



Course Description For Performing Arts Minor Paper 5

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

Course Name: DANCE / PAPER – 5 / ODISSI

(UG/PG): UG / SEMESTER 7/ FOURTH YEAR

Number of Credits: 4

Level: 4

Course Description:

Based on archaeological evidence, Odissi can be said to be one of the oldest classical dance forms of India. Bas reliefs in the hills of Udaygiri, dating back to 1st century BCE attest to the form's antiquity. The dance form, referred to as Odra-Magadhi in the Natyasastra, implies that it is almost 2000 years old.

The dance form was suppressed during the British Raj and was re-constructed only post-independence. It was accorded the status of the 5th Classical Dance form of India only in 1958 due to the efforts of dance critics, scholars, and exponents of the dance form.

This paper will sketch the evolution of Odissi as a dance form, illustrate the basics of the dance form and teach students to interpret lyrics through *mudras* and *navarasa*.

There will be interactive class discussions on every concept. Emphasis is placed on the use of articles, news clipping, videos, etc. to further explain concepts i.e. enable a practical

understanding of the concepts. Evaluations will be conducted throughout the semester to ensure that the students' outcomes are appraised. In addition to that, actual practical teaching of all the theory taught, i.e. the dance form itself will also take place.