

## **B.A (Hons) Performing Arts (Bharata Natyam) – GI334**

### **1. Objectives**

- a. To provide opportunities to diploma holders to acquire further knowledge and competence in Bharata Natyam classical dance.
- b. To equip them to critically analyse issues related to education and dance teaching, and to devise approaches to the teaching of Bharata Natyam Dance in Mauritius.

### **2. General Entry Requirements**

In accordance with the University General Entry Requirements for admission to undergraduate degree programmes.

### **3. Programme Requirement**

A post A-Level MGI Diploma in Performing Arts (Bharata Natyam) or an equivalent qualification acceptable to the UOM/MGI.

### **4. Programme Duration**

|            | <b>Normal</b>            | <b>Maximum</b>           |
|------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Part- time | 2 years<br>(4 semesters) | 4 years<br>(8 semesters) |

### **5. Credit System**

The B.A (Hons) Performing Arts (Bharata Natyam) programme is built up on a 3-year part time Diploma, which accounts for 60 credits.

The Programme is structured on the credit system and is run on a semester basis

A semester is of a duration of 15 weeks (excluding examination period)

A credit is a unit of measure, and the Programme is based on the following guidelines:

15 hours of lectures and / or tutorials: 1 credit

### **6. Minimum Credits Required for the Award of the Degree:**

The MGI Diploma already accounts for 60 credits

For the award of the B.A (Hons) (Bharata Natyam), the student must obtain at least 108 credits, including the 60 credits already earned at Diploma level

#### **Distribution of Credits**

|             | <b>Modules</b>                       | <b>No. of Credits</b>         |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>I.</b>   | Diploma                              | 60                            |
| <b>II.</b>  | Core                                 | 36                            |
| <b>III.</b> | Dissertation                         | 9                             |
| <b>IV.</b>  | Electives – GEM (from UOM/MGI lists) | 3                             |
|             | <b>TOTAL</b>                         | <b>108 (60 + 48)</b><br>===== |

## 7. Credits per semester

|         |   |                               |
|---------|---|-------------------------------|
| Minimum | - | 6 credits                     |
| Maximum | - | 18 credits of Retake modules) |

(Subject to Regulation 4 above)

## 8. Assessment

All modules will carry 100 marks and will be assessed as follows unless otherwise specified:

Written Examination of 2-hour duration or Practical Examination at the end of every semester, carrying 70% of the total marks, and continuous assessment carrying 30% of the total marks unless otherwise stated.

Continuous Assessment will be based on practical work and/ or assignment and should include at least one class test, written/ practical.

For a student to pass a module, a minimum of 30% should be attained in both Continuous Assessment and Written and / Practical Examination separately, with an overall total of a minimum of 40% in that module.

## 9. Credit Distribution

### I. Diploma (3 years Part-time)

|           |   |       |   |    |       |           |
|-----------|---|-------|---|----|-------|-----------|
| Level I   | - | 9 + 9 | = | 18 |       |           |
| Level II  | - | 9 + 9 | = | 18 |       |           |
| Level III | - | 9 + 9 | = | 18 | =     | 54 +      |
| Project   |   |       | = | 6  |       | 6         |
|           |   |       |   |    | Total | <u>60</u> |
|           |   |       |   |    |       | =====     |

### II. B.A (2 years Part-time)

|              |   |         |   |    |       |            |
|--------------|---|---------|---|----|-------|------------|
| Level I      | - | 12 + 12 | = | 24 |       |            |
| Level II     | - | 9 + 6   | = | 15 |       |            |
| Dissertation |   |         | = | 9  | =     | 48         |
|              |   |         |   |    |       |            |
|              |   |         |   |    | Total | <u>108</u> |
|              |   |         |   |    |       | =====      |

## 10. List of Modules

| Module Code   | Core Module                                          | Hrs / Wk<br>L + P | Credits  |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------|
| PABN 1110 (5) | Nritta I : Vocabulary of movements in Bharata Natyam | 1 + 4             | 3        |
| PABN 1120 (5) | Language of gestures in Bharata Natyam               | 1 + 4             | 3        |
| PACD 2280 (5) | Indian Classical Dance Styles & Folk Dance           | 3 + 0             | 3        |
| PACD 1270 (5) | Sanskrit Treatises on Dance                          | 2 + 2             | 3        |
| PABN 1210 (5) | Nritta II: The Abstract                              | 1 + 4             | 3        |
| PABN 2150 (5) | Karnatic Music in Bharata Natyam                     | 1 + 4             | 3        |
| PACD 2230 (5) | Contemporary Dance                                   | 3 + 0             | 3        |
| PABN 2140 (5) | Nritya I : The Expressive                            | 1 + 4             | 3        |
| PABN 3260 (5) | Choreography & Compositional Work                    | 1 + 4             | 3        |
| PABN 3180 (5) | World History of Dance                               | 3 + 0             | 3        |
| PABN 3000 (5) | Dissertation                                         |                   |          |
| PABN 3140 (5) | Nritya II: Varnam                                    | 1 + 4             | 3        |
| PABN 3280 (5) | Dance Pedagogy / Teaching Practice                   | 2 + 2             | 3        |
| PABN 3000     | Dissertation                                         |                   | <u>9</u> |
|               |                                                      |                   | 45       |
|               | GEM                                                  |                   | <u>3</u> |
|               |                                                      |                   | 48       |

