

Swaminath Padman

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Comparative & Cross-Cultural Philosophy
- Ethics (AI Ethics, Environmental Ethics, Applied Ethics)
- Metaphysics
- Classical Indian Philosophical Traditions
- Hermeneutics & Philosophy of Religion
- Philosophy of Law

EDUCATION

Indira Gandhi National Open University
Bachelor of Arts — Philosophy and Sanskrit

July 2023 - Present
Percentage: **75% (First-Class)**

National Institute of Open Schooling
Class XII (Sanskrit, Psychology, Sociology, Mass Communication, Int. to Law)

June 2023
Percentage: **75.2%**

National Institute of Open Schooling
Class X (English, Sanskrit, Mathematics, Science, Indian Culture & Heritage)

April 2021
Percentage: **86%**

TRADITIONAL AND CLASSICAL STUDIES

KGVT Vedic Gurukulam
Krishna Yajurveda — Taittiriya Shakha

May 2019 – May 2024

- Completed 5 years of systematic study in traditional Vedic learning under the Gurukula model.
- Training included Sanskrit grammar, chanting pedagogy, and scriptural interpretation.

ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC TRAINING

Indian Institute of Technology - Madras
Foundation Level of the BS in Data Science Program

January 2024 - September 2025
CGPA: **8.75**

Sanskrita Bharati — Sanskrit Language Certification Program
Completed Pravesha, Parichaya, and Shiksha; Kovida (final level) in progress

Jan 2024 - Present
Grade: **First-Class**

SKILLS

- Critical reading and interpretation of philosophical texts
- Independent and self-directed learning with strong time-management abilities
- Analytical thinking and structured problem-solving
- Public speaking, scriptwriting, and video-editing skills
- Basic proficiency in statistical analysis, data organisation, and interpreting quantitative information

LANGUAGES

- English
- Sanskrit
- Tamil
- Grantha script

TEST SCORES

GRE: Verbal: **155**, Quantitative: **159**, Analytical Writing: **4.0**

TOEFL iBT: Total: **107** Reading: **28**, Listening: **29**, Speaking: **23**, Writing: **27**

ACADEMIC WRITING AND PROJECTS

- 2025. Sankara and Spinoza: in pursuit of an Absolute Monism (Unpublished Manuscript). Publicly available on PhilArchive: <https://philarchive.org/rec/PADSAS-3>.
- Creator of two YouTube channels on philosophy (English and Tamil), developing research-based scripts and videos that introduce philosophical ideas to a general audience.