



Sub Committee for History

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Curriculum Development

Name of Institute: Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts

Course Name: Core – Understanding India: What is India? Unravelling the mystery.

(UG/PG): UG

Number of credits: 4 (60 hours)

Level: 2

Course Description

This course attempts to discover the amalgam of traditions of the people of India, with its past glory and deep-rooted traditions that exist to this day. The basic objective of the course is to summarize an understanding of the complexity of Indian culture from a neutral standpoint, by looking at literature, historical data, and archeological material, in sync with each other. It identifies and explains the Indian cultural fabric, and summarizes the nation's identity and its origins. It identifies the diversity between communities. It lets learners infer the role of religious founders, leaders, texts, and a range of practices and patterns of behavior.

The course includes topics such as, 'What is India?: Her self-identity', 'Origin of India and Indians', 'The Great Indian Sagas: Ramayana and Mahabharata', and 'Islam of India and Caste: Then and Now', amongst others.