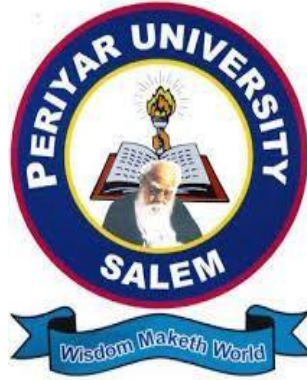


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CENTRE FOR DISTANCE AND ONLINE EDUCATION
(CDOE)

PROGRAMME PROJECT REPORT (PPR)



M.A. TAMIL
[SEMESTER PATTERN]
(2025-2026 ONWARDS)

Programme Project Report (PPR)

I. Programme's Mission and Objectives

Vision

This course aims to train the students to become well-versed in Tamil Grammar and literature, thereby making them fluent in the Tamil language.

Mission

To prepare postgraduate students to know the techniques of grammar literature and apply them to social development.

II. Relevance of the Programme with HEI's Mission and Goals

According to the mission of Periyar University Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE), the Master of Arts (M.A) programme in Tamil has been designed and is offered through Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode to cater to the evolving educational requirements of the adult and rural population. The aim is to enhance accessibility to higher education and create a flexible learning environment that allows individuals to learn anytime and anywhere.

III. Nature of prospective target group of learners

Candidates holding degrees such as Tamil Arts (B.A., Branch XII Tamil), Bachelor of Literature (B.Lit.), and Bachelor of Arts or Science (B.A./B.Sc.) with Part-I Tamil from Periyar University are eligible for admission to the M.A. Tamil program under the Choice Based Credit System (CBCS). Applicants with equivalent qualifications from other universities recognized by the Periyar University Board of Governors are also eligible.

IV. Appropriateness of Programme to be conducted in ODL Mode to acquire specific Skills and Competence

The Bachelor of Arts degree program in Tamil, delivered through Open and Distance Learning (ODL), aims to develop specific competencies in Tamil language and literature. This program offers extensive opportunities for language enhancement and has significant potential for fostering linguistic skills. Upon completion, learners can expect to acquire comprehensive understanding of grammar and explore various scholarly literary works in Tamil.

- **P01 – Advanced Knowledge Acquisition**
Acquire in-depth knowledge and understanding of Tamil language, literature, grammar, linguistics, and literary theory from ancient to modern times.
- **P02 – Critical Thinking and Analysis**
Develop critical and analytical skills to interpret classical and contemporary Tamil texts through various literary, linguistic, and cultural lenses.
- **P03 – Research and Innovation**
Demonstrate research aptitude through independent or guided projects, promoting original thought and contribution to Tamil studies.
- **P04 – Communication and Presentation Skills**
Enhance the ability to communicate effectively in Tamil (spoken and written), including academic writing, public speaking, and media communication.
- **P05 – Ethical and Cultural Awareness**
Promote ethical values, appreciation of Tamil culture, heritage, and its role in shaping identity and social responsibility.
- **P06 – Lifelong Learning and Employability**
Prepare students for a range of career options including teaching, media, translation, publishing, and public service, and instill a mindset of lifelong learning.

Programme Specific Outcomes (PSOs):

- **PSO1 – Mastery in Tamil Literature**
Attain comprehensive understanding of Sangam literature, Bhakti poetry, Modern Tamil literature, and folklore, enabling interpretation and critique of literary texts.
- **PSO2 – Proficiency in Tamil Grammar and Linguistics**
Gain advanced knowledge in classical Tamil grammar (Tolkappiyam, Nannool), phonetics, morphology, syntax, and modern linguistic theories.
- **PSO3 – Competency in Literary Theory and Criticism**
Apply Indian and Western literary theories in the analysis of Tamil texts and explore comparative literature perspectives.
- **PSO4 – Contribution to Tamil Research and Development**
Engage in scholarly research and publication in Tamil language and literature, contributing to academic and cultural enrichment.
- **PSO5 – Application in Contemporary Fields**
Utilize Tamil skills in contemporary fields such as digital Tamil computing, media, film, journalism, and content creation.

