

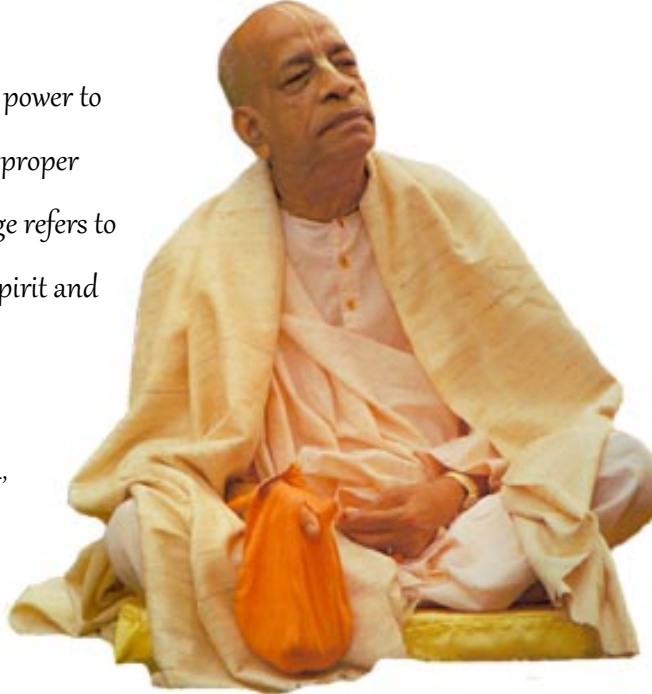


International Society for Krishna Consciousness
Founder-Acarya His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada

Bhaktivedanta College of Education and Culture

'Intelligence refers to the power to analyse things in their proper perspective, and knowledge refers to understanding what is spirit and what is matter'.

Bhagavad Gita 10.4,
Srila Prabhupada.



'Vedanta means ultimate knowledge. Knowledge is never perfect unless one comes to the point of understanding Krishna. To remain in Krishna Consciousness is actual understanding of Vedanta'.

Letter to Janardana - Los Angeles
21 January, 1968,

The Sanskrit term *bhaktivedanta* has special significance for Bhaktivedanta College. Vedanta, composed of veda(knowledge) and anta(conclusion), means the culmination of knowledge, understanding, or critical evaluation.

Bhakti means loving devotional service to the transcendental, personal source of everything.

So the word *bhaktivedanta* combines the ideas of scholarly excellence and the highest spiritual values and activities. The term *bhaktivedanta* is given to revered devotee-scholars in Indian spiritual circles. Srila A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada the founder-acharya of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), received this title in the mid-twentieth century from his contemporaries.

Late in his life, he wrote nearly seventy books, which are translations of and commentaries on Vaishnava texts. Between 1965 and 1977, he and his followers worldwide started more than a hundred temples, farms, and schools. Nowadays, his teachings are practiced and taught in many congregations connected to ISKCON.

Srila Prabhupada is the inspiration behind Bhaktivedanta College, because his exemplary life teaches that the best education combines the advancement of knowledge with self-realization and love of God, or Sri Krishna.

The Bhaktivedanta College of Education and Culture (BCEC) was founded in July 1991 in Durban, South Africa. His Holiness Bhakti Brhat Bhagavata Swami – then known as Brhat-Mrdanga Dasa formed the BCEC under the instructions and guidance of His Holiness Giriraj Swami. The college is a forum to discuss and relish the translations and purport of the books of His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.

The Bhaktivedanta College is operational at numerous locations and offers a variety of programs for differing age groups and levels of study.

2018 Courses

1. Vedic Philosophy & Practice (Bhakti Sadacara Certificate)

This course covers the basic philosophy and practices of devotion. It will adequately equip you to live and practice Krishna Consciousness with understanding and intent, rather than on hearsay and sentiment.

- This is an introductory course and therefore there are no pre-requisites.
- This course is offered in 3 modules (5 x 2 hours each).
- You require the book, *Science of Self Realization* for Module 1.
- It is recommended that the modules be taken in the order prescribed.
- This course will be offered twice a year in some areas based on demand.
- The course fee is R50-00 per module, payable during registration at the first session.
- Completion of assignments and a minimum of 80% attendance is required to obtain credit for this course.

