# WHY SAṂSKṚTAM AT HUA?

Saṃskṛtam, with its intricate structure and melodic resonance, stands as a linguistic tapestry woven through centuries of cultural and philosophical evolution. Hindu University of America believes that learning Saṃskṛtam not only fosters a deep appreciation for the roots of Indian culture, but also allows one to enhance their linguistic precision and offers a profound connection to the rich heritage of ancient knowledge.

Sanskrit Studies at HUA features 4 immersive Sanskrit Programs, beginning with Devanagari script, progressing towards proficiency and achieving mastery in the Sanskrit language, and thus enabling a deep dive into the world of Sanskrit literature. Underscoring the importance of Sanskrit for the study of the source texts rooted in Hindu thought, this collection of programs focus on a sound grounding in reading, writing, understanding and speaking Saṃskṛtam to facilitate direct, unmediated access to these source-texts without having to rely on translations.

## OUR SANSKRIT PROGRAMS - AT A GLANCE:

| NAME | DURATION | MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION | LANGUAGE PREREQUISITE | ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA | CREDITS | LATERAL ENTRY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Certificate Program in Sanskrit Proficiency for Vedic Studies (SPVS) | 4 years | English | English | 14 yrs + | 24 | Possible* |
| Micro Certificate in Conversational Samskritam for Hindu Studies (MCCS) | 1.5 years | English/ Sanskrit | English, Devanāgari script | 14 yrs + | 9 | Possible* |
| Samskritam Through Bhagavad Gita (CSBG) | 4 years | English/ Sanskrit | English, Devanāgari script | 14 yrs + | 24 | Not possible |
| Advanced Certificate in Sanskrit Grammar (ACSG) | 4 years | English/ Sanskrit | Sanskrit Proficiency | 1. Completed SPVS Intermediate phase OR Equivalent | 24 | Not possible |

# WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY

"After 20 years of trying, HUA's Sanskrit program has made learning Sanskrit **effective and accessible**. The SPVS's **structured approach** simplified complex rules, making it the most **valuable** program I've encountered."

"**BGTS** offers a systematic approach to Sanskrit with thorough coverage of vibhaktis and slokas. Exceptional instruction and **convenient** class recordings make this course essential for deepening Sanskrit and cultural understanding."

"**MCCS** engages learners with its **interactive methods**, knowledgeable instructors, and excellent materials. Clear explanations and prompt doubt resolution make the experience both enjoyable and effective."

"As a graduate of HUA's **MA Sanskrit program**, I can attest to its **uniqueness**. Partnered with India, it offers a profound journey through Indic knowledge, embodying HUA's motto. I'm grateful for this **exceptional program**."

"The **MA Sanskrit degree** from MIT-IIKS and HUA has been **transformative**. Combining **traditional and modern methods**, the supportive faculty and peer group enriched my exploration of Sanskrit and Indic knowledge."

"Enrolling in the **MAS program** from HUA and MIT-IIKS **surpassed my expectations**. The **well-structured curriculum** and interactive sessions with distinguished Āchāryas made exploring Vedic literature joyful and profound."

"HUA's **MA Sanskrit program** provided a comprehensive and flexible learning experience. Knowledgeable faculty and **convenient class timings** made balancing work and study manageable, while the **rich curriculum** deepened my understanding of Vedic sciences."


**MAIN CAMPUS:**
PINE LAKE RETREAT CENTER,
21725 FL-33,
GROVELAND, FL 34736

**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE:**
5200 VINELAND RD #125
ORLANDO, FL 32811

**CALIFORNIA COLLEGE OF AYURVEDA:**
700 ZION STREET
NEVADA CITY, CA 95959

www.hua.edu

407-275-0013 INFO@HUA.EDU

@StudyAtHUA @StudyAtHUA @studyathua @HinduUniversityofAmerica @hindu-university-of-america


# HINDU UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

SANSKRIT STUDIES AT HUA - SCRIPT TO SCRIPTURES

# CERTIFICATE PROGRAM IN SANSKRIT PROFICIENCY FOR VEDIC STUDIES (SPVS)

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Certificate Program in Sanskrit Proficiency for Vedic Studies (SPVS) offers an enriching journey into the heart of Sanskrit for beginners aged 14 and above. This comprehensive 4-year program guides the students towards proficiency in reading, writing, speaking, and understanding Sanskrit, enabling direct access to ancient Hindu texts without relying on translations. Divided into four phases over 16 quarters, students will earn 24 credits to complete the program, with a strong focus on mastery of Devanāgarī script, and Sanskrit grammar and vocabulary. The program fosters a deep appreciation for the systematic nature of Sanskrit and its rich cultural and spiritual heritage.

