

**THE MAHARAJA SAYAJIRAO UNIVERSITY OF BARODA VADODARA**

**FACULTY OF ARTS**

B.A Honours in  
Hindu Studies  
**[Higher Payment Program]**



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Bharat is an ancient civilization which has nourished the philosophy of “Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam” or “the whole world is my family.” Since thousands of years, it has exhibited the openness to assimilate newer religions and philosophies as a part of its culture.

Unfortunately, the Eurocentric control of India’s history and knowledge systems has given a biased and incomplete representation of the true nature of Hindu *darshan* (philosophy). Important traditions and texts like Veda, Ramayana, Mahabharata and others were dismissed as myths or mythology by the colonial administrators. The western influence continued to be propounded in the various educational institutions even in the post-independent period.

The Government of India introduced New Education Policy (NEP) in 2019, which focuses on value added courses to correct such anomalies. Greater emphasise is laid on Bharat centric knowledge tradition. Keeping in tune with the changing times, this programme on Hindu Studies, highlights the importance of an ancient knowledge system while it gives a better understanding to the present and future generations of the importance of Bharat in the global scenario.

The importance of Hindu studies has fundamental theoretical dimensions. These dimensions enable better understanding of the Hindu *dharma*, its importance in *bharatiyasamaj* and *bharatiyasanskriti*. This programme elaborates and justifies the *dharmic* and cultural aspects of Hindus. Besides it also presents a critical exploration of various other ideas and philosophies that are dominant in contemporary world and provide an alternative set of knowledge system to promote greater justice and ‘manavta’ for holistic living.

**Programme Objectives:**

The three years graduation programme will impart basic knowledge of Hindu Civilization and articulate the position of Hindu values in the present context. It will help the student understand Hindu conceptions of the individual, family, relationships, society, state, environment, and the entire cosmos.

The graduation program is structured around a wide range of disciplines to enable students from different streams such as Humanities, Science and Commerce to apply to this program.

No	Semester	Code	Title	Credit
1.	Semester - 01	Core -01	Introduction To Hindu Tattva-Vimarsa	04
		Allied -01	Introduction to Hindu Darshanas	04
		Allied – 02	Introduction to Yogashastra	04
		IDE -01	Parichayatmak Sanskrit	04
		Foundation -01	English-01 (English Communication)	04
		Foundation -02	Compulsory Hindi	04
2.	Semester - 02	Core -02	Introduction to Pramana Siddhant	04
		Allied -03 (A) Allied -03 (B)	Prachin Bharat Introduction to Political Studies	04
		Allied – 04 (A) Allied - 04 (B)	Madhyakaleen Bharat Indian Constitution	04
		IDE – 02	Advanced Sanskrit	04
		Foundation -03	English -02 (Introduction to Employability Skills)	04
		Foundation -04	Environmental Science	04
3.	Semester - 03	Core -03	Introduction to the Vedas	04
		Core -04	Introduction to Upanishads	04
		Allied -05 (A) Allied -05 (B)	Adhunik Bharat (1707-1857) Introduction to International Relations	04
		Allied – 06 (A) Allied - 06 (B)	National Movement of Bharat Foundations of India’s Foreign Policy	04
		IDE -03	Hindu Manovigyaan	04
		Foundation -05	Introduction to Bhagawad Gita	04

4	Semester - 04	Core -05	Introduction to Ramayana evam Mahabharata	04
		Core -06	Purana Parichay	04
		Allied -07 (A) Allied -07 (B)	History of the Modern World Indian Political Thought	04
		Allied – 08 (A) Allied - 08 (B)	Hindu Civilization in South East Asia Theories and Ideas of Political Community	04
		IDE -04	Hindu Nyaya Vyavastha	04
		Foundation - 06	Introduction Ayurveda	04
5	Semester - 05	Core -07	Introduction to Vada Parampara	04
		Core -08	Aachaar (Ethics) in Dharmashastras	04
		Core -09	Bhakti Movement	04
		Core -10	Shaiva, Vaishnav and Shakti Traditions	04
		Core - 11	Arthashastra (Statecraft and Polity)	04
		Core -12	Introduction to Budhha Evam Jain Tradition	04
6	Semester - 06	Core -13	Islam and Christianity	04
		Core -14	Western Methods of Understanding Discourses	04
		Core -15	Introduction to Natyashastra	04
		Core- 16	Vastushastra evam Sthapatya	04
		Core- 17	Introduction to Kavyashastra	04
		Core -18	Hindus in Brihattar Bharat (Greater Bharat)	04
<b>Six subjects selection between A Group (History) OR B Group (Political Science) Total Credit</b>				<b>144</b>

The program offers various interdisciplinary subjects such as Yogshastra, Natyashastra, Kavyashastra, Vastushastra, and Sthapatya etc. The objective of this program is to impart wholistic knowledge to students.

Hindu Studies offers an umbrella of opportunities in building up a prospective career. The student can consider three broad categories of -Religion, Education and Research etc.

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**Number of Seats:** The programme would induct 60 students in one division.

**Admission: Eligibility:**Any student with Higher Secondary School Certificate ( 12<sup>th</sup> Standard) of any State or Central Board is eligible to apply. Admission is based on Merit

**Fee Structure:** Form & Entrance Examination Fee: Rs 300/-  
First Year, Second and Third Year fee would be Rs. 14000/-per year

### **Page no 6 Course Structure**

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#### **Significant Features of the Program:**

1. The course is based on syllabus of Hindu studies recommended by the University Grants Commission (UGC), Govt. of India for the purposes of many qualifying exams such as NET examination.
2. The Program develops a good understanding of foundational principles underlying Hindu civilization, society, and culture.
3. Exploring the relevance of the Hindu Studies in the contemporary changing world order.
4. Well-qualified and multi-disciplinary faculties from various academic institutions are engaged in this programme.
5. Well-developed repository of both offline as well as online resources of the various core and allied subjects are accessible to the students. Internship program with leading social and cultural organizations.
6. Seminars, Workshops, Guest Lectures and Conferences will be organized. The students also undertake study tours of various institutions, leading research organizations.

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#### **About the University**

The Maharaja Sayajirao University is considered to be India's one of internationally renowned institution was established in 1949. It had evolved from the Baroda College (1881) which was one of the oldest centers of learning in western India. This University is the only state university with a residential, unitary character having English as a medium of instruction. It has fourteen faculties and more than 89 departments with almost 1200 well-qualified faculty members and

1500 administrative staff. The University is fully qualified and equipped to facilitate the learning of more than 40000 students. About the Faculty

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Faculty of ARTS is a premier institution of teaching and research in languages, social sciences and the humanities. The Faculty of Arts owes its genesis to The Baroda College, which was established in 1881 by H. H. Maharaja Sayajirao Gaekwad – III of the erstwhile princely state of Baroda. There are more than twenty one department in the Faculty with over 3000 students enrolling every year.

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