

SYLLABUS FOR THE BATCH FROM YEAR 2026 TO 2027

FOR

Certificate Course in Introduction to Sikh Religion (CISR)

(Credit Based Evaluation and Grading System)

SEMESTER-I

EXAMINATIONS: 2026-2027

The Certificate Programme Offered:

- **Certificate Course in Introduction to Sikh Religion (CISR) (6 Months duration)**



Name of the Department: Guru Nanak Studies

In collaboration with

Directorate of Open & Distance Learning and Online Studies

**GURU NANAK DEV UNIVERSITY
AMRITSAR**

Certificate in INTRODUCTION TO SIKH RELIGION (CISR) Offered by Department of Guru Nanak Studies in collaboration with Directorate of Open & Distance Learning and Online Studies, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar

Eligibility:

- +2 in any stream with at least 45% marks in aggregate (40% for SC/ST candidates).
- Any student pursuing Bachelor Degree, Master Degree, M.Phil., Ph.D. from GNDU campus, affiliated or constituted colleges.

SEMESTER-I

Paper Code	Subject	Marks			Credits
		Internal Assessment	End Term	Total	
ODISR111T	Foundation & Development of Sikh Religion	30	70	100	4
ODISR112T	Introduction to Guru Granth Sahib	30	70	100	4
ODISR113T	Morality for Blissful Life	30	70	100	4
ODISR114T	Sikh Sources	30	70	100	4
Total Marks & Credits		120	280	400	16

Subject Name: Foundation & Development of Sikh Religion

Subject Code: ODISR111T

Semester-I

Time: 03 Hours

Max. Marks:

100 Marks

Internal Assessment: 30 Marks

End Term: 70 Marks

Credits: 04

Instructions for the Paper-Setter/examiner:

1. Question paper shall consist of **Four sections**.
2. Paper setter shall set **Eight questions** in all by selecting **Two questions** of equal marks from each section. However, a question may have sub-parts (not exceeding four sub- parts) and appropriate allocation of marks should be done for each sub-part.
3. Candidates shall attempt **Five questions** in all, by at least selecting **One question** from each section and the **5th question** may be attempted from any of the **Four sections**.
4. The question paper should be strictly according to the instructions mentioned above. In no case a question should be asked outside the syllabus.

Section-A

Guru Nanak & Foundation of Sikh Religion

- Religious, Social and Political Conditions
- Guru Nanak Life and Teachings
- Travels of Guru Nanak & Interfaith Dialogue

Section-B

Consolidation of Sikh Religion

- Guru Angad Dev
- Guru Amar Das
- Guru Ram Das

Section-C

Growth of Sikh Religion:

- Guru Arjan Dev
- Guru Hargobind Sahib (*Miri Piri*)
- Guru Har Rai & Guru Harkrishan

Section-D

Creation of Khalsa

- Guru Tegh Bahadur Martyrdom
- Guru Gobind Singh
- Creation of *Khalsa*

References:

1. <http://www.swayam.gov.in>
2. <http://edx.org> (formerly <http://mooc.org>)
3. <http://epgp.inflibnet.ac.in/>

Subject Name: Introduction to Guru Granth Sahib
Subject Code: ODISR112T
Semester-I

Time: 03 Hours

Max. Marks: 100 Marks

Internal Assessment: 30 Marks

End Term: 70 Marks

Credits: 04

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Section-A

Guru Granth Sahib

- Compilation
- Editing
- Contributors

Section-B

Major Compositions-I

- *Japu ji*
- *Sidh Gosht*
- *Asa ki Var*

Section-C

Major Compositions-II

- *Barahmah Majh*
- *Anand Sahib*
- *Sukhmani Sahib*

Section-D

Major Compositions-III

- *Salok Sheikh Farid*
- *Salok Bhagat Kabir*
- *Salok Guru Tegh Bahadur*

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Subject Name: Morality for Blissful Life
Subject Code: ODISR113T
Semester-I

Time: 03 Hours

Max. Marks: 100 Marks

Internal Assessment: 30 Marks

End Term: 70 Marks

Credits: 04

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Section-A

Virtues for Human Being

- *Naam Japo, Kirat Karo, Vand Chhako*
- *Sat* (Truth) and *Santokh* (Contentment)
- *Nimarta* (Humility) and *Khima* (Forgiveness)

Section-B

Noble Duties

- *Sarbat da Bhala* (well-being for everyone)
- *Seva* (Selfless Service)
- *Sachiar* (truthful living)

Section-C

Social Virtues

- Equality, Respect of Women
- Honesty, Justice, Tolerance
- Love, Courage, *Chardikala*

Section-D

Virtues for Spiritual Progress

- *Panj Khand*
- *Jiwan Mukat*
- *Sda Anand*

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Subject Name: Sikh Sources
Subject Code: ODISR114T
Semester-I

Time: 03 Hours

Max. Marks: 100 Marks

Internal Assessment: 30 Marks

End Term: 70 Marks

Credits: 04

Instructions for the Paper-Setter/examiner:

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Section-A

Sikh Sources-I

- *Bhai Gurdas: Varan*
- *Bhai Nand Lal Rachna: Gazalan*
- *Janam Sakhi Literature*

Section-B

Sikh Sources-II

- *Hukamname*
- *Gurbilas*
- *Sri Gur Sohba*

Section-C

Sikh Sources-III

- *Rahitnama Literature*
- *Bansvalinama*
- *Sau Sakhi*

Section-D

Sikh Sources-IV

- *Mahima Parkash*
- *Sri Gur Partap Suraj Granth*
- *Panth Parkarh*

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