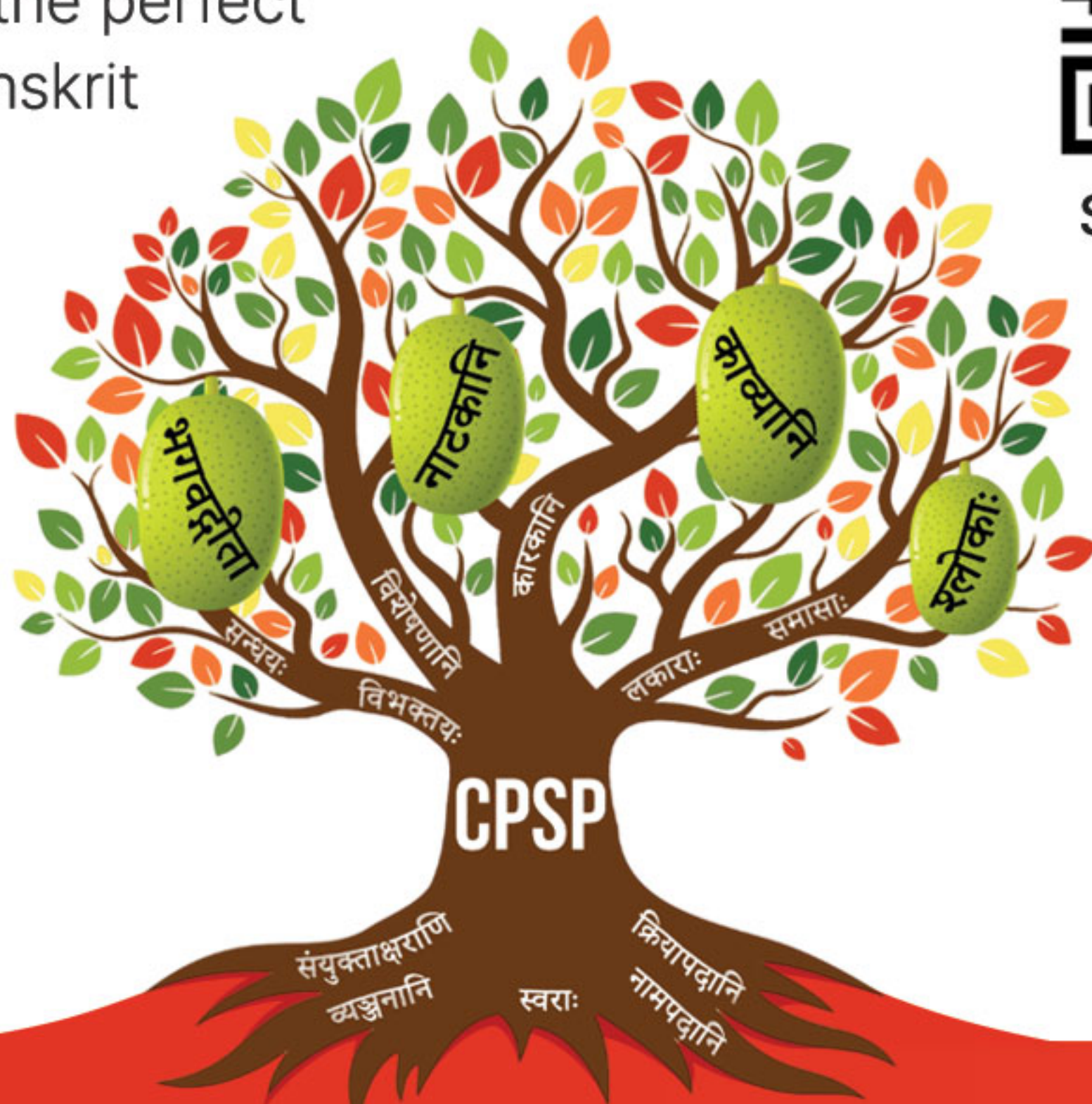
PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Proficiency in English; no prior knowledge of Sanskrit or Devanagari script needed.
- Entry assessment for students with prior Sanskrit experience for lateral entry.
- Minimum of 22.5 credit hours required to earn the program certificate.



