Samskritam
As a Foreign Language (SAFL)
Why are we here today?

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What is SAFL?

- Samskritam As a Foreign Language
- 3 year online program (during the school year)
- 8th – 12th graders
- Prepare for University level study
- Interactive teaching methods, projects and multi-media assignments
- Teach Samskritam *through* Samskritam
- Independent study/foreign language credits
Why Samskritam?

• Relevance to Indian culture/heritage
• Helps improve language skills
• Improves pronunciation
• Helps with learning meanings of shlokas, lyrics for music/dance items
Why Samskritam through SAFL?

• Formal, structured, teacher driven, synchronous online learning
• Interactive and fun learning atmosphere
• Small class sizes (~15-18 students, 2 teachers)
• Looks good on college applications 😊
Teaching/Curriculum

• Taught in Samskritam !!
• Listening, speaking, reading and writing
  • **Year 1** – listening & speaking, touch upon grammar. Listen to clips of daily conversations.
  • **Year 2** – elementary grammar/reading/writing.
  • **Year 3** – advanced reading/writing skills and grammar to prepare for university level learning.
Course Details

• Weekly, interactive, online class (mandatory)
• Homework/quizzes/exams – using Learning Management System
• Technology requirements:
  • Computer/internet
  • Webcam and microphone
  • Word processing software
  • Scanner
  • Audio recording software
Course Details (cont’d)

• Books – provided as part of registration package
• Time Commitment
  • Class (1.75 hours/week)
  • Homework/studying/quizzes (3-4 hours/week)
  • No commuting time!
• Pre-requisites – none.
  • Student does not need to know how to write Devanagari script – will learn in year 1.
  • Recommendation – familiarity with an Indian language
• Residential requirement
  • Week long, residential language immersion during summer.
Course Requirements

Three Years – Two Semesters per year

100 Level – SAMS 101 and SAMS 102; Residential Camp SAMS 099 required for entry – Prajnaa or Shraddhhaa
200 Level – SAMS 201 and SAMS 202; Residential Camp SAMS 103 required for entry - Prajnaa or Shraddhhaa
300 Level – SAMS 301 and SAMS 302; Residential Camp SAMS 203 required for entry - Prajnaa or Shraddhhaa

Residential Camp SAMS 303 - Optional Honors Program – Medhhaa

Camps

Prajnaa – 6 days in West Coast; Usually around mid-June
Shraddhhaa – 6 days in East Coast; Usually around mid-July
Medhhaa – Fortnight camp in Aksharam, Bangalore, India
What is class like?

बालकः हृसति।
बालका: हृसन्ति।
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Samskrita Bharati USA
SAFL - Samskritam As a Foreign Language

SAFL is a three-year online distance education program for high school students who wish to learn Samskritam (aka Sanskrit). SAFL is designed to introduce high school students to the rich language of Samskritam via conversational Samskritam.

SAFL is designed solely for high school students and thus tailors to their specific learning needs and interests. To further cater to high school students the course is conducted via teleconference and web. Through multimedia, online materials, instruction and residential camps, opportunities are provided for students to interact in Samskritam.

Upon completion of the SAFL program, students are prepared for further study at the university level. To learn more about this program visit: http://www.samskritabharatiusa.org/index.php/en/safl-overview

**This class meets on Sundays from 3:00PM to 4:30PM eastern time.**

**Note:** All WebEx meeting events are based on eastern time.

Please make sure that you have changed the time zone to UTC - 4 hours under "edit profile" in the "my profile settings" tab.
School Equivalency

• Credits towards independent study/foreign language requirements
  • Based on school requirement & the number/type of credit awarded will be decided by the school
  • SB provides students with information to petition school for credits
  • As of July 2016, the SAFL program has been accredited as a supplementary education program by the Accrediting Commission for Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACS WASC)
  • As of November 2018, SAFL courses have also been approved and listed in the NCAA high school course catalog (Search for Samskrita Bharati in the High School Name box)
Registration

- Combined registration for classes and camps will begin April, 2020 for September 2020 – May 2021
- Must register for one year at a time
- 2020-21 fees - $750/year (early registration discount available) includes books (Camp/waiver fee is separate).
- Application Process:
  - Register online at safl.samskritabharatiusa.org
- Interested in credit for independent study/foreign language requirement – speak with your school counselor
Shraddhaa Residential Camp 2019
The College of New Jersey, Ewing, NJ
Prajnaa Residential Camp 2019
Walden West Science Center, Saratoga, CA
Medha Residential Camp 2019
Samskrita Bharati, Bengaluru, India
Interested? More information?

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