⇒ **Module 1: Science of Self Realization**
 ⇒ **Module 2: Vaishnava etiquette-Personal**
 ⇒ **Module 3: Vaishnava etiquette - Japa and Association**

Area	Venue	Day and Time	Teacher	Phone (H)	Phone (C)
Chatsworth	Sri Sri Radha Radhanath Temple College Room Commencing 05 February 2018	Mondays 18:30 – 20:30	Jaisacinandana Das	031-4033328	0837773328
Chatsworth	Sri Sri Radha Radhanath Temple College Room Commencing 04 July 2018	Wednesdays 18:30 – 20:30	Lognath Maharaj/ Raghunatha Bhatta Das	031-4006814	0844106769
Chatsworth	Sri Sri Radha Radhanath Temple Srila Prabhupada's Room Commencing 09 February 2018	Fridays 16:00 – 18:00	Ranga Devi Dasi	031-4033328	0817886133
Chatsworth	Crossmead Primary, Unit 11 Commencing 08 February 2018	Thursdays 18:30 – 20:30	Radha Vallabha Das	031-7082714	0832782714
Estcourt	Maha Gayathri Mandir Commencing 10 February 2018	Saturdays 15:00 – 17:00	Shabri Devi Dasi	036-3522246	0845805139
Ladysmith	Sri Sri Radha Shymasunder Temple Commencing 07 February 2018	Wednesdays 18:30 – 20:30	Rasa-mandala Devi Dasi	036-6332617	0832366595 0842907939
Phoenix	New Jagannath Puri Temple Commencing 05 February 2018	Mondays 18:00 – 20:00	Krsni Dasi	0839570528	
Pietermaritzburg	SS Dayal Nitai Gaurahari Temple Northdale Commencing 07 February 2018	Wednesday 18:00 – 20:00	Nandapriya Gopika Devi Dasi	033-3863526	0825084705
Isipingo	Strelitiza Secondary School Commencing 11 February 2018	Sunday 10:00 – 12:00	Marsela Naidoo		0746010061

2. Introduction to 'Bhagavad Gita As It Is' (5 x 2 hour sessions)

This scripture is the foundation of the Krishna Consciousness Movement. The themes and lessons in Bhagavad Gita together with saintly guidance will help you through life with a strong conviction in devotion to Krishna. This is an introductory course that will give you the basic teachings of the Bhagavad Gita. It will also prepare you for a later intense study of the Bhagavad Gita.

- This is an introductory course and therefore there are no pre-requisites.
- You require the book, *Bhagavad Gita As It Is*.
- The course fee is R70-00, payable during registration at the first session.
- Completion of assignments and a minimum of 80% attendance is required to obtain credit for this course.

Area	Venue	Day and Time	Teacher	Phone (H)	Phone (C)
Chatsworth	Sri Sri Radha Radhanath Temple College Room Commencing 07 February 2018	Wednesday 19:00 – 21:00	Jaisacinandana Das	031-4033328	0837773328
Chatsworth	Sri Sri Radha Radhanath Temple Srila Prabhupada's Room Commencing 11 February 2018	Sundays 10:00 – 12:00	Ranga Devi Dasi	031-34033328	0817886133
Escourt	Maha Gayathri Mandir Commencing 02 July 2018	Mondays 18:30 – 20:30	Shabri Devi Dasi	036-3522246	0845805139
Ladysmith	Sri Sri Radha Shymasunder Temple Commencing 04 July 2018	Wednesdays 18:30 – 20:30	Yogesvara Das	036-6332617	0832366595
Isipingo	Strelitiza Secondary School Commencing 08 July 2018	Sunday 10:00 – 12:00	Marsela Naidoo		0746010061
Phoenix	New Jagannath Puri Temple Commencing 04 July 2018	Wednesdays 19:00 – 21:00	Pundarik Vidyanidhi Das	031-5082563	0837761677

3. Introduction to 'Nectar of Instruction' (1 x 3 hour session)

- There are no pre-requisites for this course.
- You require the book, *Nectar of Instruction*.
- The course fee is R20-00, payable on the day of the course.
- Dates for this introductory course at each centre will be determined in conjunction with the congregation at each centre.

4. Introduction to 'Sri Isopanisad' (2 x 2 hour sessions)

- There are no pre-requisites for this course.
- You require the book, *Sri-Isopanisad*.
- The course fee is R30-00 payable during registration at the first session.
- Dates for this introductory course at each centre will be determined in conjunction with the congregation at each centre.

5. Introduction to 'Nectar of Devotion' (3 x 2 hour sessions)

- There are no pre-requisites for this course.
- You require the book, *Nectar of Devotion*.
- The course fee is R50-00 payable during registration at the first session.
- Dates for this introductory course at each centre will be determined in conjunction with the congregation at each centre.

