



HINDU UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

GRADUATE DIVISION: DEGREE PROGRAMS IN HINDU STUDIES



MASTER OF ARTS IN HINDU STUDIES

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

HUA's Master of Arts in Hindu Studies offers a comprehensive foundation in Hindu philosophy, culture, and traditions, designed for those seeking a deep understanding of Hinduism in both theoretical and applied contexts. The program features a unique blend of academic rigor and practical experience, including a Field-Based Study component that encourages students to learn through traditional settings. Students are supported by a wide range of course offerings, personalized advisement, and mentorship from distinguished faculty. Graduates are equipped for careers in community education, interfaith dialogue, and community leadership, or for further academic pursuits. Join a vibrant global community of scholars and practitioners dedicated to advancing the understanding of Hindu thought and practice.

SCOPE & SEQUENCE

Hindu Studies Foundations	12 Credits	4 Courses
Academic Preparation	6 Credits	2 Courses
Field-Based Study	3 Credits	1 Courses
Texts and Traditions	3 Credits	1 Courses
Yoga Studies	3 Credits	1 Courses
Hinduism & The West	6 Credits	2 Courses
Applications of Hindu Thought	3 Credits	1 Courses
Masters Thesis	-	-
Total	36 Credits	12 Courses

KEY FEATURES

- **Curriculum Structure:** The MA in Hindu Studies is a 36-credit (12 course) degree across . Full time students complete the program in 2 years. Students who wish to pursue a Masters with Honors write a Master's Thesis.
- **Flexibility:** While we encourage full-time enrollment, allowing students to immerse themselves by taking 3-4 courses each semester, our part-time students can also progress steadily by taking two courses per semester.
- **Advisement and Mentorship:** Faculty advisors meet frequently with students to support their inquiry and learning, and to ensure they are making the most of their time at HUA within the classroom and out in the world.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of the program, students will be able to:

- Articulate a comprehensive understanding of Hinduism.
- Communicate the coherence and continuity inherent in Hinduism's diverse expressions.
- Demonstrate a basic knowledge of Orientalist and Indological scholarship on Hinduism.
- Analyze the impact of Western thought on the representation of Hinduism.
- Examine contemporary challenges through a Hindu dharmic lens.

After the MA: Many of our Masters students plan to pursue the Doctorate in Hindu Studies at HUA.



ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

- **Requirements:** A bachelor's degree from an accredited institution.



JOIN A VIBRANT GLOBAL ACADEMIC COMMUNITY WHERE YOU WILL EXPLORE, ENGAGE, AND

DOCTOR OF HINDU STUDIES (DHS)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Doctor of Hindu Studies (DHS) at HUA is a groundbreaking program, distinct in its comprehensive approach to research and practice in Applied Hindu Studies. Unlike traditional academic paths, the DHS is designed to be inherently interdisciplinary, integrating advanced Hindu scholarship with practical applications in both academic and non-academic institutional spaces. This program is unique in preparing students to become both rigorous field researchers and thought leaders who can apply a Hindu lens to contemporary challenges across various domains, such as education, psychology, environmental policy, temple administration, and public policy. By combining rigorous academic study with world-class research skills, the DHS at HUA offers an unparalleled opportunity for students to contribute meaningfully to both the Hindu community and broader society.

SCOPE & SEQUENCE

Research Methods	9 Credits	3 Courses
Hindu Studies Foundations	12 Credits	4 Courses
Intersectional Studies	12 Credits	4 Courses
Specialization	18 Credits	6 Courses
Doctoral Study Coursework	9 Credits	3 Courses
Total	60 Credits	20 Courses

KEY FEATURES

- **Curriculum Structure:** The DHS is a 60-credit (20 course) degree for those who have an MA in Hindu Studies. Students with masters degrees in related disciplines may have to take coursework in addition to the 60 credits. The DHS culminates in a Doctoral Study, representing original field research

Flexibility: We encourage full-time enrollment for the DHS, allowing students to immerse themselves by taking 3-4

- courses each semester. Part-time students can also progress steadily by taking two courses per semester. Students must complete their coursework within 5 years.

Advisement and Mentorship: Faculty advisors meet regularly with students to support their inquiry and learning, and to ensure they are making the most of their time at HUA within the classroom and out in the world.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of the program, students will be able to:

- Research, articulate and address critical issues faced by the Hindu community.
- Develop models of stewardship of Hinduism and Hindu institutions.
- Analyze the impacts of Western interventions on Hindu society.
- Create effective approaches towards advancing epistemic justice.
- Propose interdisciplinary approaches towards resolving challenges facing humanity.

After the DHS: DHS graduates go on to be field builders in applied Hindu studies, taking on teaching positions in higher education, work in non-academic spaces, such as education, media and the arts, journalism, chaplaincy, therapy, and journalism, and leadership positions in community institutions.



ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

- **Requirements:** Bachelor's and master's degrees from accredited institutions. Masters degree must be in Hindu Studies or a related discipline.



HINDU UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA IS A THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTION

Unlike other universities where Hindu studies might be a small part of broader religious or cultural departments, HUA is entirely focused on providing a comprehensive and immersive education in Hindu philosophy, history, culture, and traditions. This unique focus allows HUA to offer a depth of knowledge in Hindu studies in conversation with the West that simply isn't available anywhere else.

- “ I love learning about Hinduism and the professors at HUA are clearly very dedicated and learned. I have found my understanding of Hindu conflict resolution, reform movements, and Vedanta to have grown.”

“ My advisor is always available to discuss my academic progress and future plans, which is very encouraging.”
- “ HUA provides access to knowledge and expertise in our shastras that is not commonly available. The knowledge I have gathered through the various programs has elevated my understanding of my life experiences and helped me assist my circles of influence in doing the same.”

“ The faculty members are not only knowledgeable but also very supportive and approachable.”

Flexibility - Our online courses provide students with the flexibility to access world-class education from anywhere.

Support - HUA is dedicated to supporting students in crafting an enriching and achievable educational journey tailored to their needs and aspirations.

Connection - Hindu University of America serves individuals, communities and organizations who are interested in Hindu Studies globally.

Unlike programs at other institutions where Hinduism might be a single course or concentration, our graduate degrees provide a holistic exploration of Hindu philosophy, traditions, and practices. They also serve as a solid basis to explore the application of Hinduism to the contemporary challenges we face as individuals and as a society.

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