TITLE: SAMS203: Experience Samskritam III
PLACEMENT: Summer after SAMS202
PRE-REQUISITES: SAMS202

COURSE OVERVIEW:

SAMS 203 is a six-day residential Samskritam course designed to give students an advanced Samskritam language immersion experience. The course focuses on exercising advanced conversational skills in a primarily Samskritam speaking environment. Students will continue to study intermediate level grammatical topics while becoming exposed to Samskritam prose and poetry. They will be provided with opportunities to share their knowledge and expertise to mentor students of SAMS099 and SAMS103 classes. Students will also gain an appreciation of Indian culture and the different applications of Samskritam by living in an immersive Samskritam environment that will help widen their knowledge.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

1. Review of concepts learned during the second year of SAFL program
2. Practice speaking and improve fluency in Samskritam during the entire week
3. Learn and reinforce grammatical concepts and usages already learned.
5. Read and understand prose, proverbs and simple stories in Samskritam.
6. Write and enact skits in Samskritam.
7. Gain exposure by indirect immersive language techniques through participation in various camp activities other than classes such as
   - Yoga
   - Language games
   - Outdoor games
   - Lectures on topics related to language and culture
   - Entertainment programs like skits and songs
8. Learn about contributions of various Samskritam scholars in the fields of math, science, medicine, philosophy...
9. Mentor junior students by helping them during study hall and entertainment programs.

GRADING PLAN

SAMS203 is a pass/fail course. Students will receive credit for the course once they successfully complete the entire six-day residential camp. Students must pass SAMS203 before taking SAMS301.
**Placement:**

SAMS203 is offered in two places during the summer each year - (1) Northeast and (2) Bay Area, CA. Please see the SAFL course calendar for exact location, dates and other camp related information.

**Core Content - Topical Outline:**

**Listening & Conversation**
- Improve listening and comprehension skills through stories, skits and language games
- Improve vocabulary for real world communication - at home, in classes and other situations.
- Practice and improve conversational skills

**Grammar**
- Review of intermediate level grammatical constructs based on concepts learned in the second year
- Review of declensions of vowel ending masculine, feminine, and neuter gender nouns.
- Introduction to consonant ending masculine, feminine, and neuter gender nouns and their declensions.
- Conjugation of verbs in active voice including imperative and conditional forms
- Introduction to passive voice and present continuous forms

**Reading & Writing**
- Improve Devanāgarī text reading skills
- Writing simple stories and skits in Samskritam
- Formal letter writing techniques.
- Introduction to literary works of famous writers and poets in Samskritam.

**Course Expectations:**

Students are required to attend all class sessions during the camp schedule. They are also expected to actively participate in camp activities, complete all homework assigned to them by the teachers and adhere to all camp policies.

**Required Texts and Materials:**

The following texts and materials will be used for this course:

- Second and third year SAFL Textbooks
- Worksheets and reference material for vocabulary, grammar and conversation practice.