TO REGISTER

Whether you are passionate about Hindu philosophy, its texts or simply love learning languages, this program provides the perfect foundation for your Sanskrit exploration, unlocking profound insights and deepening your connection to one of the world's oldest languages. To join HUA's CPSP program or to know more:



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MICRO CERTIFICATE IN SPOKEN SAMSKRITAM (MCSS)



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Micro Certificate in Spoken Samskritam (MCSS) is a 6-quarter program that brings an appreciation of the language through everyday conversations. Designed for students with a basic understanding of Devanāgarī script but lacking fluency in spoken Saṃskṛtam, this 9-credit hour journey offers an immersive experience in mastering conversational proficiency. Through real-life scenarios, vocabulary building, and engaging skits, learners refine their pronunciation (paṭhanam), listening skills (śravaṇam), conversation (sambhāṣaṇam), and comprehension (avagamanam). With 1.5 credit hours per quarter, the MCSS perfectly complements HUA's CPSP, and transforms Saṃskṛtam into a living, breathing language, inviting the student to connect deeply with its culture and wisdom in a joyful and profound way.



KEY FEATURES

- **Learn Like a Child:** Listen, repeat, and enjoy the process.
- **Small Student Groups:** Engage in continuous Saṃskṛtam conversations.
- **Fun Learning:**
 - No written exams; focus on creating verbal content like skits and stories.
 - Emphasis on language application over grammar rules.
 - Enjoy contemporary learning modes: storytelling, news reading, games, and more.
- **Mandatory Attendance:** Required for live interactions and immersive learning.



PROGRAM GOALS

- Strengthen listening skills and pronunciation in Saṃskṛtam.
- Achieve a deeper understanding and comprehension of Saṃskṛtam.
- Expand vocabulary and master grammar for effective communication.
- Engage in fluent verbal communication in Saṃskṛtam.
- Develop the ability to compose texts and content in Saṃskṛtam.



PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Proficiency in English & knowledge of Devanagari script needed.



TO REGISTER TO MCSS

If you're a Sanskrit enthusiast and wish to speak in the Devabhāsa, or take your conversational skills in Saṃskṛtam to the next level, this program provides the perfect foundation for your Spoken Sanskrit exploration. Join HUA's MCSS program and embark on a fun learning experience. To know more:



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JOIN A VIBRANT GLOBAL ACADEMIC COMMUNITY WHERE YOU WILL EXPLORE, ENGAGE, AND

BHAGAVAD GITA THROUGH SAMSKRITAM (BGTS)



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Bhagavad-Gita through Samskritam (BGTS) program seamlessly combines Sanskrit language study with an immersive exploration of the Bhagavad-Gītā. Over 4 years, students master reading, writing, and understanding Sanskrit, using the Bhagavad-Gītā as the anchor text. Through chanting, interpretation, and engagement with its verses, participants unlock the rich tapestry of Hindu civilization, gaining deep insights. This program not only deepens appreciation for this sacred text but also equips students with the skills to engage with other ancient Sanskrit texts, connecting them to the cultural and spiritual heritage of Hinduism. The BGTS program provides a foundation for advanced studies in Saṃskṛtam and Hindu philosophy, empowering students to interpret and represent Hinduism with confidence and clarity.



PROGRAM GOALS

- Instill an appreciation for Bhagavad Gītā.
- Study Saṃskṛtam grammar using Bhagavad Gītā verses.
- Learn to parse verses to decipher the apt meaning.
- Effectively translate and explain Sanskrit verses in both English and Saṃskṛtam.



PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Proficiency in English and Devanagari script needed.
- Minimum of 22.5 credit hours required to earn the program certificate.



TO REGISTER

If you're eager to learn the Bhagavad Gītā in its original form, this program offers the perfect foundation for your Sanskrit exploration through the Bhagavad Gītā. Unlock profound insights and deepen your connection to one of the world's oldest languages and texts. To join the BGTS program or to know more:



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MASTER OF ARTS IN SANSKRIT (MAS)



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Master of Arts in Sanskrit (MAS) program at HUA, offered in partnership with MIT-IKS, invites students to immerse in the rich world of Sanskrit. This carefully designed program, taught entirely in Sanskrit, guides students from proficiency to master, opening the doors to the profound wisdom of Hindu philosophy, spirituality, and science. With flexible two-year and four-year options to accommodate busy professionals, the program offers a blend of live and pre-recorded online classes.

Whether you're passionate about delving deeper into Sanskrit texts for svadhyaya or preparing for doctoral studies, the MAS program's tailored, practice-oriented approach with deep specialization in timeless Indic knowledge systems is ideal for you.

What makes our MA Sanskrit Unique?

- Comprehensive practice-focused curriculum.
- Immersive learning in Sanskrit medium for true mastery.
- Flexible 2 or 4 year online formats offered.
- Exceptional faculty with PhDs and Veda-pāṭhśala training.
- Specialization opportunities for independent research.
- Term project that paves the way for further research.



