

Course: Kerala Culture and History

A non-credit course on "Kerala culture and history" conducted by the Dept of Youth Welfare, Cochin University of Science and Technology.

In recent times, there has been a considerable increase in the number of overseas students visiting the CUSAT as part of combined degree/diploma programs, faculty/scholar exchange programs, and collaborative research projects. Studies of culture and heritage have always been appealing, especially to international students. The most acclaimed aspects of the age are culture, cultural goods, and cultural heritage. The emphasis on culture has grown in the modern era due to the rise of tourism and international travel. Therefore, it is essential to provide the CUSAT international students with an introduction to the rich cultural legacy and history of Kerala. In this context, a non-credit course on Kerala Culture and History has been proposed with the following objectives in order to support Internationalisation at CUSAT:

- To have a better understanding of Kerala and its people.
- To have a basic level of understanding about the cultural past as well as their locality.
- To gain basic information about the cultural traits of Kerala.
- To obtain general awareness about the heritage sites and historical monuments of Kerala.
- To explore the locality so to understand the historical significance of various places.

In connection with the course, it is proposed to organise field trips to some of the following cultural traits and heritage sites in Kerala.

Module 1 (Lecture Sessions) - Kerala - Introduction

Kerala – Land - People – Political and cultural history – Language - Religion – Economy – Political Democracy

Module 2 - Cultural Traits of Kerala (Lecture sessions, field visit and demonstrations)

Arts forms of Kerala – Classical and folk arts - Kathakali – Mohiniyattam – Chaakyar koothu
Festivals – Onam – Regional Festivals - Architecture - Temple, Church, Mosque; Nalukettu, Koothambalam.

Module 3 - Heritage Sites and Monuments in Kerala (Field Visit)

Pattanam excavations and Muziris heritage project - Hill palace - Jewish Synagogue - Institutes related to Kerala Culture and History

- Evaluation methods: Quiz / Presentations / Field reports / Participation
- Certificates will be issued on the successful completion of the course.
- This course is designed exclusively for the foreign students
- Students from the University of Rennes, France under the exchange programme can attend the course at free of cost.
- International Students from other universities / countries should bear the cost of field trips as part of the course.
- Visit office of the Department of Youth Welfare, Amenity Centre, for more details.
- For registration: <https://rb.gy/on596g>