

Course No: SLS 4001
Course Title: Sinhala Exegetical Literature
Credits: 3
Prerequisites: None
Core/Optional: Core
Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To introduce exegetical literary tradition and its evolution To familiarize students about the methods of interpretation found in the exegetical literature To critically engage with <i>Dhampiya Atuwa Getapadaya</i>, <i>Sikhawalanda ha Sikhawalanda Vinisa</i> and <i>Dharmapradikawa</i> and <i>Vishuddhimarga Sanne</i> To assess the ways in which commentaries influence the development of language To examine the literary value of some exegetical notes The impact of Pali and Sanskrit usages through exegetical works
Intended Learning Outcomes: <p>Upon completion the course, students will be able to,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obtain a comprehension of what is an exegetical text Describe the interpretation methods of Sinhala exegetical literature Analyze the narrative and stylistic value of some exegetical texts Explain the evolution of Sinhala language
Time Allocation: (Hours): Supervised Independent Research: 300
Course Description <p>This course studies Sinhala exegetical literature, which is an important part of Sinhala literary heritage, and the course provides the students with a comprehensive knowledge of a selection from early commentarial work such as <i>Dhampiya Atuwa Getapadaya</i>, <i>Sikhawalanda ha Sikhawalanda Vinisa</i> and <i>Dharmapradipikawa</i> while reviewing later commentaries to Kandyan period. The course also examines the ways in which the exegetical literature contributed to the making of scholarly tradition and its contribution to the growth of Sinhala language.</p>

Recommended Texts:

A selection from *Dhampiya Atuwa Getapadaya*. Ed. D.E. Hettiarachchi. Colombo: Sri Lanka University Press, 1974.

A selection from *Dharma-pradeepikawa*. Ed. Rev. Ratmalane Dharmarama, Rathmalane Dhammaloka. Colombo: George J A, Skeen, Government Printers, 1886.

A selection from *Sikha Valanda ha Sikha Valanda Vinisa*. Ed. D. B. Jayathilaka. Maradana: Maha Bodhi Press, 1924.

Kulasooriya, Ananda. *Sinhala Sahithyaya I*. Maharagama: Saman, 1963.

Nanayakkara, Gunawardhana. *Polonnaru Yugaye Vyakhyana Sahithyaya*. Colombo: S. Godage, 1998.

Sirisumana Himi, Agalakada. *Sinhala Vyakhyana Sahithyaya*. Colombo: S. Godage, 2009.

Assessment	Percentage Mark
Continuous Assessment (Assignments, Presentation, Examinations)	40
End Semester Examination	60