

B.A. Tamil
Compulsory Language - Tamil
Syllabus

SEMESTER – I

Code: TAML

Course: TAML -101: Indian Language – Tamil

Title: TAML - 101 Introduction to Tamil Script

CREDITS – 3

Unit 1

- 1.1: Background to the Tamil language
- 1.2: The Tamil Alphabet ('Soul' and 'Body' letters)
- 1.3: Tamil Sounds and Pronunciation
- 1.4: Tamil Grantha Letters (Special Letters)

Unit 2

- 2.1: Tamil Greetings
- 2.2: Parts of the Body
- 2.3: Days of the Week
- 2.4: Pronouns (Personal and Possessive)

Reference Materials

1. T.B. Siddalingaiah, 1968. *ABC of Tamil – Book One*, Chennai: Paari Nilayam.
2. M.S. Thirumalai & D.P. Patnayak, 2004. *An Introduction to Tamil Script: Reading and Writing*, Mysore: Central Institute of Indian Languages.

SEMESTER – II

Code: TAML

Course: TAML -201: Indian Language – Tamil

Title: TAML – 201: Introduction to Basic Tamil

CREDITS – 3

Unit 1

- 1.1: Numbers (1-100)
- 1.2: Demonstrative Pronouns
- 1.3: Talking about oneself and one's family
- 1.4: Listening to a Conversation

Unit 2

- 2.1: Colours and Descriptions
- 2.2: Question Words
- 2.3: Finding a Restaurant
- 2.4: States, Places and Languages

Reference Materials

1. K. Paramasivam & James Lindholm, 1980. *A Basic Tamil Reader and Grammar – Vol 1 & 2*, Illinois: Tamil Language Study Association.
2. N. Aruna Bharati, 1986. *A Tamil Premier*, Chennai: Paari Nilayam.
3. T.B. Siddalingaiah, 1968. *ABC of Tamil – Book One*, Chennai: Paari Nilayam.

SEMESTER – III

Code: TAML

Course: TAML -301: Indian Language – Tamil

Title: TAML – 301: Reading and Comprehension - I

CREDITS – 3

Unit 1

- 1.1: Reading a passage
- 1.2: Discussing a picture
- 1.3: Simple reading exercise
- 1.4: Listening to a Conversation

Unit 2

- 2.1: Identifying Flora and Fauna
- 2.2: Describing Weather
- 2.3: Talking about own state
- 2.4: Talking to a co-passenger

Reference Materials

1. E. Annamalai, 1980. *The Jim and Raja Conversations*, Illinois: Tamil Language Study Association.
2. K. Paramasivam & James Lindholm, 1980. *A Basic Tamil Reader and Grammar – Vol 1 & 2*, Illinois: Tamil Language Study Association.
3. N.D. Krishnamurthy, U.P. Upadhyaya & M. Sadasivam, 1999. *Conversational Tamil – A Microwave Approach*, Mysore: Central Institute of Indian Languages.

SEMESTER – IV

Code: TAML

Course: TAML -401: Indian Language – Tamil

Title: TAML – 401: Reading and Comprehension - II

CREDITS – 3

Unit 1

- 1.1: Numbers (100-1000)
- 1.2: Vocabulary review (Trees/Fruits/Vegetables)
- 1.3: Making simple descriptions
- 1.4: Spelling practice

Unit 2

- 2.1: Telling the Time
- 2.2: Times of the day
- 2.3: Conversation practice
- 2.4: Translating a passage

Reference Materials

1. S. Rajaram, 2000. *An Intensive Course in Tamil*, Mysore: Central Institute of Indian Languages.
2. N. Aruna Bharati, 1986. *Tamil Reader*, Chennai: Ainthinai Pathippagam.
3. N. Deivasundaram & A. Gopal, 1984. *Tamil – An Auto Instructional Course*, Chennai : International Institute of Tamil Studies.

SEMESTER – V

Code: TAML

Course: TAML -501: Indian Language – Tamil

Title: TAML – 501: Introduction to Tamil Literature and Culture

CREDITS – 3

Unit 1

- 1.1: Brief overview of Tamil Literature
- 1.2: Sangam literature and short history of Tamil literature
- 1.3: Essays on Tamil Important Tamil Literary works
- 1.4: Contemporary Tamil literature

Unit 2

- 2.1: Tamil Festivals
- 2.2: Tamil Proverbs
- 2.3: Essays on Tamil Important Places of Tamil Nadu
- 2.4: Tamil in other countries

Reference Materials

1. Mu. Varadarajan, 1987. *History of Tamil Literature*, New Delhi: Sahitya Akademi.
2. P. Kothandaraman, 1975. *A Course in Modern Standard Tamil – Texts and Exercises*, Chennai: International Institute of Tamil Studies.
3. N. Aruna Bharati, 1986. *Tamil Reader*, Chennai: Ainthinai Pathippagam.
4. M.L. Thangappa (Tr.), 2008. *Love Stands Alone – Selected Poems from Sangam Literature*, New Delhi: Penguin.

SEMESTER – VI

Code: TAML

Course: TAML -601: Indian Language – Tamil

**Title: TAML – 601: Introduction to Contemporary Tamil Literature
(Texts from Selected Works)**

CREDITS – 3

Unit 1

- 1.1: Modern Tamil Literature
- 1.2: New Poetry & Drama
- 1.3: Beginnings of Tamil Novel
- 1.4: Tamil Short Story

Unit 2

- 2.1: Non-Fiction in Tamil
- 2.2: Autobiography
- 2.3: Travelogue
- 2.4: Essays on Tamil Cinema

Reference Materials

1. Prema Nandakumar (Tr), 1977. *Poems of Subramaniya Bharathiyar*, New Delhi: Sahitya Akademi.
2. K. Sivathambi, 1980. *Tamil Cirukathaiyin Thotramum Valarchiyum*, Chennai: Tamil Puthakalayam.
3. A.R. Venkatachalapathy (Ed.), 2000. *Pudumaippithan Sirukathaikal*, Nagarcoil: Kalachuvadu Pathippagam.
4. A.R. Venkatachalapathy (Ed.), 2004. *Navalum Vasippum*, Nagarcoil: Kalachuvadu Pathippagam.
5. A.N. Perumal, 1977. *Tamil Nadakam – Oor Aayvu*, Chennai: Tamil Pathippagam.