

**UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS**  
**M.A. DEGREE PROGRAMME IN HISTORICAL STUDIES**  
**SYLLABUS WITH EFFECT FROM 2023-2024**

**FIRST YEAR – SEMESTER- I**

<b>Course code</b>	403C1A	<b>SOCIAL AND CULTURAL HISTORY OF TAMILNADU UPTO 1565 C.E.</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>Core/Elective/Supportive</b>	<b>Core 1</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Pre-requisite</b>			<b>Syllabus Version</b>		<b>R2020</b>	
<b>Course Objectives:</b>						
The main objectives of this course are to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ To enable the students to understand political, social, economic, administrative and cultural history of early Tamils.</li> <li>➤ Recent researchers in the ancient history of Tamil Nadu and the new excavation have brought to light the glory of the cultural past of the Tamils.</li> <li>➤ The students will acquire knowledge about the Social and cultural aspects of the Tamil Society from the Sangam Period to Nayak rule by learning this paper.</li> </ul>						
<b>Expected Course Outcomes:</b>						
On the successful completion of the course, student will be able to:						
1.	To recognize Economic, Trade, Customs, Religion, Literature and Arts during the Sangam Age - the Kalabhras.					K1
2.	To Remember the Age of Pallavas and the Bhakti Movement.					K2
3.	To apply the condition of economic, social religion, literature , education, and development of Art and Architecture under the Imperial Cholas.					K3
4.	To analyse the condition of economic, social religion, literature, education, and development of Art and Architecture under the Second Pandyan empire.					K4
5.	To assess the rule of Vijayanagar and the Nayaks.					K5
<b>K1 - Remember; K2 - Understand; K3 - Apply; K4 - Analyze; K5 - Evaluate;</b>						
<b>Unit:1</b>						<b>14 hours</b>
Geographical features of Tamil Nadu – Sources for the study of ancient Tamil Nadu – Pre-historic – megalithic – historical – literary sources – New findings and perspectives from on-going excavations						
<b>Unit:2</b>						<b>14 hours</b>
The Sangam Age – The Cheras – The Cholas – The Pandyas – Sangam Polity – classification of tinai – Social Institutions – Customs and Practices – Economic Life – Trade – Religion – Literature – Fine Arts – The Kalabhras and the development of Literature-Religion – Influences of Buddhism and Jainism.						
<b>Unit:3</b>						<b>14 hours</b>
Aryan penetration and its influences in Tamil Nadu – Rise of new kingdom – The Pallavas of Kanchi – various theories of their origin – Social Institutions – Society – Economic Life – Age of Brahmadeya land grants – Religion – Development of Education and Literature – Evolution of Art and Architecture – Bhakti Movement and its effects – Decline of the Pallavas.						

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<b>Unit:4</b>									<b>14 hours</b>	
Rise of the Cholas – Age of the Imperial Cholas – Administration – Central, Provincial and Local (or) Kudavolai system – Social and Economic Life – Religion – Role of the Temples – Development of Literature and Education, Education Centers – Rise of Dravidian Art and Architecture.										
<b>Unit:5</b>									<b>14 hours</b>	
Later Cholas and their decline- the Second Pandyan Empire: Foreign Accounts – Society – Economic Life – Religion – Literature – Fine Arts – development of Art and Architecture – Muslim invasions – Tamilagam under Vijayanagar and Nayak Rule: Society – Influence of the Portuguese – Economic Life – Religion – Literature – Art and Architecture.										
<b>Total Lecture hours</b>										
								<b>70 hours</b>		
<b>Text Book(s)</b>										
1.	Gopal. R., History of the Pallavas of Kanchi, University of Madras, Madras , 1928									
2.	G Krishnamurthy, V.M. History of Tamil Nadu up to A.D.1565, Vijayalakshmi Publications, Neyyur, .									
3.	Mahalingam T.V., Administration and Social Life under Vijayanagar, University of Madras, 1940									
4.	Meenakshi, C., Administration and Social Life under the Pallavas, University of Madras, Madras, 1977									
5.	NilakantaSastri. K.A., The Colas, University of Madras, Madras,1984									
6.	Nilankata Sastri. K.A., The Pandian Kingdom from the earliest times to the Sixteenth Century, London, 1929									
7.	Nilakanta Sastri. K.A.,History of South India, Oxford University Press, Madras, 1966.									
8.	Pillay. K.K., A Social History of the Tamil, Tamilnadu History – its People and Culture (in Tamil), University of Madras, Chennai, 2009.									
9.	Robert Sewell., A Forgotten Empire (Vijayanagar), Asian Educational Services New Delhi , 1982									
10.	Sadasiva Pandarattar., Pirkala Cholar Varalaru (Tamil), Annamalai Univerisity Publishers, Annamalai Nagar, Chidambaram , 1975.									
11.	Sathiyanaithaier. R., History of Nayaks of Madura, University of Madras, Madras, 1924.									
12.	Stein Burton., State and Society in Medieval South India, Oxford,Delhi, 1980									
<b>Mapping with Programme Outcomes*</b>										
<b>Cos</b>	<b>PO1</b>	<b>PO2</b>	<b>PO3</b>	<b>PO4</b>	<b>PO5</b>	<b>PO6</b>	<b>PO7</b>	<b>PO8</b>	<b>PO9</b>	<b>PO10</b>
<b>CO1</b>	M	S	M	S	M	S	L	M	L	L
<b>CO2</b>	S	S	L	S	S	M	L	M	L	L
<b>CO3</b>	S	M	S	S	S	M	L	S	L	L
<b>CO4</b>	S	S	S	S	S	S	M	S	L	L
<b>CO5</b>	S	S	S	M	M	L	S	L	L	L

\*S-Strong; M-Medium; L-Low