V. Instructional design

Semester 1				
	Paper code	Subject	H/W	Credits
Core Course – 1	25DPTA01	Tholkaapiyam – Eluzthuathigaram	5	6
Core Course – 2	25DPTA02	Sangailakkiyam	4	5
Core Course – 3	25DPTA03	Kapiya Illakkiyam	4	5
Elective Course - 1	25DPTAE01	Illakiya Thiranaivu Kolkaigalum	2	3
Elective Course – 2	25DPTAE02	Panpaatu Maanudaviyal	2	3
Skill Enhancement - 1	25DPTASE01	Thagaval Thodarpial	1	2
Total			18	24
Semester 2				
Core Course – 4	25DPTA04	Tholkaapiyam – Solathigaaram	5	6
Core Course – 5	25DPTA05	Araillakkiyam	4	5
Core Course – 6	25DPTA06	Bakthi Illakkiyam	4	5
Elective Course – 3	25DPTAE03	Naataar Vazhakaatril	2	3
Elective Course – 4	25DPTAE04	Uraiyaasiriyarum Uraimarapum	2	3
Total			17	22
Semester				
Core Course – 7	25DPTA07	Tholkaapiyam – Porulathigaaram	5	6
Core Course – 8	25DPTA08	Kongunaatu Varalaarum Panpaadum	4	5
Core Course – 9	25DPTA09	Aaraichi Nerimuraikal	4	5
Elective Course - 5	25DPTAE05	Pothumozhiyal	2	3
Total			15	19
Semester 4				
Core Course – 10	25DPTA10	Ikkalath Tamil Ilakkanam	4	5
Core Course – 11	25DPTA11	Ikkalath Tamil Ilakkiyam	4	5
Core Course – 12	25DPTA12	Varalatriyal	3	4
Elective Course – 6	25DPTAE06	Periyariyal	2	3
Skill Enhancement - 2	25DPTASE02	Panithervuth Tamil	1	2
Project - 1	25DPTAPRO01	Aaivedu	5	7
Total			19	26
Total Credits - 91				

Credit System:

Periyar University, CDOE plans to implement the 'Credit System' for most of its programs. Each credit corresponds to 30 hours of study, encompassing all learning activities. Therefore, an 8-credit course requires 240 hours, a 6-credit course requires 180 hours, a 4-credit course requires 120 hours, and a 2-credit course requires 60 hours of study. This system helps students gauge the academic effort needed to complete a course. To finish an academic program, students must successfully complete both the assignments and the term-end examinations for each course in the program.

Faculty and Support Staff

Staff Category	Required
Assistant Professor	2
Supportive Staff	2
Total	4

Medium of Instruction

The medium of course instruction and examination will be in Tamil.

Distribution of Text Books & Instructions

Syllabus Texts

Printed textbooks will be provided to students through Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE) of Periyar University

Student support service systems and procedure for evaluation

Student support services will be facilitated by CDOE, Periyar University, Salem and various parts of Tamil Nadu. Curriculum Design and Delivery. Information about admission and selection of students including fee structure and evaluation methods will be explained at the respective Centre before the scheduled counselling. Identity card, books required for study, study of subjects, examinations will be processed and guided through the Centre. The date/timings of the examinations will be intimated to the Centre through the CDOE. All the corrections of examination papers and certificates will be done through the Periyar University Controller of Examination.

Course Duration

Duration of Master's degree in Tamil is two academic years. In case of not passing the course within the specified period, then it is necessary to pass the course within next 2 years. Admission is based on the basis of reservation policy of Government of Tamil Nadu and as per university regulations.

VI. Admission Procedure:

The eligibility for Admission to the Master of Arts Degree Programme in Tamil is Candidates holding degrees such as Tamil Arts (B.A., Branch XII Tamil), Bachelor of Literature (B.Lit.), and Bachelor of Arts or Science (B.A./B.Sc.) with Part-I Tamil from Periyar University are eligible for admission to the M.A. Tamil program under the Choice Based Credit System (CBCS). Applicants with equivalent qualifications from other universities recognized by the Periyar University Board of Governors are also eligible and pass with relevant subject or its equivalent. The admission is carried out by Periyar University Centre for Distance and Online Education and through its Learner Support Centres.

Curriculum Transaction

Fee Structure - per year

The programme has the following Fee Structure:

Nature of fee	Amount in ₹	
	First Year	Second Year
Application Processing Fee	236	
Course Fee	4200/-	3600/-
ICT Fee	120	120
Total		

Eligibility for Examination

The written test held at the end of each term will be for three hours duration. Students who have not passed will be allowed to apply and write in subsequent semesters.

Question Paper Format

The question paper structure for each subject of three hours duration is Part-A, Part-B. and Part – C. Marks will be distributed as follows:

QUESTION PAPER PATTERN	
Total Marks – 75	Time – 3 Hrs
Part –A Part –A (10 x 2 = 20 Marks) Answer ALL questions Two questions from each Unit	
Part-B Analytical Questions – Any Three Questions from Five Units (3x5=15 Marks)	
Part-C Descriptive type Questions in Either or pattern from each unit (5x8=40 Marks)	

Method of Evaluation for Continuous Internal Assessment and End Semester Examination

Marks for Internal Assessment and End Semester Examination are as follows:

	Minimum Marks	Maximum marks
Continuous Internal Assessment Test	12	25
End Semester Examination	38	75
Total	50	100

Internal Evaluation

The distribution of 25 marks for internal evaluation is as follows:

- Continuous Internal Assessment Test - 10 Marks
- Assignments - 10 Marks
- Attendance - 5 Marks

Passing Minimum

Passing Minimum in the end semester examination shall be 50% out of 75 marks (i.e., 38 marks).

