



IIT Mandi

Proposal for a New Course

Course number : IK-504
Course Name : Bhagavad Gita Comprehensive (3-0-0-3)
Credit Distribution : (3-0-0-3)
Intended for : UG/PG/PhD
Prerequisite : NA
Mutual Exclusion : NA

1. Preamble:

The Bhagavad Gita is relevant for its timeless wisdom on life, duty, and spirituality. It imparts valuable lessons in self-discovery, ethical decision-making, and inner peace. Teaching the Gita fosters cultural awareness and respect for diverse philosophies, promoting tolerance and harmony. Its relevance extends beyond borders and generations, making it an essential educational resource for personal growth, ethical leadership, and a more enlightened perspective on life.

2. Course Modules with quantitative lecture hours:

Unit 1: Introduction to Bhagavad-Gītā and Sanskrit Basics (8 Hours)

Origins and significance; Overview of Mahabharata; Basics of Sanskrit language; Pronunciations and grammar.

Unit 2: Arjuna's Dilemma (Chapter 1) (6 Hours)

The setting of Kurukshetra; Arjuna's observations; Emotional conflicts and ethical issues.

Unit 3: Transcendental Knowledge (Chapter 2) (8 Hours)

Sankhya yoga; Nature of soul; Concepts of Dharma and Karma; Significance of detached action.

Unit 4: Path of Devotion (Chapter 3) (6 Hours)

Karma Yoga; Duty and righteousness; The balance of action and inaction.

Unit 5: Approaching the Ultimate Truth (Chapters 4-5) (8 Hours)

Knowledge and renunciation; Concepts of Yagna and selfless action; Jnana yoga vs. Bhakti yoga.

Unit 6: The Science of Self-Realization (Chapter 6) (6 Hours)

Dhyana Yoga; Practices and principles of meditation; Achieving spiritual equilibrium.

Laboratory/practical/tutorial Modules: None.

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3. Text books:

(Relevant and Latest, Only 2)

1. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda, A. C. *The Bhagavad-Gita as It Is: With the Original Sanskrit Text, Roman Transliteration, English Equivalent, Translation and Elaborate Purports*. Second revised and enlarged edition. The Bhaktivedanta Book Trust, 2008.

2. Author(s), Title, Vol., Publisher, Country, Year

4. References:

(No limit on numbers, relevant standard format can be followed, the formats should be similar)

5. Similarity with the existing courses:

(Similarity content is declared as per the number of lecture hours on similar topics)

S. No.	Course Code	Similarity Content	Approx. % of Content
1.			

6. Justification of new course proposal if cumulative similarity content is >30%:

Approvals:

Other Faculty interested in teaching this course: –

Proposed by:

School:

Signature:

Date:

Recommended/Not Recommended, with Comments:

Date: _____

Chairperson, CPC

Approved / Not Approved

Date: _____

Chairperson, BoA