6. Bhakti Sastri Degree – Module 1: Bhagavad Gita As It Is: Chapters 1 - 6 (18 x 2 hour sessions)

- The *Vedic Philosophy and Practice Course/Bhakti Sadacara Certificate* is a pre-requisite for the Bhakti Sastri degree.
- The *Introduction to Bhagavad Gita* course is recommended but is not a compulsory pre-requisite for the *Bhakti Sastri* degree.
- The *Bhakti Sastri* degree is composed of 5 modules which are as follows:

Module No.	Name of Module	Number of Sessions
1	Bhagavad-gita As It Is: Chapters 1-6	18 x 2 hours
2	Bhagavad-gita As It Is: Chapters 7-12	14 x 2 hours
3	Bhagavad-gita As It Is: Chapters 13-18	12 x 2 hours
4	Nectar of Devotion	14 x 2 hours
5	Sri Isopanisad & Nectar of Instruction	16 x 2 hours

- As you undertake each module and fulfil the assessment requirements, you will receive credit for that module.
- You may then pursue each of the other modules as they are offered.
- When you have fulfilled the requirements of all FIVE modules, you will be awarded the *Bhakti Sastri* degree.

- This year, Module 1 (*Bhagavad-gita As It Is: Chapters 1-6*) will be offered, commencing in February.
- The course fee for Module 1 is R100-00, payable during registration at the first session.
- You require the book, *Bhagavad Gita As It Is* for Modules 1, 2 and 3.
- Various criteria must be fulfilled to obtain credit for each module. Amongst others, it includes open book and closed book assessments as well as a minimum of 80% attendance.
- You are required to meet the Bhakti Sastri teacher/s at one of the following venues on the date indicated. At this meeting further details will be elaborated.

Area	Venue	Day and time
Chatsworth	Sri Sri Radha Radhanath Temple College Room	Sunday 11 February 2018 13:00 – 15:00
Phoenix	New Jagannath Puri Temple	Sunday, 11 February 2018 11:00 – 13:00

- The Bhakti Sastri teachers for the different modules are as follows:

Module	Teacher
Module 1-3	Jaisacinandan Das Radha Vallabha Das Radha Giridhari Das Raghunatha Bhatta Das Lognath Maharaj Roshnee Chandanram
Module 4	Roshnee Chandanram Ranga Devi Dasi
Module 5	Jaisacinandan Das Lognath Maharaj

- For more information you may contact any one of the following Bhakti Sastri teachers:

Teacher	Contact details
Jaisacinandana Das	0837773328
Lognath Maharaj	0844106769
Raghunath Bhatta Das	0727180444
Radha-giridhari Das	0761908485
Radha-vallabha Das	0832782714
Ranga Devi Dasi	0817886133
Roshnee Chandanram	031-4006935, 0314033328

7. Bhakti Vaibhava Degree

- The *Bhakti Sastri Degree* must have been obtained to register for the *Bhakti Vaibhava Degree*.
- The degree course consists of an extensive study of *Srimad Bhagavatam Cantos 1-6*.
- A study of *Canto 1* will be offered this year.
- Course fee: R180 per year.
- For further details please contact the teacher/s listed below:

Area	Venue	Day and Time	Teacher	Phone (H)	Phone (C)
Chatsworth	Sri Sri Radha Radhanath Temple College Room	To be Announced	Jaisacinandana Das	031- 4033328	0837773328

8. Children's Courses

- Courses are offered according to age groups.
- The course duration is one year consisting of 3 modules (each module is approximately 12 weeks i.e. 12 x 1 hour lessons).
- Cost per module is R50-00 (i.e. R150-00 per year for all three modules).
- A minimum of 80% attendance is required to obtain credit for this course.
- Parents are requested to register their children on the first day.

Age Group	Venue	Day and time	Teacher	Phone
Madhava (6-8 years)	Sri Sri Radha Radhanath Temple College Room	Sundays, 15:30 – 17:00 Commencing 11 February 2018	Sunieka Munnilal	0842891749
	SS Dayal Nitai Gaurahari Temple, Northdale Pietermaritzburg	Fridays, 18:30 – 20:00 Commencing 09 February 2018	Radhika Sundari Devi Dasi	0623956837
	New Jagannath Puri Temple	Sundays at 11.00 Commencing 11 February 2018	Krsni Devi Dasi/Jalangi Devi Dasi	031-5061150 0839570528
Damodara (9-14 years)	Sri Sri Radha Radhanath Temple College Room	Sundays, 15:30 – 17:00 Commencing 04 March 2017	Gundica Dasi	031-7081497 0842208844
	SS Dayal Nitai Gaurahari Temple Northdale Pietermaritzburg	Fridays, 18:30 – 20:00 Commencing 09 February 2018	Radhika Sundari Devi Dasi	0623956837
	New Jagannath Puri Temple	Sundays at 11.00 Commencing 11 February 2018	Krsni Devi Dasi/Jalangi Devi Dasi	031-5061150 0839570528

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