Grading

Once the marks of the CIA and end-semester examinations for each of the course are available, they shall be added. The mark thus obtained shall then be converted to the relevant letter grade, grade point as per the details given below:

Conversion of Marks to Grade Points and Letter Grade (Performance in a Course/ Paper)

RANGE OF MARKS	GRADE POINTS	LETTER GRADE	DESCRIPTION
90-100	9.0-10.0	O	Outstanding
80-89	8.0-8.9	D+	Excellent
75-79	7.5-7.9	D	Distinction

70-74	7.0-7.4	A+	Very Good
60-69	6.0-6.9	A	Good
50-59	5.0-5.9	B	Average
40-49	4.0-4.9	C	Satisfactory
00-39	0.0	U	Re-appear
ABSENT	0.0	AAA	ABSENT

- i = Credits earned for course in any semester
 Gi = Grade Point obtained for course in any semester
 n = refers to the semester in which such course were credited

Classification of Result

Marks	Grade Point	CGPA	Letter Grade	Description
96 and above	10	9.51 and above	S+	First Class –
91-95	9.5	9.01-9.50	S	Exemplary
86-90	9.0	8.51-9.00	D++	First Class
81-85	8.5	8.01-8.50	D+ D	Distinction
76-80	8.0	7.51-8.00		
71-75	7.5	7.01-7.50	A++	
66-70	7.0	6.51-7.00	A+	First Class

Passing Minimum 50% P: Pass, ESE: End Semester Examination, CIA: Continuous Internal Assessment

$$\text{GPA} = \frac{\sum (\text{CDT} \times \text{GPT})}{\sum \text{CDT}}$$

Where: CDT – No. of credits of core, optional and elective courses

GPT= Grade Point (obtained by dividing the percentage of marks scored by 10)

VII. Requirement of Laboratory and Library Resources:

The M.A. Tamil programme does not require any laboratory support.

The University has well equipped computer labs with high configured desktops with good internet/Wi-Fi connectivity. It also has more than 6000 books and access to 100 e-books at post graduate and research levels.

The Central Library is one of the important central facilities of Periyar University. It has Text book, reference books, conference proceedings, back volumes, and non-book material such as CD-ROMs and audios. The central library procured several e- books in different areas.

All routine functions of the library are automated with the help of an integrated library software package, developed and distributed by UGC INFLIBNET. A database for the entire collection has been created and available through online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) to the users via campus network.

The Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE) at Periyar University has begun establishing a dedicated library for the ODL programme and is in the process of acquiring printed books and e-books for this purpose.

VIII. Cost Estimate of the Programme and the Provisions:

The University has already incurred initial expenses for infrastructure, manpower, SLM preparation, and other necessities. The University plans to allocate expenses from the total fee collection, based on admission of students as follows:

- SLM Printing and Delivery – 20%
- Salary and Administrative Expenses – 60%
- Software Development & Maintenance – 10%
- Future Developments – 10%

IX. Quality assurance mechanism

The CIQA will oversee and ensure the quality of the ODL programs. The CIQA of Periyar University's Centre for Online and Distance Education includes the Vice-Chancellor as the Chairperson, three senior teachers from Higher Educational Institutions, Heads of three departments or schools offering recognized programme in Open and Distance Learning and Online modes, two External Experts in Open and Distance Learning and/or online education, Officials from the Administration and Finance departments, and the Director of the Centre for Internal Quality Assurance as the Member Secretary.

The objective of the CIQA is to develop and implement a comprehensive and dynamic internal quality assurance system. This system will ensure that the higher education programme offered in the Open and Distance Learning (ODL) and Online modes by the Higher Educational Institution are of acceptable quality and are continuously improved.

The Board of Studies (BoS) comprises of expert faculties from the Department of Psychology who review the course curriculum once in every 2 to 3 years.

The BoS benchmarks the course curriculum with the requirement by the industry and feedback from stakeholders.

Consequently, the course curriculum and study materials will be revised in tune with the academy and industry requirements. The feedback from students on teaching will be collected every semester using appropriate feedback mechanism.

The expected programme outcomes are:

- To maintain, develop and improve Tamil language resources
- Global promotion of Tamil Language
- Facilitation of higher education
- Use of grammar in writing and speaking
- Getting various job opportunities
- Assistance in preparation for competitive exams like TNPSC, UPSC and similar exams.
- Writing poetry
- Vast scope in Tourism Industry
- Enhancing translation skills
- Development of stage speaking skills
- Career opportunities in media like newspaper, television, radio, and cinema.
- To make the learners of Tamil a cultured human being