

# University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka

## Faculty of Graduate Studies

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## Syllabi & Examination Regulations

### Master of Saiva Siddhantha

**Master of Saiva Siddhanta 2022/2023 (Batch VII)**

## **Vision of the Faculty**

To be the centre of excellence in postgraduate teaching, learning and research

## **Mission of the Faculty**

To promote, foster and coordinate postgraduate education and research in diverse disciplines and interdisciplinary fields in coordination with all Faculties and Institutes locally and abroad and to engage in producing competent, innovative and dedicated intellectuals and science and technology personnel while preserving culture and heritage with advanced knowledge and skills who would contribute to regional and national development.

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## COURSE STRUCTURE

The Master of Arts in Saiva Siddhanta programme is one year duration, which operates on a modularized credit valued semester based course unit system. The academic programme is composed of 12 theory course units and a dissertation. The credit value of each theory course unit is three (including two non-credit units) and the dissertation is ten. one credit is equivalent to 15 hours lectures and tutorials.

## EVALUATION AND EXAMINATION PROCEDURES

In Course Assessment	30%
<i>Individual Tutorials</i> - 10%	
<i>Group Assignment</i> - 10%	
<i>Presentation</i> - 10%	
End Semester Examination (Written Papers)	70%

### Grading System

Marks Range	Grade	Grade Point Value (GPV)
80-100	A+	4.00
75-79	A	4.00
70-74	A-	3.70
65-69	B+	3.30
60-64	B	3.00
55-59	B-	2.70
50-54	C+	2.30
45-49	C	2.00
40-44	C-	1.70
35-39	D+	1.30
30-34	D	1.00
00-29	E	0.00

**Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA)**

**CGPA will be calculated,**

$$CGPA = \frac{\sum_i C_i G_i}{\sum_i C_i}$$

**Where, Ci and Gi are the Credit value and the Grade Point value respectively of the i<sup>th</sup> Course Unit.**

A student who has fulfilled the following requirements is deemed to have satisfied the conditions for the award of a Master Degree:

1. a Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of not less than **2.50**

And

2. a Grade of **C+** or above in all course units and Dissertation

**Award of Postgraduate Diploma**

Whenever a student is unable to fulfill the requirement for the award of a Master Degree she / he shall be awarded a Postgraduate Diploma in the field of study if her / his CGPA is not less than 2.00 calculated for all the course units of the programme

**Cut –off levels of CGPA for awarding Classes**

**First Class:** A student who has fulfilled the criteria for the award of the degree and completed the programme in one sitting will be awarded a **First class** if he /she obtains a CGPA greater or equal to 3.70. (CGPA  $\geq$  3.70)

**Second Upper:** A student who has fulfilled the criteria for the award of the degree and completed the programme in one sitting will be awarded a **Second Upper** if he/she obtains a CGPA greater or equal to 3.30 and less than 3.70. ( $3.30 \leq$  CGPA  $<$  3.70)

**Second Lower:** A student who has fulfilled the criteria for the award of the degree and completed the programme in one sitting will be awarded a **Second Lower** if he/she obtains a CGPA greater or equal to 3.00 and less than 3.30 ( $3.00 \leq$  CGPA  $<$  3.30)

**Pass:** A student who has fulfilled the criteria for the award of the degree and completed the programme in one sitting will be awarded a pass if he/she obtains a CGPA not less than 2.50 ( $2.50 \leq$  CGPA  $<$  3.00)

**Summary of award of class**

CGPA	Award
3.70 – 4.00	FIRST CLASS
3.30 – 3.69	SECOND CLASS (UPPER DIVISION)
3.00 – 3.29	SECOND CLASS (LOWER DIVISION)
2.50 – 2.99	PASS

