

Department of History
Faculty of Arts & Culture, Eastern University, Sri Lanka
Detailed Syllabus

Ancillary Courses

Second year, First Semester

OHY 2163 Laws and Customs of Sri Lankan Tamils

Objectives:

- To focus attention of the major issues and problems of the social history of the Sri Lankan Tamils.
- To train to examine critically the primary and secondary sources relating to the Laws and customs of Sri Lankan Tamils.

Learning outcomes:

At the end of the course Students will be able to:

- Acquire knowledge of the social and economic institutions of Tamil society.
- Be enlightened about the *patrilineal* and matrilineal systems of social organization.
- Acquire a comprehensive knowledge about partition of estates and other forms of property among legitimate claimants according to customs and the prevailing laws.
- Attention also will be focus on the Laws and Customs and social institutions of the maritime communities.

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1. Ethnicity and multiculturalism in Sri Lanka	05
2. The Political and Social institutions of the Sri Lankan Tamils in the Kingdoms and Principalities of Jaffna, Trincomalee and Batticaloa	09
3. The <i>Tecavalamai</i> Code, the Customary laws of the Tamils of Trincomalee, Batticaloa and Puttalam and these of the Paravans	09
4. The Concepts of <i>mutsom</i> (paternal property) <i>citanam</i> and <i>tetiya tettam</i> (Lacquered Property)	07
5. The Muslims and their laws of inheritance	05
6. The laws and customs of the Kandyan Sinhales	05
7. The influence of Romance Dutch law	05

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Third Year

Third Year, First Semester

OHY 3123 History of the Sri Lankan Tamils

Objectives:

- To provide a comprehensive knowledge of the History of the Sri Lankan Tamils.
- To guide the students to understand the complexities of the Sri Lankan multicultural society.
- To train students to gain a sound knowledge of the Tamils contribution the development of political and social institutions, arts and architecture, and to the professions and the economy in the modern era.

Learning outcomes:

At the end of the course the students will be able to:

- Critically examine the origins of Tamils society in the proto Historic period.
- Familiarized with the archeological literary and archival sources relating the history of this community.
- Understand the multifaceted role of the Tamil community in the development of National heritage.

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| 1. Megalithic Culture and Early Tamils settlement | 03 |
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| 3. Tamils and the Sri Lankan Trade | 03 |

4. Tamils in political and military organization	03
5. The kingdoms of Jaffna	03
6. Vanniyar Chieftains of Trincomalee	03
7. The polities of Mattakkalappu tecam	04
8. Thesavalamai, Mukkuvar Law and the customary Laws of the Paravans	04
9. Relations with the things of Kotte and Kandy the Tamils under the Portuguese and Dutch Occupation.	03
10. Buddhism and Jainism among the Tamils in the Early Historic period	02
11. Christianity among the Tamils	02
12. Tamils Leadership in the Legislative Council	04
13. Arumuka Navalar and the efflorescence of Saivism	02
14. Tamils leadership and the State Council	02
15. Tamils leadership, political parties and parliamentary representation	03
16. Tamils aspirations and Constitutional Developments	02

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Third Year, Second Semester

OHY 3233 Selected themes from Sri Lankan History

Objectives:

The following are the objective of this course:

- To focus attention on the major issues and problems of history.
- To train to examiners critically the primary and secondary sources relating to Sri Lankan History.

Learning outcomes:

At the end of the course students will be able to:

- The under graduate will acquire a basic knowledge of Sri Lankan History.
- They will acquire skill for the critical and objective evaluation historical writings.
- The students also will acquire an understanding of Sri Lankan heritage specially in Architecture and development of political, social and judicial institutions.

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1. Chola conquest and administration	06
2. The achievements of the principal Kings: Vijayabahu -I, Parakramabahu I and Nissankamalla	08
3. Kingship and Administration	05
4. Trade and Urbanization	07
5. Agriculture and Irrigation	06
6. Art and Architecture	07
7. Foreign relations	06

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