

**Course Number and Name** HISE 201 History of India from Ancient Times up to 1206 A.D.

**Intended Learning Outcomes** At the end of the course the students will be able to describe the polity and political institutions of Ancient India from its beginnings up to 1206 A.D, explain the history of ancient India focusing on the political developments, socio-economic and cultural changes in India, assess the impact of Indian historical developments on its neighboring countries and vice versa, and the multi-faceted influences of India on the course of Sri Lankan history.

**Course Contents** Harappan civilization; early and post Vedic era and evolving political patterns; minor principalities and the Mahajanapadas; socio-economic changes and religious dissent in the sixth century B.C.; Persian and Macedonian invasions; Mauryan Empire and its culture; Indo-Greeks; Sakas, Kusanas and the post-Mauryan polity; history of South India in the pre-Mauryan period; Sangam age; Satavahanas and their successors; struggle for supremacy in South India; rise and growth of the Gupta empire; political, socio-economic and cultural developments in Northern India in the Gupta and post-Gupta periods; Muslim invasions of Northern India; Palas, Pratiharas, Rastrakutas and their political struggles; South in ascendance; Chalukyas, Pallavas and Pandyas; imperial Colas; maritime contacts between India and the outside world.

**Assessment Strategy**

- i. Time of Assessment - End of the Year
- ii. Assessment Method - Written examination

Assigned percentage of marks for each component - 100%

**Recommended References**

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