



Sub Committee for History
Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Curriculum Development

Name of Institute: Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts

Course Name: History Minor- Ancient Indian History and Culture (From Pre-History to 1200 A.D.)

(UG/PG): UG

Number of Credits: 4

Level: 2

Introduction

The history of ancient India offers the learner immense opportunities to comprehend the genesis and growth of a remarkable civilization, that has been interacting with the world, is influenced by the same, and yet, is uniquely Indian. It also delves into the impact that ancient India had on the world, in terms of its dazzling achievements in the realm of matter and mind. Though separated by centuries from contemporary times, ancient India tantalizingly interacts and influences the contemporary in myriad ways. The present course is an attempt at making sense of the same.

Some topics that will be covered in the course are the Harappan civilization, society, polity, economy, and culture as reflected in Vedic literature, the Sangam Age, and Gendering of Ancient Indian History.

The objective of this course is that it helps students to develop the ability to comprehend the territorial expanse of ancient Indian history and culture, analyze the various perspectives through which the history of ancient India has been reconstructed since colonial times, and to understand the significance of ancient Indian history and culture in contemporary times.