**Effective Date of Degree: The last date of the Submission of Dissertation**

### **Repeat Examination**

1. A student who has not reached the minimum requirements for the award of the degree may be allowed to repeat the theory course unit once.
2. A student who obtains more than one 'C' or below shall repeat the particular papers, 'C+' grade be obtained for all such repeat papers. If a student repeated a course unit, he/she will be getting a maximum grade of B+ although he/she got higher marks.
3. Students who fail to sit for an examination without authorization or without valid reason shall be treated as failed candidates in the particular paper.
4. A student who is absent for an examination on medical reasons shall submit a valid Medical certificate along with the request letter to repeat the exam. The medical certificate should be recommended by the University Medical Officer. This must be submitted to the Office of the Dean of the Faculty within two weeks of that particular paper. This has to be presented to the Faculty Board of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and the Faculty of Graduate Studies will place its recommendation to the Senate for approval. Students who are absent themselves for the end of semester examination on Medical grounds should appear to the examination at the next earliest opportunity and this will be treated as first attempt.
5. The repeat candidates shall not be eligible for class
6. In the case of repeat candidates / absentees, marks obtained for continuous assessments shall be carried forward for the next examination.

## **COURSE CONTENTS**

### **First Semester**

- MSS 10100 Introduction to Saiva Siddhanta including Sri Lankan Contribution to Saiva Siddhanta. (Non Credits (30 hrs))
- MSS 10200 Basic Sanskrit (Non Credits (30 hrs))
- MSS 10303 Philosophical Study of Mupporul and Spiritual Life (3 credits)
- MSS 10403 Saiva Siddhanta Tenets in Saiva Agamas (3 credits)
- MSS 10503 Logic and Epistemology (3 credits)
- MSS 10603 An analytical study of Sivajnanabhoda based on Sivajnanapadiam (3 credits)
- MSS 10703 Saiva Siddhanta thoughts in Thiruvaachaka (3 credits)

### **Second Semester**

- MSS 20103 Saiva Siddhanta in Saiva Puranas (3credits)
- MSS 20203 System of Samkhya Philosophy (3 credits)
- MSS 20303 Sects of Saivism (detail study of selected sects) (3 credits)
- MSS 20403 A comparative study of Suddhadvaita, Sivadvaita and Advaita. (3 credits)
- MSS 20503 Ethical Norms and the Saiva Siddhanta way of Life (3 credits)
- MSS 20610 Dissertation (10 credits)

## **DETAILED SYLLABUS**

### **First Semester**

#### **MSS 10100 : Introduction to Saiva Siddhanta including Sri Lankan Contribution to Saiva Siddhanta.**

Origin and development of Saiva Siddhanta, Sri Lankan Contribution to Saiva Siddhanta development viz, Sri Gnanapragasar, Arumuga Navalar, Kasivasi Senthinadaiyer, Kathiravetpillai, Sivapathasundaram, Thiruvilangam, and other contemporary thinkers.

#### **MSS 10200 : Basic Sanskrit .(Non credit value)**

Introduction to Sanskrit - Various aspects of Sanskrit language will be taught.

#### **MSS 10303 : Philosophical Study of Mupporul and Spiritual Life**

Formative concepts and Formatives factors and Meaning of Saiva Siddhanta, **God:** existence of God, God as Cause, God and Cosmic functions, God and Moral Sovereign, God and Will/Being.

**Maya :** Interpretation of Maya, Doctrine of 36 Tattvas, Doctrine of Mala.

**Pasu(Self) :** Self and knowledge, valid and Non-valid Knowledge, Knowledge and Revelation.

**Life :** Spiritual life as Means, Spiritual life as End (Moksa).

#### **MSS 10403 : Saiva Siddhanta Tenets in Saiva Agamas**

An Introduction to Saiva Agamas including Upa Agamas. Traditional Values of Saiva Agamas as Primary Source of Saivism and Sivagnana Muniver's views on the interpretation of Agamas. Saivism as reflected in Kamika and Karana Agamas. Significance of Gnanapatha for the development of Saivism. Kirana Agamam and Saiva



Siddhanta. The significance of Mirugendra and Pauishakara Agamas for the study of Saiva Siddhanta. Sarvagnanotara Agamam and Saiva Siddhanta.