## 11. Programme Plan - B.A (Hons) Performing Arts (Bharata Natyam)

| LEVEL I<br>Semester I                                                       | Hrs/Wk<br>L+P | Credits | LEVEL I<br>Semester II                            | Hrs/Wk<br>L+P | Credits |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------|
| * PABN 1110 (5)- Nritta I :<br>Vocabulary of movements in<br>Bharata Natyam | 1+4           | 3       | *PABN 1210 - Nritta II:<br>(The Abstract)         | 1+4           | 3       |
| *PABN 1120 - Language of<br>gestures in Bharata Natyam                      | 1+4           | 3       | *PABN 2150 – Karnatic Music<br>in Bharata Natyam  | 2 +2          | 3       |
| *PACD 2280 - Indian<br>Classical Dance Styles & Folk<br>Dances              | 3+0           | 3       | *PACD 2230 - Contemporary<br>Dance                | 3+0           | 3       |
| *PACD 1270 – Sanskrit<br>Treatises on Dance                                 | 2+2           | 3       | GEM<br>MGI/UOM Elective                           | 3+0           | 3       |
| LEVEL II<br>Semester I                                                      | Hrs/Wk<br>L+P | Credits | LEVEL II<br>Semester II                           | Hrs/Wk<br>L+P | Credits |
| *PABN 2140 - Nritya I: The<br>Expressive                                    | 1 + 4         | 3       | *PABN 3140 - Nritya II:<br>Varnam                 | 1 +4          | 3       |
| *PABN 3260 - Choreography<br>& Compositional Work                           | 1+4           | 3       | PABN 3280 - Dance Pedagogy<br>/ Teaching Practice | 2 + 2         | 3       |
| PABN 3180 – World History<br>of Dance                                       | 3 + 0         | 3       | PABN 3000 – Dissertation                          |               | 9       |
| PABN 3000 – Dissertation<br>(with Research Methodology)                     |               |         |                                                   |               |         |

\* These Modules are the existing Modules from B.A (Hons) with Education.

## 12. Outline Syllabus

### LEVEL I SEMESTER I

#### **PABN 1110 – VOCABULARY OF MOVEMENTS IN BHARATA NATYAM (NRITTA I)**

This module deals with a recapitulation of all basic dance movements learnt under practical study at Diploma Level. It includes their execution in the Pancha Jati (Five different time measures) the recitation and execution of dance syllables on “Nattuwangam”, with an accompanying record sketch of the entire vocabulary of dance movements.

#### Assessment

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|-------------------------------|-----|
| (i) Continuous Assessment     | 30% |
| (a) One short assignment      |     |
| (b) Two class tests / exposés |     |
| (ii) Practical viva –voce     | 70% |

#### **PABN 1120 – LANGUAGE OF GESTURES IN BHARATA NATYAM**

This module deepens the knowledge of the language of gestures as utilized in Bharata Natyam. It also explains the usage of different gestures and postures together with their symbolism.

#### Assessment

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|-----------------------------------|-----|
| (i) Continuous Assessment         | 30% |
| (a) One short assignment          |     |
| (b) Two class tests/exposés       |     |
| (ii) Written Examination ( 1hour) | 35% |
| (iii) Practical                   | 35% |

#### **PACD 2280 – INDIAN CLASSICAL DANCE STYLES & FOLK DANCE**

This module introduces a general knowledge of three recently developed classical dance styles in India, namely Odissi, Kuchipudi and Mohini Attam.

It includes a detailed study of the traditional classical dance styles, Manipuri and Kathakali and a critical appreciation of the Bharata Natyam and Kathak classical dances and folk dancing.

#### Assessment

- |                                  |     |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| (i) Continuous Assessment        | 30% |
| (a) One short assignment         |     |
| (b) One class test / exposé      |     |
| (ii)Written Examination (2-hour) | 70% |

**PACD 1270 – SANSKRIT TREATISES ON DANCE**

This module is a study of norms pertaining to the art of Dance as specified in the leading Sanskrit Treatises, *Natya-Shastra* and *Abhinaya Darpanam*. (It includes an introduction to the *Sangitaratnakara* dance text.

