

Dissertation

MA Sanskrit

Course Code: EG609

Semester: Fourth

Course Credit: 6

Contact Hours: 6 hours per week

Research hours: 12 hours per week

Course Coordinator: Sandhya Shankar

Introduction

Chinmaya Vishwavidyapeeth aims to produce quality research work of high standard and aspires to excel, emerging as a trend-setter in the field of research and development of studies in Sanskrit. This primary objective can be realized only when research constitutes a key factor in the agenda of higher education. With this spirit, the Masters Programme in Sanskrit proposes to offer an opportunity to students to learn and execute the rudiments of research process and mechanism in the fourth semester. As the students are exposed to the research methodology in the second/third semester, they become well-equipped to get a practical experience of *doing* the actual research. The dissertation course is expected to enable the students to hone their research skills and widen their scope to learn and execute the research programme with an aim to bring out an original research work.

Objectives

1. To develop the ability to identify and communicate the research problem.
2. To learn to choose and apply the tools acquired in research methodology.
3. To develop the skill and efficiency in acquiring up-dated information related to their own field of research.
4. To learn to communicate the original component through the research findings in the most efficient manner.
5. To pledge to aim for producing an excellent original research work in their chosen field of research free from plagiarism.

Learning Outcome

The students are expected to gain research experience that would enhance their research quality in higher education and research. Through this dissertation course, the students should be able-

1. to learn to identify a research problem,

2. to choose and apply the research tools based on the principles of research methodology.
3. to communicate their original research findings.
4. to pave way for their own continued-research programme.

Research Process

Phase – 1 (Jan-Feb)

1. Identification of Area of Research and Broad working title

The area of research work should be identified, and a bibliographical survey and review of literature be conducted by research students to arrive at a broad working title of the dissertation. The student identifies the subject-expert among the faculties of CVV and seeks approval of the subject-expert faculty to supervise his/her dissertation. On approval of the research supervisor, the research work shall commence.

2. Formation of Masters Dissertation Committee

The Masters dissertation committee shall comprise of at least three members viz., the Programme Coordinator, the Course Coordinator and the Research Supervisor. The committee shall be formed during the commencement of the fourth semester. The committee shall document and maintain the record of initiation and progress of the research work till the completion of the dissertation course.

Phase – 2 (Mar-Apr)

3. Submission of interim report

The research student should submit an interim report to the research supervisor and the course coordinator giving a detailed account of the progress of research work.

Phase – 3 (May-Jun)

4. Submission of Dissertation

The final dissertation shall comply with all norms of submission of a qualitative research dissertation. It shall demonstrate the originality of the researcher, free from plagiarism. It shall exhibit high standards of research skills. The dissertation shall consist of a minimum of 40 pages and not more than 60 pages i.e., the dissertation shall consist of at least 20,000 to 25,000 words. The dissertation shall be written in Sanskrit or English as the case may be.

The final dissertation shall be submitted in the last working week of the fourth (final) semester followed by a presentation not exceeding 20 minutes, on the last Wednesday of the last working week of the fourth (final) semester.

Evaluation Process

The dissertation will be given/sent to a subject-expert for the evaluation. The evaluation shall involve assessing the written dissertation and the oral presentation. The students shall be awarded the course dissertation credits only after the completion of the entire process to the satisfaction of the dissertation committee. The course dissertation may also involve evaluation by an external subject-expert identified by the programme/course coordinator.

Evaluation Pattern

Originality 10%

Methodology 25%

Research Findings 20%

Research Outcome 25%

Presentation (Language/Quality of written communication) 20%

Recommendations/Comment of the subject-expert.