

## **Comprehensive Yoga Course**

Course Objectives:

- To provide students with a strong foundation in yoga philosophy and practice.
- To enhance physical, mental, and emotional wellbeing through the regular practice of yoga.
- To develop the ability to teach basic yoga classes and incorporate yoga into daily life.

Target Audience:

- Beginners and intermediate practitioners looking to deepen their understanding of yoga.
- Individuals interested in enhancing their physical and mental health.
- Those considering a future in teaching yoga.

## Course Structure:

Module 1: Introduction to Yoga (4 hours)

- 1. **Session 1:** History and Philosophy of Yoga (2 hours)
  - $\circ$  Origins of Yoga
  - The Eight Limbs of Yoga (Ashtanga Yoga)
  - Different Schools of Yoga (Hatha, Vinyasa, Kundalini, etc.)
- 2. Session 2: Understanding the Yogic Lifestyle (2 hours)
  - Principles of a Yogic Lifestyle
  - Diet and Nutrition in Yoga
  - o Importance of Mindfulness and Meditation

Module 2: Asanas - The Physical Practice (10 hours)

- 1. Session 3: Introduction to Asanas (2 hours)
  - Basic postures (standing, sitting, and lying down)
  - Alignment and safety principles

- Understanding the benefits of each asana
- 2. **Session 4:** Sun Salutations and Basic Flows (2 hours)
  - Sun Salutation A & B (Surya Namaskar)
  - Vinyasa Flow basics
  - Building stamina and flexibility
- 3. Session 5: Intermediate Asanas and Variations (3 hours)
  - Inversions and balances
  - $_{\circ}$  Backbends and twists
  - $_{\circ}$  Modifications and use of props
- 4. **Session 6:** Developing a Personal Practice (3 hours)
  - Creating a balanced yoga sequence
  - Setting intentions and goals
  - Practice for different times of the day

Module 3: Pranayama and Meditation (6 hours)

- 1. Session 7: Introduction to Pranayama (2 hours)
  - Importance of Breath in Yoga
  - Basic Pranayama Techniques (Ujjayi, Nadi Shodhana, Kapalabhati)
  - Breath awareness and control
- Session 8: Meditation Techniques and Mindfulness (2 hours)
  - Introduction to Meditation
  - Guided Meditation Practices
  - Mindfulness in daily life
- 3. Session 9: Advanced Pranayama and Meditation Practices (2 hours)
  - Advanced Breathwork Techniques
  - Deepening Meditation
  - Combining Pranayama and Meditation for stress relief

Module 4: Anatomy and Physiology (4 hours)

- Session 10: Understanding the Human Body in Yoga (2 hours)
  - Basic anatomy relevant to yoga (spine, muscles, joints)
  - The impact of yoga on the body's systems (nervous, circulatory, respiratory)
  - $_{\circ}$  Common injuries and how to avoid them
- 2. Session 11: The Subtle Body in Yoga (2 hours)
  - Chakras, Nadis, and Kundalini
  - Energy flow and its significance in yoga
  - Balancing the subtle body

Module 5: Teaching Methodology and Ethics (4 hours)

- 1. Session 12: Principles of Teaching Yoga (2 hours)
  - $\circ$  Role of a yoga teacher
  - $_{\circ}$  Effective communication and instruction
  - Adjustments and assists
- 2. **Session 13:** Ethics and Professionalism in Yoga (2 hours)
  - The Yamas and Niyamas in teaching
  - Building a respectful and inclusive environment
  - Business aspects of yoga (if applicable)

Module 6: Practicum and Assessment (2 hours)

- Session 14: Practical Teaching Experience (2 hours)
  - $_{\circ}$  Students design and teach a short yoga class
  - Peer and instructor feedback
  - $_{\circ}$  Self-assessment and reflection

Course Materials:

- Yoga mats, blocks, straps, and other props
- Handouts on yoga philosophy, anatomy, and asana instructions

• Access to online yoga videos

for home practice Assessment:

- Continuous assessment through participation and practice
- Practical assessment through teaching a short yoga class
- Reflection papers on personal

practice and learning

- Certification:
- Upon successful completion, participants will receive a certificate of completion.