### What Makes Our SPVS Program Unique?

- **Foundational Learning:** Begins with the basics of the Devanagari script.
- **Comfortably paced:** Progressively guides students towards Sanskrit proficiency.
- **Medium of Instruction:** English; no prior knowledge of Sanskrit required.
- **Live Interactive Classes:** 100% online with real-time interaction with faculty.
- **Flexible Structure:** Breaks allowed between phases to cater to busy lives.

## PROGRAM GOALS

- Achieve proficiency in reading and writing the Devanāgarī script.
- Skillfully apply Sanskrit vocabulary and grammar.
- Translate and explain Sanskrit texts in English, and vice-versa.
- Communicate effectively in both spoken and written Sanskrit.
- Create diverse content in Sanskrit.

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Proficiency in English; no prior knowledge of Sanskrit needed.
- Entry assessment for students with prior Sanskrit experience for lateral entry.
- Minimum of 22.5 credit hours required to earn the program certificate.

## TO REGISTER

Whether you are passionate about Hindu philosophy, its texts or simply love learning languages, this program provides the perfect foundation for your Sanskrit exploration, unlocking profound insights and deepening your connection to one of the world's oldest languages. To join HUA's SPVS program or to know more:

SCAN HERE

# MICRO CERTIFICATE IN CONVERSATIONAL SAMSKRITAM FOR HINDU STUDIES (MCCS)

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Micro Certificate in Conversational Samskritam for Hindu Studies(MCCS) is a 6-quarter program that brings an appreciation of the language through everyday conversations. Designed for students with a basic understanding of Devanāgari script but lacking fluency in spoken Saṃskṛtam, this 9-credit hour journey offers an immersive experience in mastering conversational proficiency. Through real-life scenarios, vocabulary building, and engaging skits, learners refine their pronunciation (paṭhanam), listening skills (śravaṇam), conversation (sambhāṣaṇam), and comprehension (avagamanam). With 1.5 credit hours per quarter, the MCCS perfectly complements HUA's SPVS and CSBG programs, and transforms Saṃskṛtam into a living, breathing language, inviting the student to connect deeply with its culture and wisdom in a joyful and profound way.

## KEY FEATURES

- **Learn Like a Child:** Listen, repeat, and enjoy the process.
- **Small Student Groups:** Engage in continuous Saṃskṛtam conversations.
- **Fun Learning:**
  - No written exams; focus on creating verbal content like skits and stories.
  - Emphasis on language application over grammar rules.
  - Enjoy contemporary learning modes: storytelling, news reading, games, and more.
- **Mandatory Attendance:** Required for live interactions and immersive learning.

## PROGRAM GOALS

- Strengthen listening skills and pronunciation in Saṃskṛtam.
- Achieve a deeper understanding and comprehension of Saṃskṛtam.
- Expand vocabulary and master grammar for effective communication.
- Engage in fluent verbal communication in Saṃskṛtam.
- Develop the ability to compose texts and content in Saṃskṛtam.

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Proficiency in English & a knowledge of Devanagari script needed.

## TO REGISTER TO MCCS

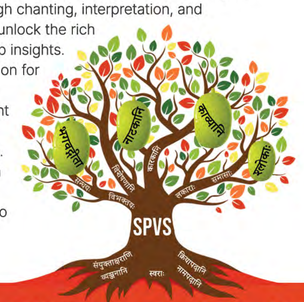
If you're a Sanskrit enthusiast and wish to speak in the Devabhāsa, or take your conversational skills in Saṃskṛtam to the next level, this program provides the perfect foundation for your Spoken Sanskrit exploration. Join HUA's MCCS program and embark on a fun learning experience. To know more:

SCAN HERE

# SAMSKRITAM THROUGH BHAGAVAD GITA (CSBG)

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Samskritam Through Bhagavad Gita (CSBG) program seamlessly combines Sanskrit language study with an immersive exploration of the Bhagavad-Gītā. Over 4 years, students master reading, writing, and understanding Sanskrit, using the Bhagavad-Gītā as the anchor text. Through chanting, interpretation, and engagement with its verses, participants unlock the rich tapestry of Hindu civilization, gaining deep insights. This program not only deepens appreciation for this sacred text but also equips students with the skills to engage with other ancient Sanskrit texts, connecting them to the cultural and spiritual heritage of Hinduism. The CSBG program provides a foundation for advanced studies in Saṃskṛtam and Hindu philosophy, empowering students to interpret and represent Hinduism with confidence and clarity.




