

## Syllabus for open course

### Syriac Language and Literature

Course Code	Syriac
Title of the Course	Syriac language and literature
Semester in which the Course is to be taught	V
No. of Credits	4
No. of Contact Hours	72

#### **Aim of the course**

- To provide a general awareness about the Syriac language and its literature.
- To equip the students to read, write and translate Syriac texts and enable them to aware the Semitic culture.
- To open a scope for higher studies in Syriac and other related fields.

#### **Objectives of the course.**

- To familiarise the students with the Syriac Language and its literature.
- To familiarise the students with Syriac Grammar.
- To give the students a basic knowledge on Syriac Language and literature through the study of its poems and Prose.
- To show the students the influence of Syriac on Indian languages and the similarities between them.

#### **Course Outline**

##### **Module I : History of Syriac Language and Literature.**

The origin and development of Syriac language (general information) – Development of vowel system, Different scripts of Syriac language. An introduction to Syriac Literature, The Golden age of Syriac Literature, Syriac writers: Aphrahaat, St.Ephrem, Narsai, Mar Jacob of Serug, Jacob of Edessa, Bar Hebraeus.

##### **Module II : Grammar.**

Advanced study of Grammar : noun, Numerals, Pronoun, Declension of Personal pronouns, Personal pronoun as verb `To be`, Pronominal suffixes, Conjugation of verbs – both active and passive, Objective Suffixes, Derivatives of verbs, Grammatical analysis etc.

### **Module III : Poetry and prose.**

Poetry : Psalm 51, Farewell, Stray gems, Resurrection and the Day of Judgement.

Prose : The bread of Life (St. John VI, 35 – 72), The New Commandment (St. John XIII, 1 – 38),

The Sermon on the Mount ( St. Mathew V, 1- 48)

#### Books for reading.

- 1) Collection of Syriac gems – Both Poem and Prose.
- 2) Syriac Chadaic Grammar, Fr. Gabriel CMI.
- 3) Aramaic Grammar – Vol I& II, Fr. Thomas Arayathinal.
- 4) Syriac Grammar, Robinson.
- 5) Suriyani Bhasha pravesika, Konattu Abraham Kathanar.
- 6) New Testament in Syriac.
- 7) Short History of Syriac Liturature, William Wright.
- 8) A brief outline of Syriac Literature, Sebastian P Brock.
- 9) The Syriac language and Literature, Dr. Romeo Thomas.