



B. J. VANIJYA MAHAVIDYALAYA

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Vallabh Vidyanagar- 388 120, Dist. Anand, Gujarat, India

Accredited with CGPA of 2.78 on four-point scale at B++ Grade by NAAC

Syllabus as per the NEP 2020 with effect from June - 2025

Bachelor of Commerce (B. Com.)

Semester – III

Course Code	UB03IKCOM01	Title of the Course	Dharmashastra (Aacharsamhita)
Total Credits of the Course	02	Hours per week	02

Course Objectives:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) To analyse the etymology and meaning of the word "Dharma" and its significance in various cultures and religions.2) To explore the characteristics of Dharma and how it manifests in different contexts.3) To examine the explanations of the concept of Dharma by renowned scholars and thinkers throughout history.4) To recognize the importance of Dharma in shaping human life, ethics, and societal values.5) To understand the role of dharma in contemporary society and specifically in the context of Kaliyuga (the current age according to Hindu cosmology).6) To appreciate the significance of Achardharma (code of righteous conduct) in upholding Dharma.7) To analyze examples of various characteristics of Dharma in the lives of notable scholars, philosophers, and religious figures.8) To introduce and gain an overview of the major Dharmashastras (ancient Indian texts that discuss laws, duties, and ethical principles).
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Course Content		
Unit No.	Description	Weightage (%)
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Etymology and Meaning of the Word "Dharma"• Characteristics of the Word "Dharma"• Explanation of the Word "Dharma" by Great Scholars.• Importance of Dharma in Human Life.	50%
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dharma in the Modern World and Kaliyuga• Importance of Achardharma• Examples of Various Characteristics of Dharma in the Life of Scholars.• Introduction to the Major Dharmashastras.	50%



Teaching-Learning Methodology	The course would be taught /learnt through ICT (e.g. Power Point Presentation, Audio-Visual Presentation), Lectures, Group Discussions, Quizzes, Assignments, Case Study and Browsing E- Resources.
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Internal and External Examination Evaluation

Sr. No.	Details of the Evaluation / Exam Pattern	50 Marks (%)	25 Marks (%)
1	Class Test (at least one)	15 (30%)	10 (40%)
2	Quiz (at least one)	15 (30%)	05 (20%)
3	Active Learning	05 (10%)	----
4	Home Assignment	05 (10%)	05 (20%)
5	Class Assignment	05 (10%)	----
6	Attendance	05 (10%)	05 (20%)
Total Internal (%)		50 (100%)	25 (100%)
Final Examination (%)		50 (100%)	25 (100%)

Sr. No.	Course Outcomes: Having completed this course, the learner will be able to
1)	Identify the historical and cultural context of the word "Dharma" and explain its etymology and core meaning.
2)	Analyze the characteristics of Dharma and its manifestations in various aspects of human life, including personal ethics, social responsibilities, and spiritual practices.
3)	Evaluate the explanations of Dharma provided by eminent scholars and thinkers, and critically examine different perspectives on its interpretation and application.
4)	Recognize the importance of Dharma in guiding ethical decision-making, promoting harmony in relationships and communities, and fostering a just and compassionate society.
5)	Apply the concepts of Dharma to contemporary issues and challenges, understand the role of Dharma in present times, the significance of Achardharma, and the influence of Dharma in the lives of scholars and individuals who exemplify its principles.

Sr. No.	Suggested References:
1)	"Dharma: Its Early History in Law, Religion, and Narrative" by Alf Hiltebeitel
2)	"Dharma: The Hindu, Jain, Buddhist and Sikh Traditions of India" by Veena R. Howard.
3)	"The Concept of Dharma in Valmiki Ramayana" by Dr. Nityanand Mishra
4)	"Dharma in Hinduism: A Historical and Philosophical Perspective" by Arvind Sharma

5)	"Dharma and Ecology of Hindu Communities: Sustenance and Sustainability" edited by Pankaj Jain
6)	"Understanding Dharma: The Four Authentic Sources" by Pradip Gangopadhyay

Sr. No.	On-Line Resources available that can be used as Reference Material
1)	Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Religion: "Dharma" - https://oxfordre.com/religion/view/10.1093/acrefore/9780199340378.001.0001/acrefore-9780199340378-0-63
2)	Hinduism Today: "The Four Dharmas of the Kali Yuga" - https://www.hinduismtoday.com/modules/smartsection/item.php?itemid=5594