



Library Educator's Certificate Course (English) 2022

Frequently Asked Questions

Course structure, curriculum and fees

1. Is the LEC course a certified course?

Yes, the course is certified by Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS). On completion of the course, participants are eligible to receive a certificate from TISS. Terms and conditions apply.

2. What is the total course duration for LEC? When does it begin and end?

The course is offered in a blended mode over 7 months. Two Contact Periods – 6 days, 5 nights each – will be held in November 2022 and in February 2023, in Goa. The Distant Period comprises online engagement, assignments and discussions, and a Field Project (could be an action/apprenticeship option). Participants will make their final presentations in the month of May 2023.

3. Where will I have to attend the contact periods?

The 2 Contact Periods will be hosted at a Retreat Center in Goa, to enable intense and meaningful learning, in a closed environment.

4. During the contact periods, what timings will the classes start and end at? Will there be provision for food?

During the 12 days of all the contact periods, classes will begin at 9AM and go on till 7PM. There will be breaks for snacks, lunch, and rest. Snacks, tea and lunch will be hosted by the Library. The sessions will include group work, preparation and post-session reading to prepare for the next day. Participants are advised not to make any plans during the contact period as they are highly unlikely to materialize.

5. What is the course fee and how does it have to be paid?

A payment of Rs. 45,000/- will be expected in full installment. The full fee payment is to be made by 5th October 2022. Payment will be made via bank transfer to Bookworm Trust.

6. What does the course fee include?

The course fee includes access to professional facilitation, training, mentoring, course material, lunch and tea during contact sessions, and accommodation at a retreat center in Goa. It does not cover travel to, from, and within Goa outside of the Contact Sessions.

7. Am I eligible for a scholarship?

We have a commitment to an inclusive, diverse, representation across communities. A limited number of scholarships are available on a case by case basis. Please mail us at lec@bookwormgoa.in to know more or click on the link here <https://forms.gle/bKoBWcozgH4hDeWRA>

Application for a scholarship does not guarantee acceptance of the same.

8. What topics will be covered in the course? Will I get any material or resources?

The course content is organized into four modules. Each module consists of reading and audiovisual material, practical exposure units and discussion topics that will be shared with you either in hard copy or over an online platform.

- Vision for a Library

Developing an informed understanding of library practice, the need for human engagement, the relevance of libraries in education and the awareness of possibilities that constitute library work.

- Becoming a Reader

Introducing an approach to reading the world, the link between language and reading, how children enter symbolic worlds and socio-cultural dimensions of reading and the critical role of the reader.

- Engagement with Children's Literature

Understanding what makes a diverse collection. Including recognizing and identifying types of books in terms of type, range, content, illustrations and theme and exploring ways to ensure engagement with the collection.

- Vibrant Library

Learning how to make all the units of library practice cohere in ways that ensure refreshment and joyful engagement as well as exploring dimensions of collaboration within the library.

9. How will I be assessed on my performance?

Participants will be evaluated on the following:

Contact Period participation

Virtual Session Participation

Discussion Forum Participation

Library Reading

Assignments

Field Project

Expectations, Eligibility and Application

1. What skills, experience or prior knowledge should I have to be able to apply?

Written and spoken communication skills in English with an ability to engage with academic readings and write reflectively are highly necessary. Access to and facility of using the internet with basic computer skills and usage of MS Word & Powerpoint are necessary and a precondition to the course enrolment.

2. I am not a reader myself. Is this course for me?

Yes. You can still apply for the course. However, it will be crucial that you are open to learning and developing the interest to engage with literature and library work during the course.

3. I don't work in a library, and do not have access to a library space or children's settings. Can I still apply?

Yes. You can still apply, provided you have the intention to create or identify such a space.

4. What will be expected from me during the distant course?

Participants should plan for reading, discussion, reflection and responding time requiring around 12 hours per week.

On-time submission of assignments

Active engagement on the online platform

Implementation of the field project

5. I work full time at a school/organization. Would it be ok if I do not attend all contact periods?

No. Attendance for all days of both the contact periods is compulsory. You will have to speak to your organization team to ensure that you are free to attend the contact periods before you send in the application to us.

6. I can attend contact periods but I will not be able to participate on the online platform. Can I still apply?

Participation in the online platform during the distant period and for the virtual sessions is compulsory. If you cannot make the time for participation, you will not be eligible to apply.

7. If I am unable to complete the course, will my fees be reimbursed?

Once your participation has been confirmed and the course fees have been paid, fees will not be reimbursed, even if you are unable to complete the course.

8. How do I apply?

The application form can be accessed at www.bookwormgoa.in/lec/ . The scholarship form is also available at www.bookwormgoa.in/lec/. The form will have to be fully filled in and submitted.

9. Can I fill up a hard copy and scan it or courier or post the filled in the application?

No. We will not accept applications in hard copy or scanned applications. They must be typed and submitted in the form above. Participant and organization consent forms will have to be emailed to lec@bookwormgoa.in.

10. When will I know if I have been selected?

Selections will be finalized by 20th September 2022

11. If I have questions about the course, whom can I speak/write to?

In case of any further queries regarding the course, write to us at lec@bookwormgoa.in or prod@bookwormgoa.in. You can also call Anandita at +91 9823222665 (Monday - Saturday from 10AM to 6PM).