



Course Description For Performing Arts (Dance) Minor Paper 3

Name of the Institute: Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts (SSLA)

Course Name: DANCE / Paper – 3 / Kathak

(UG/PG): UG / Semester 5/ TY

Number of Credits: 4

Level: 3

Introduction:

One of the nine classical dances that are a part of India's rich and diverse culture, Kathak is a classical dance form from Northern India. With roots in the Sanskrit word *Katha* or story, *Katthaka* refers to the one who tells stories. With its origins in the nomadic bards or *katthakars*, it was imported to the courts of the Mughal era.

This paper will sketch the evolution of Kathak as a dance form. The students will learn to employ the various hand movements and footwork patterns, and also types of spins or pirouettes that are the core of Kathak. The course will also interpret the basic idea about a traditional repertoire of Kathak. The course will demonstrate the basics of the technical and interpretative aspects of Kathak.