



Bhakti Vaibhav Course Guidelines

Welcome to the Bhakti Vaibhav program!

As this is a hybrid course, it combines both online and in-person classes to give you flexibility while maintaining accountability. Please read the following guidelines carefully to ensure a successful experience.

Registration

Please register as early as possible to ensure access to course materials and assignments.

Registration Process:

- Register using <https://iskconrise.org.nz/courses/bhakti-vaibhav/>
- Upon confirmation of your donation, you will receive the necessary details to join each module on Google Classroom.

2. Open book Assessment

The essay component is essential in demonstrating your understanding of the course material and the application of scriptural teachings to your devotional life. At the end of each module, the essays should be submitted.

- **Submission Deadline:** All essays must be submitted by the specified deadlines. Late submissions may be subject to a grade penalty unless prior arrangements are made with the coordinator.
- Essays must be submitted via Google Classroom. Submissions through any other platform will not be accepted.

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| Structure | | 20% |
| 1 Essay contains intro, body and conclusion (intro is catchy, conclusion wraps the essay) | 10 | |
| 2 Word count acceptable - 600 words | 5 | |
| 3 Submitted on time | 5 | |
| Content | | 80% |
| 1 If there are 2-3 questions asked in the essay question then answer all of them. | 10 | |
| 2 Write systematically and connect the points logically- not one big paragraph of 400 words. | 10 | |
| 3 Don't digress - focus on the main point of the essay. | 10 | |
| 4 Explain the topic well and write in your own words. | 20 | |
| 5 Essay should link to sastra and any quotes if used be verifiable. | 10 | |
| 6 Personal application essay - need to have personal examples with specific HOW on improvement and TIME FRAMES | 10 | |
| Shows honesty and humility in personal application questions | 10 | |
| Total points | | |
| Note for preaching essay point 4 = 40 points. | | |

3. Closed book assessment

At the end of each module, there will be a final assessment designed to assess your overall understanding.

- **Timing and Duration:** Details regarding the assessment date, time, and duration will be published on Google Classroom for each module.

Note: Please note that students have the opportunity to retake the assessment if they do not achieve a passing grade.

4. Oral presentations

- See handbook for Oral presentations guidelines.

5. Grading Breakdown

| Type of Assessment | | Weightage |
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| 1 | Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ Tests) | 10% |
| 2 | Closed Book Tests & Sloka Tests | 35% |
| 3 | Open Book Tests | 30% |
| 4 | Oral Presentations | 25% |