## PROGRAM GOALS

- Instill an appreciation for Bhagavad Gītā.
- Study Saṃskṛtam grammar using Bhagavad Gītā verses.
- Learn to parse verses to decipher the apt meaning.
- Effectively translate and explain Sanskrit verses in both English and Saṃskṛtam.

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Proficiency in English and Devanagari script needed.
- Minimum of 22.5 credit hours required to earn the program certificate.

## TO REGISTER

If you're eager to learn the Bhagavad Gītā in its original form, this program offers the perfect foundation for your Sanskrit exploration through the Bhagavad Gītā. Unlock profound insights and deepen your connection to one of the world's oldest languages and texts. To join the CSBG program or to know more:

SCAN HERE

# ADVANCED CERTIFICATE IN SANSKRIT GRAMMAR (ACSG)

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Advanced Certificate in Sanskrit Grammar for Hindu Studies (ACSG) offers a structured and rigorous journey into Pāṇinian grammar through Varadarāja's pedagogically refined gateway to the Aṣṭādhyāyī, Laghu-Siddhānta-Kaumudī. Taught step-by-step in English and based on Medha Michika's translation, the program combines accessibility with traditional rigor. Designed for intermediate students, this 3-year program spanning 12 quarters and 24 credits builds the grammatical precision in a tiered pathway that allows Year 1 completion as a Micro Certificate, 2 Years completion as an Advanced Micro Certificate, and all 3 Years completion as the full Advanced Certificate, ensuring both flexibility and sustained mastery.

## KEY FEATURES OF ACSG

- **Structured 3-Year Tiered Pathway:** with clear milestones and flexible exit points
- **Rule-to-Meaning Method:** Moves beyond memorization to show how grammatical rules unlock textual meaning and interpretation.
- **Traditional Sūtra Logic:** Trains students to think through the internal logic and sequencing of grammatical derivations.
- **Advanced Word Analysis:** Strong emphasis on deriving forms through samāsa, kṛdanta, taddhita, and syntactic relationships.
- **Grammar as Interpretation:** Highlights how Vyākaraṇa functions as a tool for Hindu hermeneutics and deeper scriptural understanding.

## PROGRAM GOALS

- Build a strong foundation in Pāṇinian grammatical terminology and categories
- Develop mastery over the rule-based logic of Sanskrit grammar
- Enable accurate reading, formation, and interpretation of Sanskrit sentences
- Strengthen skills in word derivation, compounds, and grammatical analysis
- Cultivate the ability to decode classical Sanskrit through formal Vyākaraṇa methods

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Basic grounding in Sanskrit grammar
- Familiarity with essential noun forms, verb forms, and declensions
- Entrance test may be conducted at the instructor's discretion, if required

## TO REGISTER

If you are an intermediate Sanskrit student ready to deepen your Vyākaraṇa learning, and are serious about transitioning from language study into formal Hindu textual traditions, join the ACSG by scanning here:

SCAN HERE

# INTRODUCING THE SOUNDS AND SCRIPT OF SANSKRIT - I & II

## COURSE OVERVIEW

Introducing the Sounds and Script of Sanskrit is a two-part foundational course that offers a systematic introduction to Devanāgarī, the script of Saṃskṛtam. Across both courses, students learn vowels, consonants, compound letters, conjuncts, and the phonetic principles that support accurate pronunciation and script formation. Through guided practice in reading, writing, sound recognition, and pronunciation, the program builds confidence and fluency in the script. By the end of the sequence, students are well prepared to begin formal Saṃskṛtam studies at HUA. This strong foundation also opens the way to chanting and deeper engagement with Sanskrit texts, along with the broader intellectual, cultural, and spiritual heritage of Hindu civilization.

## OPENING THE DOOR TO SANSKRIT AND BEYOND

- Read and write Devanāgarī with clarity
- Strengthen pronunciation for devotional recitation
- Chant ślokas with correct uccāraṇa
- Prepare for Vedic chanting and mantra learning with sound accuracy
- Decode words using varṇamālā principles
- Access texts like the Bhagavad Gītā, Upaniṣads, and Ramcharitmanas
- Prepare for advanced HUA programs (SPVS, CSBG, grammar studies)

## TO REGISTER

If you are interested in learning Sanskrit language or chanting, this bundle-course is perfect for mastering pronunciation of each vowel and consonants, and the script of the language, Scan here:

SCAN HERE

JOIN A VIBRANT GLOBAL ACADEMIC COMMUNITY WHERE YOU WILL EXPLORE, ENGAGE, AND EXPAND YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF HINDUISM. APPLY TODAY - VISIT HUA.EDU TO LEARN MORE.