PROGRAM GOALS

- Deepen understanding of Śāstra structure and composition.
- Master Sanskrit text interpretation using traditional methods.
- Critically analyze Śāstras with various commentaries.
- Explore diverse interpretations from different philosophical schools.
- Articulate the relevance of Vedic knowledge in contemporary contexts.



PROGRAM PREREQUISITES

- Bachelor's degree in any discipline.
- Sanskrit Proficiency Required:
 - All students must pass the Sanskrit Proficiency Test (SPT).
 - Comprehension of written Saṃskṛtam essential.
 - Knowledge of spoken Saṃskṛtam is preferred.



PROGRAM STRUCTURE

- Total of **48 quarter credit hours** (32 semester credit hours).
- Requires a minimum of **16 courses** (3 quarter credit hours each).
 - 11 core courses (mandatory).
 - 5 elective courses (choose from 13 available).
- Available in 2-year & 4-year formats for flexibility.



TO REGISTER TO MAS PROGRAM

To Master the Saṃskṛtam and earn a degree, HUA's Master of Arts in Sanskrit, in partnership with MIT-IKS, is a flexible, application-oriented approach to Sanskrit studies, tailored for current times. To join HUA's MAS program to deepen your exploration and to know more:



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WHY SAṂSKṚTAM AT HUA?

Saṁskṛtam, with its intricate structure and melodic resonance, stands as a linguistic tapestry woven through centuries of cultural and philosophical evolution. Hindu University of America believes that learning Saṁskṛtam not only fosters a deep appreciation for the roots of Indian culture, but also allows one to enhance their linguistic precision and offers a profound connection to the rich heritage of ancient knowledge.

Sanskrit Studies at HUA features 4 immersive Sanskrit Programs, beginning with Devanagari script, progressing towards proficiency and achieving mastery in the Sanskrit language, and thus enabling a deep dive into the world of Sanskrit literature. Underscoring the importance of Sanskrit for the study of the source texts rooted in Hindu thought, this collection of programs focus on a sound grounding in reading, writing, understanding and speaking Saṁskṛtam to facilitate direct, unmediated access to these source-texts without having to rely on translations.



OUR SANSKRIT PROGRAMS - AT A GLANCE:

NAME	DURATION	MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION	LANGUAGE PREREQUISITE	ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA	CREDITS	LATERAL ENTRY
Certificate Program in Sanskrit Proficiency (CPSP)	4 years	English	English	4yrs +	24	Possible*
Micro Certificate in Spoken Samskritam (MCSS)	1.5 years	English/ Sanskrit	English, Devanāgarī script	4 yrs +	9	Possible*
Bhagavad Gita Through Samskritam (BGTS)	4 years	English/ Sanskrit	English, Devanāgarī script	4yrs +	24	Not possible
Master of Arts in Sanskrit (MAS)	2years / 4 years	Sanskrit	Sanskrit Proficiency	1. Completed Undergrad 2. Cleared SPT	48	Not possible

MAIN CAMPUS:

PINE LAKE RETREAT CENTER,
21725 FL-33,
GROVELAND, FL 34736

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE:

5200 VINELAND RD #125
ORLANDO, FL 32811

WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY

- “After 20 years of trying, HUA's Sanskrit program has made learning Sanskrit **effective and accessible**. The CPSP's **structured approach** simplified complex rules, making it the most **valuable** program I've encountered.”
- “**BGTS** offers a systematic approach to Sanskrit with thorough coverage of vibhaktis and slokas. Exceptional instruction and **convenient** class recordings make this course essential for deepening Sanskrit and cultural understanding.”
- “**MCSS** engages learners with its **interactive methods**, knowledgeable instructors, and excellent materials. Clear explanations and prompt doubt resolution make the experience both enjoyable and effective.”
- “As a graduate of HUA's **MA Sanskrit program**, I can attest to its **uniqueness**. Partnered with India, it offers a profound journey through Indic knowledge, embodying HUA's motto. I'm grateful for this **exceptional program**.”
- “The **MA Sanskrit degree** from MIT-IKS and HUA has been **transformative**. Combining **traditional and modern methods**, the supportive faculty and peer group enriched my exploration of Sanskrit and Indic knowledge.”
- “Enrolling in the **MAS program** from HUA and MIT-IKS **surpassed my expectations**. The **well-structured curriculum** and interactive sessions with distinguished Āchāryas made exploring Vedic literature joyful and profound.”
- “HUA's **MA Sanskrit program** provided a comprehensive and flexible learning experience. Knowledgeable faculty and **convenient class timings** made balancing work and study manageable, while the **rich curriculum** deepened my understanding of Vedic sciences.”



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