



**Department of Sanskrit**  
**University of Delhi**  
**Under Graduate Course for Sanskrit**  
**B.A. (Hons.) Under UGCF-22**

**DSE-2: Fundamentals of Ayurveda**

**Credit distribution, Eligibility and Pre-requisites of the Course**

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility Criteria	Prerequisite of the course
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
Fundamentals of Ayurveda	04	3	1	0	Semester II Passed	Working Knowledge of Sanskrit

**Learning Objectives**

Āyurveda is the most ancient but still a living healthcare system of India. This course will introduce students to the basic concepts of the Science of Āyurveda. The major objective of the course is to make the learners understand the basic principles and concepts of preventative and curative medicines, health maintenance, diet and nutrition, usage of commonly used spices and herbs and therapeutic procedures in Āyurveda

**Learning outcomes**

Graduates who read this course should be able to know the ancient tradition of Indian Medicine system, which talks about not only to the physical health but also a healthy lifestyle. After reading this paper students will know the history of Āyurveda through original sources of ancient medicine system as enshrined in the Sanskrit texts like Charaka Saṁhitā, Śūśruta Saṁhitā, Aṣṭāṅga Hridaya etc. and they will also get the basic knowledge of eight departments of Āyurveda. Second section of this paper is related to ancient physiology.

**Detailed Syllabus**

**Unit I**

**15Hrs**

**Introduction to Āyurveda**

History of Āyurveda in the pre-Charaka period, the two schools of Āyurveda:

Dhanvantari and Punarvasu.

**Ācāryas of Āyurveda:** Charaka, Sushruta, Vagbhata, Madhava, Sharngadhara and Bhavamishra

**Basic Principles of Āyurveda**



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- 1. The Pancamahābhūtas:** Ākāśa (Space), Vāyu (Air), Tejas or Agni (Fire), Jala (Water) and Prithivī (Earth).
- 2. The Trigūṇas:** Sattva, Rajas and Tamas.
- 3. The Tridoṣas:** Vāta, Pitta and Kapha.
- 4. The Saptadhātus:** Rasa (fluid), Rakta (blood), Māmsa, Meda (fat) Asthi, Majjā and Śukra.
- 5. The Trayodaśāgnis:** Jatharāgni (gastric fire), Saptadhātvagni and Pancabhūtāgni.
- 6. The Trimalas:** Purīṣā (faeces), Mūtra (urine) and Sveda (sweat).

**Unit II**

**10Hrs**

**Eight branches of Āyurveda (Aṣṭāṅga Āyurveda):**

1. Kāyçikitsā (General Medicine)
2. Kaumārabhṛtya (Pediatrics)
3. śalyatantra (Surgery)
4. Śālākya-Tantra (Ent. and Ophthalmology)
5. Bhūta Vidyā (Psychiatry Medicine).
6. Viṣa Vijñāna (Toxicology).
7. Rasāyana (Rejuvenates).
8. Vājīkaraṇa (Aphrodisiac).

**Unit III**

**10Hrs**

**Lifestyle and Preventive Medicine:**

1. Understanding Health and Disease in Āyurveda
2. Ayurvedic SvasthaVṛtta (Preventive Medicine): Seasonal regimen & Social Conduct and its effect on health.

**3. Carakasaṁhitā – Sūtra-sthānam (Tasyāśītīyādhyāya)**

Regimen of Six Seasons (Ṛtucharyā) : Hemanta (Early Winter), Śīśira (Winter), Vasanta (Spring), Grīṣma (Summer), Varṣā (Rainy) and Śarada (Autumn).

**Unit IV**

**10Hrs**

**Diagnosis of illness (Roga-Parīkṣaṇa)**

Eight ways of diagnosing illness-



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Nāḍī (Pulse Examination), Mūtra (Urine Examination), Mala (Stool Examination), Jihvā (Tongue Examination), Śabda (Speech Examination), Sparśa (Touch Examination), Dṛk (Vision Examination), and Ākṛiti (Appearance).

**Pancha kosha**

The holistic concept of body in Indian Medicine Based on Taittirīyopaniṣad - Bhriguvali, Anuvāka- (1-6)

**Essential/recommended readings**

1. आयुर्वेद का साहित्यिक इतिहास, हिन्दी साहित्य सम्मेलन, इलाहाबाद.
2. Singh R.H., Body, Mind, Spirit – Integrative Medicine in Ayurveda, Yoga and Nature Cure - Chowkhamba Surbharti Pratishthanam, Varanasi, I 2009
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[http://www.tkdil.res.in/tkdil/langdefault/ayurveda/Ayu\\_Principles.asp?GL=#q1](http://www.tkdil.res.in/tkdil/langdefault/ayurveda/Ayu_Principles.asp?GL=#q1)
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7. Ravi DattaTripathi, Vāgbhaṭa's Aṣṭāṅg-saṅgraha, ChowkhambaSanskrit Pratishthanam, Delhi., 2011.
8. ShanthaGodagama, The Handbook of Āyurveda, North Atlantic Books, 2004
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12. Srikrishnamurthy, K.R. Srikantha, translator. (2001). Sharangadhara Samhita: A treatise on Āyurveda. Varanasi, India: ChaukhambaOrientalia.
13. Susruta (Author), Kunja Lal Bhishagratna, An English Translation of the Sushruta Samhita, Based on Original Sanskrit Text. Edited and Published by KavirajKunja Lal Bhishagratna. with a Full ... Notes, Comperative Views, Index, Glossary, Nabu Press, 2012

**Examination scheme and mode: Subject to directions from the Examination Branch/University of Delhi from time to time**