### **MSS 10503 : Logic and Epistemology**

Introduction to Indian logical system, Saiva Siddhantha views on Nyaya & Buddhist logic. Nature of Knowledge and means of Knowledge, Validity of knowledge, error and fallacies, Methodological principles.

Basic texts: Nyaya sutra and its commentaries, 29<sup>th</sup> canto of Manimekalai, Pauskara Padiyam-jnanapatha, Siddhyar, Sivajnana Padiyam

### **MSS 10603 : An analytical study of Sivajnanabhoda based on Sivajnanapadiam**

Introduction to the contents of the Sivajnanapadiam, the methodological and logical structures of the text, Sivajnana Muniver's analysis of Saiva Siddhanta concepts such as (a) God, (b) Soul (c) Bond, the ultimate realities and the logical relationship between world and the Saiva metaphysics.

### **MSS 10703 : Saiva Siddhanta thoughts in Thiruvaachakam**

Introduction to Tirumurai and its impact on Saiva Siddhanta. Life history of Saint Manickavachakar. Emphasis will be given to the following themes in Thiruvaachakam. (a) Agamic thoughts (b) Three entities (c) Religious thoughts and spiritual experience (d) Liberation (e) Thiruvaachakam and its commentators.

## **Second Semester**

### **MSS 20103 : Saiva Siddhanta in Saivapuranams**

Introduction to Puranas and Stalapuranams. Saiva Puranams in the Development of Saiva Siddhanta. Saiva Siddhanta thoughts as expounded in the following puranas (a) Siva Mahapuranam (b) Kandapuram. (c) Kanchi Puranam.

### **MSS 20203 : System of Samkhya Philosophy**

Outline History of Samkhya Philosophy and its texts (Samkhya Karika of Isvara Krishna, Samkhyasara of Vijñanabhikṣu, Yuktidipika) Theory of Causation, Prakṛti and Puruṣa, Evolution and Evolutes, Human and other forms of personality, Bondage and liberation, God and his personality.

### **MSS 20303 : Sects of Saivism (detailed study of selected sects)**

Introduction to religious sect in Saivism, Paśupatha, Kalamuga, Kapala, Kashmiri Saivism and Vira Saivism, Other Sects of Saivism.

### **MSS 20403 : A comparative study of Suddhadvaita , Sivadvaita and Advaita.**

Suddhadvaita, Sivadvaita, Advaita of Śaṅkara, Viśiṣṭadvaita of Ramanuja, Notable significance in Suddhadvaita and Advaita.

### **MSS 20503 : Ethical Norms and the Saiva Siddhanta way of Life**

Ethics and Ethical Values. Basic Concepts of Ethics, Four Paths – Cāriyā, Kriyā, Yoga and Jñāna. Saiva Siddhanta way of Life as expounded in the following Saiva Texts :

- (i) Astaprakāraṇam
- (ii) Devikalottaram
- (iii) Tirumanthiram
- (iv) Saivasamayāneri

### **MSS 20610 : Dissertation**

Students should also submit a dissertation on a topic assigned by the course coordinator and do presentation.

The evaluation of the dissertation shall be done as follows:

- 70% marks assigned to the dissertation submitted.  
30% marks are assigned to the presentation at a forum by the candidate, of a paper related to the dissertation.

### **Format of Dissertation – Methods of Production**

Candidates are expected to follow the guidelines given below regarding Dissertation:

