

**Department of Religious Studies**  
**LEARNING OUTCOMES**  
**2022-23**

**Program Outcome:** The Department of Religious Studies offers systematic and academic study of Religion. The main objective of this program is to provide the knowledge of various religions and their scriptures. Students will understand different religious traditions and their belief systems. This will inculcate the feeling of co-existence, peace and harmony among them. Students will develop a sophisticated appreciation for the complexity of religious cultures and communities through this program.

**Program Specific Outcome (PSO 1)**

The students of religious studies will have meaningful opportunity to understand the Indian religious traditions, their origin, development, beliefs and teachings. They will develop a sophisticated perspective of different religions, which will instill a feeling of communal harmony and respect for other religions among them.

**Course Outcome I (CO-I)**

Upon successful completion students will be able to:

1. Understand the historical background, teachings and beliefs of Hinduism, Jainism and Buddhism.
2. Understand the religious rites (Birth, Initiation, Marriage and Death) of these religions.
3. Understand the concept of Karma and Moksha in these religions.

**Course Outcome II (CO-II)**

Upon successful completion students will be able to:

1. Understand the origin and development of Sikhism.
2. Become familiar with Sikh Scripture (Sri Guru Granth Sahib ji) and other Sikh sources.
3. Understand the martyrdom tradition and main Institutions of Sikhism.

**Program Specific Outcome (PSO 2)**

The students will have meaningful opportunity to understand the religions of Semitic tradition, their origin, development, beliefs and teachings. They will also become familiar with different religious movements of India and Punjab and their impact of society.

**Course Outcome III (CO-III)**

Upon successful completion students will be able to:

1. Become familiar with the historical background of Semitic religions.
2. Understand the life and struggle of Semitic Prophets.
3. Learn and understand the teachings and Scriptures of Semitic Religions.

**Course Outcome IV (CO-IV)**

Upon successful completion students will be able to:

1. Become familiar with the origin and development of Bhakti and Sufi movement.
2. Understand the life and struggle of famous personalities of Bhakti and Sufi movement.
3. Understand the origin and development of 19<sup>th</sup> century prominent religious movements of India and Punjab.
4. Understand religious and social impact of these movements.

### **Program Specific Outcome (PSO 3)**

1. Students will be able to understand the origin of religion and relation of religion with other disciplines. Simultaneously students will comprehend the modern world problems and solution of them from religious perspective.
2. Students will understand the main text and meaning of Gurbani. Moreover they will learn about philosophical concepts of Sikhism and the Sikh response to modern world problems.

### **Course Outcome V (CO-V)**

Upon successful completion students will be able to:

1. Clearly understand the meaning, definition and origin of religion (through different theories).
2. Become familiar with the relationship of religion with philosophy, ethics and sociology.
3. Understand the current, social and religious problems and their solutions.
4. Understand the objective of religion on Individual and social level.

### **Course Outcome VI (CO-VI)**

Upon successful completion students will be able to:

1. Become familiar with Main Bani's (text) of Sri Guru Granth Sahib ji.
2. Understand the basic philosophical concepts of Sikhism.
3. Understand the Sikh response of modern world problems and distinctiveness of Sikh thought.

## **Certificate course in Sikh Studies (120 hours)**

**Program Outcome:** This course will encourage the students to understand the history and basic concept of Sikhism. Students having different religious background will get an opportunity to experience the essence of Sikhism. Hence, it would be an eye opening experience which will encourage the students to live their life according to the basic principles of Sikhism.

### **Course Outcome**

Upon successful completion students will be able to:

1. Become familiar with the life and teachings of Ten Gurus and other influential historical Sikh personalities.
2. Understand the Main Bani's (text) of Sri Guru Granth Sahib ji.
3. Understand the basic concepts and institutions of Sikhism.

**Scope of the Course:** Learning about the Sikh way of life and how it has been understood over time is more important today than before. This course will initiate the students to learn about Sikh way of life which will make them a loving and responsible human being. This particular course will also assist the students to opt the subject of Sikh studies for future research. Also it would be beneficial in acquiring jobs in religious organizations.