Department of English, Amritapuri Campus

Course Title: Devotion and Values for a Meaningful Living
Course Code: EN-814

Objectives:

The course encourages students to adopt interdisciplinary perspectives to interpret contemporary cultural phenomena world-wide and the tenets of the religious-minded in India. It provides a comprehensive understanding of the origin and evolution of devotion in Indian Culture and how emphasis in the Hindu scriptures fall more on a value-based living to make human life worthy. Highlighting the idea of ‘Vasudeva Kudumbakam’, the emphasis falls on how the age-old Indian prayer, Lakaa: Samasthaa: Sukhino Bhavantu can be made a ‘reality’, and how even the idea of ‘salvation’ is described as second only to a meaningful life rooted in the values by the Indian thinkers.

Unit I All About Hinduism - Sri Swami Sivananda
Unit II Selections from The Complete Works of Swami Vivekananda
Unit III What Religion Is - Swami Vivekananda
Unit IV An Introduction to Hindu Culture- Ancient and Medieval. Mylapore: Ramakrishna Mission. Swami Harshananda
Unit V A Primer of Hinduism - D.S. Sarma

Prescribed Texts & References

8. Values: The Key to a Meaningful Life: Advaita Ashrama (A Vedantakesari Presentation)