

SYLLABUS FOR THE BATCH FROM YEAR 2026 TO 2027

FOR

Certificate Course in History and Culture of Sikh Faith (1450-1765)

(Credit Based Evaluation and Grading System)

Semester: I

EXAMINATIONS: 2026-2027

The Certificate Programme Offered:

- **Certificate Course in History and Culture of Sikh Faith(1450-1765) (6 Months duration)**



Program Outcomes:

- **Fundamental Knowledge of Indian Knowledge System** – Students will gain deep understanding of the core principles and concepts of Indian Knowledge System, enabling them to apply the knowledge for the benefit of mankind.
- **Critical Thinking and Analysis** – The program focuses on the development of students' critical and analytical thinking abilities to interpret ancient texts, applying their principles to contemporary societal challenges.
- **Interdisciplinary Knowledge** – The program integrate interdisciplinary understanding of various traditional system of Indian knowledge from Philosophy to Traditional Medicine, Science and Technology to Mathematics.
- **Career Readiness & Employability** – The program prepares students to work in the capacity of Corporate Trainer, Leadership Consultant, Public Policy Advisor, and Executive Coach by equipping them with relevant skills and knowledge.

Name of the Department: History

In Collaboration with

Directorate of Open & Distance

Learning and Online Studies

GURU NANAK DEV UNIVERSITY AMRITSAR

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Employability : After studying this course students will be able to seek employment in national and state archives museums, Sikh heritage centres, SGPC institutions etc. Further the history of Punjab is mandatory paper for all competitive exams in the state of the Punjab, this course will help them to crack various PPSC exams.

Course No.	Course Title	L	T	P	Total Credits
ODHSF101T	History of Sikhism-I (1450-1605)	4	0	0	4
ODHSF102T	History of Sikhism-II (1606-1708)	4	0	0	4
ODHSF103T	History of Sikhism (1708-1765)-III	4	0	0	4
ODHSF104T	History of Sikhism-IV	4	0	0	4
	Total				16

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Subject Name:History of Sikhism-I (1450-1605)

Course Code: ODHSF101T

Semester- I

Time: 3Hrs. Total: 100 Marks

Mid Semester: 30 Marks

End Semester: 70 Marks

Mid Semester Examination: 30% weightage

End Semester Examination: 70% weightage

Instructions for the Paper Setters:

Instructions for the Paper Setters Eight questions of equal marks (Specified in the syllabus) are to be set, two in each of the four Sections (A-D). Questions may be subdivided into parts (not exceeding four). Candidates are required to attempt five questions, selecting at least one question from each Section. The fifth question may be attempted from any Section.

Section-A

1. Social milieu during Guru Nanak Dev Birth.
2. Religious milieu and Guru Nanak Dev response to it.

Section-B

3. Life and Teaching of Guru Nanak Dev.
4. Institution of Pangat, Sangat and Dharmsal.

Section-C

5. Contribution of Guru Angad Dev, Guru Amar Das and Guru Ram Das.
6. Development under Guru Arjan Dev Ji.

Section-D

7. Compilation of Shri Guru Granth Sahib Ji.
8. Martyrdom of Guru Arjun Dev Ji.

Suggested Reading

Anshu Malhotra & Farina (ed.), *Punjab Reconsidered, History, Culture and Practice*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2012.

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History of Sikhism-II (1606-1708)
Course Code: ODHSF102T

Time: 3Hrs. Total: 100
Marks

Mid Semester: 30 Marks
End Semester: 70 Marks
Mid Semester Examination: 30% weightage
End Semester Examination: 70% weightage

Instructions for the Paper Setters:

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Section-A

1. Miri-Piri Policy of Guru Hargobind Singh.
2. Contribution of Guru Har Rai and Guru Har Krishan and Sectarian Developments.

Section-B

3. Missionary works of Guru Teg Bahadur.
4. Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur.

Section-C

5. Early life of Guru Gobind Singh and Pre-Khalsa Battles.
6. Creation of Khalsa.

Section-D

7. Post Khalsa Battles of Guru Gobind Singh.
8. Martyrdom of Sahibzada's and History of Panj Payaara's (Five Beloved Sikhs)

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Course Code: ODHSF103T

**Time: 3Hrs. Total: 100
Marks**

History of Sikhism-III (1708-1765)

Mid Semester: 30 Marks

End Semester: 70 Marks

Mid Semester Examination: 30% weightage

End Semester Examination: 70% weightage

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Section -A

- 1 Early Life and Rise of Banda Singh Bahadur
- 2 Reforms and Execution of Banda Singh Bahadur

Section B

- 3 Persecution and Martyrdoms of the Sikhs (1716-1748)
- 4 Dal Khalsa, Gurmata, Rakhi System and Sarbat Khalsa

Section C

- 5 Formation of Misls
- 6 Nature and Organization of Misl

Section D

- 7 Chota Ghallughara and VaddaGhallughara
- 8 Sikhs struggle for sovereignty and Lahore (1761-1765)

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Course Code: ODHSF104T

Time: 3Hrs. Total: 100
Marks

History of Sikhism-IV

Mid Semester: 30 Marks
End Semester: 70 Marks
Mid Semester Examination: 30% weightage
End Semester Examination: 70% weightage

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Section-A

1. Various Sources of Sikh History.
2. Persian Sources of Sikh History.

Section-B

3. Women and Sikhism.
4. Caste system and Sikhism.

Section-c

5. Environment and Sikhism.
6. Human values and Human Rights concept in Sikhism.

Section-D

7. Relevance of Sikh teachings in recent world.
8. Legacy of Sikh Faith.

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