

UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS
B.A. DEGREE COURSE IN HISTORICAL STUDIES
SYLLABUS WITH EFFECT FROM 2023-2024

SECOND YEAR – SEMESTER-

Elective III: BASICS OF ARCHAEOLOGY

Subject Code	Subject Name	Category	I	T	P	S	Credits	Inst. Hours	Marks		
									CIA	External	Total
206E3A	BASICS OF ARCHAEOLOGY	Elective					3	4	25	75	100
Course Objectives											
C1	To understand scope of Archaeology.										
C2	To study archaeology as a source for history.										
C3	To understand the Methods of Excavation.										
C4	To know the meaning of Epigraphy and types of epigraphs										
C5	To study about the Coins, types of coins, Metals and values of coins										
UNIT	DETAILS										No. of Hours
I	Scope and Nature of Archaeology – Aims and Methods of Excavation – Exploration – Kinds of Excavations – Pottery types and their importance – Stone Age cultures – Paleolithic, Megalithic and Neolithic cultures of India.										15
II	Harappan Culture – Chalcolithic culture of Western and Central India and the Deccan - Early Iron Age cultures – Painted Grey ware and Northern Black Polished ware cultures.										15
III	Megalithic and Black and Red ware cultures of South India – Archaeology of Tamil Nadu –Adhichchanallur – Arikamedu – Paiyam Palli – Kaveripoompattinam.										15
IV	Epigraphy and its importance – Brahmi Script – Language and types of inscriptions with special reference to South India.										15
V	Numismatics –Types of Coins – Coins of Satavahanas – Guptas, Cholas, Pandyas and Vijayanagar.										15
Total										75	
Course Outcomes									Programme Outcomes		
CO	On completion of this course, students will										
1	Understand of evolution of ancient societies										PO1,PO2, PO5
2	Know cultural diversity of the people.										PO2, PO3
3	Know the use of new techniques for survival										PO1, PO2
4	Understand the extent of the kingdoms										PO1, PO2
5	Understand the evolution of languages and cultures.										PO4, PO5

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Text Book	
1	Aiyappan .A. and Satyamurti .S.T., Handbook A Museum Technique, Madras, 1971.
2	Basham, A.L. The Wonder that was India, Rupa & Co., Delhi, 1967.
3	Brown C., The Coins of India, Oxford University Press, Calcutta, 1922.
4	Colin Renfrew and Paul G. Bahn, Archaeology: Theories, Methods and Practice, Thames & Hudson, London, 2004.
5	Dilip. K. Chakrabarti, India: An Archaeological History Palaeolithic Beginnings to Early Historic Foundations, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 1999.
6	Lal, B.B. Archaeology, Motilal Banarsidas, Delhi, 1964.
7	Mahalingam T.V., Early South Indian Paleography, Issue 1 of Madras University Archaeological series, University of Madras, Madras, 1967.
8	. Paddaya, K —Theoretical perspectives in Indian Archaeology – An historical view of Theory in Archaeology – A world perspective, (Ed.) PeterJ. Ucko, Routledge, London, 1995.
9	Rajan, K. Archaeology: Principles and Methods, Manoo Pathippakam, Thanjavur, 2002.
10	Ramachandiran, K.S., A Bibliography of South Indian Megalithic, The State Department of Archaeology, Government of Tamil Nadu, 1971.

Mapping with Programme Outcomes:

	PO 1	PO 2	PO 3	PO 4	PO 5	PO 6	PO 7	PO 8
CO 1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
CO 2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
CO 3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
CO 4	3	3	3	3	2	3	2	3
CO 5	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	3
Weightage	14	14	14	14	13	15	13	15
Weighted percentage of course contribution to POS	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.6	3.00	2.6	3.00

S-Strong-3 M-Medium-2 L-Low-1