SAMS303: Experience Samskritam IV

Placement: Summer after SAMS302

Pre-Requisites: Minimum 75% in SAMS301 Final & SAMS302 Midterm combined and conditional upon passing 302

Course Email: safl@samskritabharatiusa.org

Course Overview:

SAMS303 is a fifteen-day intensive residential Samskritam course conducted in India. This is an optional, honors level course where students learn advanced grammar topics, read passages from original Samskritam works and practice speaking Samskritam fluently and correctly in a completely Samskritam speaking environment. Students also learn techniques for teaching Samskritam to new students. This course facilitates students to interact with other students learning Samskritam in India and gain an understanding of the history of the Samskritam language in India.

Course Objectives:

1. Converse fluently in Samskritam
2. Learn portions from Samskritam literary works.
3. Learn to teach and practice teaching Samskritam to beginner students
4. Interact with students in India learning Samskritam
5. Become knowledgeable about the history of Samskritam language and its use in India.

Grading Plan:

SAMS303 is a pass/fail course. Students will receive credit for the course once they successfully complete the entire fifteen-day residential camp.

Placement:

SAMS303 is offered during the summer each year in Bengaluru, India. Please see the course website for more details.

Core Content - Topical Outline:

Listening & Conversation

- Improve active listening skills through stories, skits and language games
- Converse fluently and confidently in Samskritam with other students, teachers and others.
- Improve knowledge and usage of vocabulary for real world communication in different situations.
- Dictionary usage and enhancement of vocabulary to write short passages and stories.
- Involvement in group projects involving analysis of literary works and characters.
Grammar:
- Review of grammatical concepts already learned and introduction to advanced grammatical constructs.
- Advanced prose and literary works by famous Samskritam poets.

Reading & Writing
- Read stories and write analysis and judgments about the characters.
- Evaluation of the linguistic components and content learnt from literary works.
- Writing and enacting skits - working from start to finish - researching topics, writing skits, assigning roles, acting out and analyzing the results
- Researching and presenting the life and works of Samskritam scholars

Teaching Skills:
- Undergo training to teach Samskritam language for beginner students.

COURSE EXPECTATIONS:

Students are required to attend all sessions during the camp. They are expected to actively participate in all classes and other camp activities, complete any work or projects assigned to them by the teachers and adhere to all camp policies.

REQUIRED TEXT AND MATERIALS:

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

- SAFL third year textbook
- Handouts containing portions from original Samskritam works.
- Worksheets and reference material for vocabulary, grammar and conversation practice