



# UNIVERSITY OF KERALA

## THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

<b>Programme</b>	<b>Syriac Language</b>				
<b>Course Name</b>	Linguistic and Cultural Aspects of Syriac Language and Literature				
<b>Type of course</b>	VAC				
<b>Course Code</b>	UK3 VACSYR201				
<b>Course Level</b>	200-299				
<b>Course Summary</b>	The course provides a comprehensive understanding of Syriac's linguistic evolution and its cultural context. The significance of Syriac culture which are expressed in religious texts, art and music and its influence on the cultural history of Kerala are dealt with. It also explores the significance of Syriac language in the context of Christian religion. This course aims to provide a holistic perspective of Syriac historical and cultural heritage.				
<b>Semester</b>	III	<b>Credits</b>			<b>Total Hrs</b>
<b>Course Details</b>	<b>Learning Approach</b>	<b>Lecture</b>	<b>Tutorial</b>	<b>Practical</b>	<b>Others</b>
		2	0	2	0
<b>Pre –requisites</b>					4

### COURSE OUTCOMES (CO)

CO. No.	Expected Course Outcome	Learning Domains
1	Students will be able to develop writing and reading skills	R, U
2	Students will be able to learn the development of different scripts and vowels	U, A
3	Students will be able to learn the importance of Syriac in Liturgy	A, An
4	Students will be able to understand the Syriac tradition and Culture	A, E, C
Remember (R), Understand (U), Apply(A), Analyse (An), Evaluate (E), Create (C), Skill (S), Interest (I), and Appreciation (Ap)		

Module 1 Introduction to Syriac Language and Historical Overview

Module 2 Cultural and Liturgical Studies

Module 3 Ethical Values in Syriac Texts

Module 4 Teacher Specific Content

## COURSE CONTENT

### Content for classroom transaction (Units)

Module	Units	Course Description	Hrs.	CO. No
1	1.1	Origin & Development of the Syriac Language Origin & Development of Syriac Script Development of the Vowel System Early Syriac Learning Centers - Nisibis & Edessa	5	1
	1.2	Preeminence of Syriac over Other Semitic Languages	5	1
	1.3	Aramaic as the spoken Language of Jesus Christ	2	1
	1.4	Historical Context of Syriac-Speaking Communities in Kerala	4	2
	1.5	Influence of Syriac Culture and Tradition on Kerala Culture: Syriac Loaned Words	3	1
	1.6	Malpanates-Malpans in Kerala	3	4
2	2.1	Liturgical traditions of Syriac Christians: Baptism, Marriage, Funeral, Lent, Passion Week, etc.	4	3
	2.2	Cultural Traditions of Syriac Christians: Art forms: iconography and mural arts Magram Kali & Parichamuttu Kali	4	4
	2.3	Syriac Music (Beth Gazo) Liturgical Songs, Ramban Pattu & Veeradian Pattu	3	4
3	3.1	On the custody of senses	4	4
	3.2	Sermon on the Mount (Mathew 5)	4	3
	3.3	Proverb 27: 1-10 & Ecclesiastes 7: 1-7	4	3
4	4.1	Teacher Specific Content		

Teaching and Learning Approach	Classroom Procedure (Mode of Transaction)
	- Lecture -Tutorials

<b>Assessment Type</b>	<b>Mode of Assessment</b>  A. Continuous Comprehensive Assessment (CCA) 30Marks  -Unit tests/ Quiz/ Seminar  - Assignments  -Internal Exam I  -Model Exam
	B. Semester End Examination (2Hrs) 70 Marks Part A 8 x 1 = 8 Part B 6 x 4 = 24 (out of 9) Part C 3 x 6 = 18 (out of 6) Part D 2 x 10 = 20 (out of 4)

#### Mapping of COs to Assessment Rubrics:

	Internal Exam	Assignment	End Semester Examinations
CO 1	✓		✓
CO 2	✓		✓
CO 3	✓	✓	✓
CO 4		✓	✓

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