

Bhagavata Vedic College

Our Purposes and Goals

Bhagavata Vedic College is dedicated to teaching the principles of Krishna Consciousness according to the principles that we have learned from His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada. We will also teach that which the previous Acaryas in our Guru-parampara taught because their teachings are the basis of what Srila Prabhupada taught.

We currently teach the ISKCON Disciples Course and also a course on Vaisnava Etiquette. Additionally, we will be teaching the standard Bhakti-sastra course on Bhagavad-gita, The Nectar of Devotion, Nectar of Instruction and Sri Isopanisad.

Furthermore, we recognize that it is our duty as members of The International Society for Krishna Consciousness to properly represent and, as needed, to defend the teachings of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu, and we hope that our students will become experts in such matters. Specifically, we expect our students to become competent, on the authority of the Bhagavad-gita, the Srimad-bhagavatam and other books and instructions that Srila Prabhupada has given us,

- 1) in defeating the fallacious posthumous ritvik conception, and other false concepts that may seep into ISKCON;
- 2) in making strong arguments against non-theistic philosophies, both western philosophies as well as the six orthodox schools of philosophy in Hinduism, namely a) Nyaya philosophy, b) Sankhya philosophy, c) Yoga philosophy, d) Vaisheshika Philosophy, e) Mimamsa philosophy, and Vedanta philosophy (monistic).
- 3) in identifying and being able to explain on the basis of Lord Caitanya's teachings, the fallacy of a variety of apa-sampradayas that have emerged since Lord Caitanya's advent, namely: a) Caste Goswamis, b) Smarta-brahmanas, c) Prakrta-sahajiyas, d) Gauranga Nagaris, e) Sakhi Bekhi f) Cuda Dhari, g) Ativadi, h) Aula, i) Baula, j) Sain, k) Daravesa, l) Kartabhaja and m) Neda-Nedi.

In general, we hope that all of our students will attain a very good philosophical and practical understanding of Krishna consciousness that will benefit them personally and give them a strong basis to guide them on the path back to Godhead.