

International School for Jain Studies

WINTER PROGRAM

SYLLABUS

TOPICS TO BE COVERED:

1. Introduction:

- Introduction to Jainism
- Schism & lineage
- Jain salutations, liturgy, mantra, signs
- Jain literature

2. Philosophy:

- **Introduction:** Placing Jainism in Indian Philosophical Systems
- **Metaphysics:** Tattvas, Soul (Jiva), Karma Doctrine
- **Epistemology:** Theory of Knowledge
- **Conduct/Ethics:** Basis for Jain ethics, Daily Practices (Samayika, Pratikraman, Devotion); Vows conduct for householders
- **Jain Yoga:** Introduction & development
- **Cosmology:** Structure of cosmos and its description

3. Culture:

- Jain values and way of life (Ahimsa Anekanta Aparigraha)
- Jain Community
- Jain festivals and pilgrimages
- Non-violent communication & Non-violent food

Recommended Books/Study Materials:

1. Study Notes published by ISJS. Available at www.isjs.in
2. Jainism, Key to Reality edited by Shugan Jain
3. That which Is by Nathmal Tatia
4. Jainism: An Introduction by Jeffery D. Long
5. Jainism (for young inquisitive) by Shugan Jain
6. Jains in India and Abroad by P.C. Jain
7. Religion and culture of Jains by J. P. Jain
8. Jain Way of Life by Yogendra Jain
9. Path of Purification by P. S. Jaini