1. Use A4 size Kenyobank Paper 80 grams – (210 mm x 297 mm) for printing the dissertation. One type of paper should be used throughout the dissertation.
  2. All type should be on one side of the paper.
  3. Use “Bamini” font for typing.
  4. Font size should be 12 for the text and 14 for the sub heading, and 16 for the heading. Maintain consistency of the font size of text, heading and sub heading throughout the dissertation. On the title page the font size should be 16.
  5. Use 1 ½ spacing between the lines and 2 for sub headings.
  6. Indent the first line of every paragraph 5-7 spaces using the tab function.
  7. Follow the Harvard referencing system
  8. Top, Bottom and Right margins should be 1” (25 mm). Leave 1.5” (38 mm) for the left margins to facilitate binding.
  9. Numbering the pages.
    - i. Page number should be placed 10 mm below/above the midpoint of the top/bottom of the edge of the page.
    - ii. The front matters or the preliminaries should be numbered in lower case Roman numbers. The numbering should begin from ‘ii’. The title page should be counted as ‘i’, however the number should not be typed on the title page.
    - iii. The main body of the text and any back matter must be numbered consecutively with Arabic numerals beginning with “1” (1,2,3....), including text, illustrative materials, notes, appendices and bibliography. The first page of each main section (chapters, appendix, and references at end of entire work) is numbered at the bottom of the page and centred; all other pages are numbered in the top of the page and Centred.
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10. The dissertation should be between from 80 to 110 pages, unless prior permission to exceed has been given by the Board of Graduate Studies on the recommendation of the Supervisor. But title, table of content, acknowledgement, pages for table, diagrams and appendix should be excluded. Appendices should be annexed after the bibliography.
11. Final Binding  
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12. Front Cover format:

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The order of the section should be as follows:

- 1) Blank page (The first and last leaf should be blank and thick quality of paper)
- 2) Title page (The second and third leaf should be the title page in Tamil & English)

This Page should include the following:

- i. Title of the Dissertation
- ii. Name and the registration number of the Candidate
- iii. Name of the course and the year
- iv. Name of Supervisor
- v. Name of the Faculty and the University

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- 3) Declaration
- 4) Acknowledgment
- 5) Abstract (not more than 300 words)
- 6) Following pages should be for the Table of Contents, List of Tables, figures and plates, list of Illustration, List of Abbreviation and symbols if any.
- 7) Body of the text
- 8) Bibliography
- 9) Appendices

**உசாத்துணை நூல்கள்**

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2. சபாரத்தினம்,எஸ்.பி., (2002),**சைவஆகமங்கள் - ஓர் அறிமுகம்**,சைவசித்தாந்த நூற்பதிப்புக் கழகம்,சென்னை.
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5. Kandasamy,S.N. (2000), **Indian Epistemology as Expounded in the Tamil Classics**, IITS, Chennai,.
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## Calendar of Dates

### Master of Saiva Siddhanta 2022/23 (Batch VII)

#### First Semester Lecture Programme

Lectures	26.06.2022 - 25.09.2022	14 Weeks
Mid Semester Break	01.10.2022 - 09.10.2022	02 Weeks
Lectures	15.10.2022 - 01.01.2023	12 Weeks
Study leave	07.01.2023 - 15.01.2023	02 Weeks
First Semester Exam	21.01.2023 - 29.01.2023	02 Weeks

#### Second Semester Lecture Programme

Lectures	11.02.2023 - 16.04.2023	10 Weeks
Mid Semester break	22.04.2023 - 30.04.2023	02 Weeks
Lectures	06.05.2023 - 09.07.2023	10 Weeks
Study leave	15.07.2023 - 23.07.2023	02 Weeks
2nd Semester Examination	29.07.2023 - 06.08.2023	02 Weeks

**Last Date for Submission of Dissertation: - 15.09.2023.**

Postgraduate Students of the Faculty of Graduate Studies are expected to stick on the following instructions:

**NOTE1 :** Any activities without the permission of Dean/Faculty of Graduate Studies will not be entertained.

**NOTE2 :** At least 80% of attendance for each course unit is necessary.

**NOTE3 :** The postponement of studies or cancellation of registration will not be entertained for further consideration without prior approval.



**The syllabi was approved by the Senate 316<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 24/04/2007.**

**Amendments**

**1. Evaluation and Examination Procedures**

Approved by the Senate at its 389<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 01.07.2014.

**2. Repeat Examination**

Approved by the Senate at its 396<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 10/02/2015

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