



Sub Committee for Curriculum Development

Political Science

Name of Institute: Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts (SSLA)

Course Name: Mahabharata

(UG/PG): UG

Number of Credits: 4

Level: 2

Course Description

Composed by Vyasadeva between 8th & 9th century BCE, but in written texts only from 4th century CE, the Mahabharata is not only the longest Indian epic, but also the longest epic in the world. With its focal point being the Battle of Kurukshetra between the Pandavas and Kauravas, it in essence highlights the victory of '*dharma*' in times of '*adharm*'. With the current political scenario— be it domestic politics or international politics, we find an increasing gap between universal morality, ethics, and politics.

This course will discuss the epic by summarizing the various parvas/units in class. The students will review and give a critical overview of the epic, with a focus on morals, ethics, and politics.