The practical study of *Navarasas* (moods and emotions) and types of characters in dance will also be dealt with.

**Assessment**

|                                   |      |
|-----------------------------------|------|
| (I) Continuous Assessment         | 30%  |
| (a) Two short assignments         |      |
| (b) One class test/exposé         |      |
| (ii) Written Examination (1 hour) | 35%  |
| (iii) Practical Viva – voce       | 35 % |

**LEVEL I SEMESTER II****PABN 1210 – NRITTA II (THE ABSTRACT)**

This module is a practical study of Nritta compositions where the abstract and decorative aspects of dance will be undertaken.

The rendering of the compositions through singing and accompaniment on “Nattuvangam” will be stressed upon. The notation form and record sketch of these dance compositions will also be undertaken.

**Assessment**

|                               |     |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| (i) Continuous Assessment     | 30% |
| (a) One assignment            |     |
| (b) Two class tests / exposés |     |
| (ii) Practical viva – voce    | 35% |
| (iii) Demonstration           | 35% |

**PABN 2150 – KARNATIC MUSIC IN BHARATA NATYAM**

This module is a glimpse of the Karnatic music structure which provides a backbone for the understanding and composition of music for Bharata Natyam. It includes mainly a study of Raga (Melody) and Tala (rhythm). A close look will be taken at the musical accompaniment in Bharata Natyam.

**Assessment**

|                                   |      |
|-----------------------------------|------|
| (i) Continuous Assessment         | 30%  |
| (a) One short assignment          |      |
| (b) Two class test/exposé         |      |
| (ii) Written Examination (1 hour) | 35%  |
| (iii) Practical Viva – voce       | 35 % |

**PACD 2230 – CONTEMPORARY DANCE**

This module deals with the transitory phases which Indian classical dances went through in order to acquire characteristics of Contemporary Dance as seen today.

Assessment

|                                 |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| (i) Continuous Assessment       | 30% |
| (a) One short assignment        |     |
| (b) One class test / exposé     |     |
| (ii) Written Examination (2hrs) | 70% |

GEM

**LEVEL II SEMESTER I****PABN 2140 – NRITYA I (THE EXPRESSIVE)**

This module offers an exploration of a wide variety of expressive dance items. This practical study of expressions and gestures through dance compositions will develop fluency of movements and gestures in the Bharata Natyam dance.

Assessment

|                            |     |
|----------------------------|-----|
| (i) Continuous Assessment  | 30% |
| (a) One short assignment   |     |
| (b) Two class test/exposé  |     |
| (ii) Practical viva – voce | 35% |
| (iii) Demonstration        | 35% |

**PABN 3260 – CHOREOGRAPHY AND COMPOSITIONAL WORK**

This module deals with creativity in dance, emphasizing innovation in rhythm as well as expression.

Assessment

|                             |     |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| (i) Continuous Assessment   | 30% |
| (a) One long assignment     |     |
| (b) Two class tests/exposés |     |
| (ii) Practical viva- voce   | 70% |

**PABN 3180 – WORLD HISTORY OF DANCE**

This module gives an introduction to the Western ballet. It treats the historical development of ballet from Italy to France and includes the evolution of the British ballet, American and Russian ballet.

Assessment

|                                  |     |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| (i) Continuous Assessment        | 30% |
| (a) Two short assignments        |     |
| (ii) Written Examination (2 hrs) | 70% |

## **LEVEL II SEMESTER II**

### **PABN 3140 - NRITYA II**

In this module, the most intricate structure and composition of the Bharata Natyam dance shall be dealt with.

#### **Assessment**

|                               |     |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| (i) Continuous Assessment     | 30% |
| (a) One short assignment      |     |
| (b) Two class tests / exposes |     |
| (ii) Practical viva – voce    | 35% |
| (iii) Demonstration           | 35% |

### **PABN 3280 – DANCE PEDAGOGY / TEACHING PRACTICE**

This module gives understanding of the nature and aims of dance education. It probes into the conditioning factors in dance education and analyses methods of teaching in general and of dance teaching in particular.

#### **Assessment**

|                               |     |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| (i) Continuous Assessment     | 30% |
| (a) One long assignment       |     |
| (b) Two class tests / exposes |     |
| (ii) Written Examination      | 35% |
| (iii) Teaching Practice       | 35% |

### **PABN 3000 – DISSERTATION**

The student will be expected to carry out a research work in either the practical or the theoretical aspects of the subject. The student opting for the theoretical aspect will be expected to submit a dissertation of 8,000 to 10,000 words on the topic chosen. Research on the practical aspect will be decided by the student and the supervisor.