

## **The Temple of Kriya Yoga Seminary**

A two-year program of study leading to ordination as a Kriya Yoga Swami

Are you drawn to a life of service?

Start your studies at the beginning of any month

- Ordination includes the ministerial authority to perform baptisms, house blessings, marriages, funerals, death rebirth rituals as well as other yogic rituals.
- The 24-month virtual course includes digital recordings created exclusively for this program by Goswami Kriyananda.
- Included are live on-line teachings with Swami Prananda, the program leader, Swami Mahashastra, and other swamis of the Temple of Kriya Yoga.
- Course material is accessible via your computer or mobile device. Homework is submitted via the on-line learning system.
- Individual support provided throughout the program.
- Curriculum includes: daily spiritual practice, Kriya Yoga, Ancient eastern wisdom texts, comparative theology, mantra, meditation, Astrology, Sanskrit, rituals, spiritual guidance, and legal aspects of the priesthood.
- In-person and virtual retreats. Two are mandatory. Cost is separate from course love offering.

To enter the program, you must complete an application and submit it with a \$25.00 application fee. Your application will be reviewed by the Seminary Committee who may choose to request a phone interview prior to admission.

Course Love Offering: \$3,000. 00

Pay in Full By Year: \$1,395.00

Deposit after admission: \$500.00

Request an application or to speak to the program leader by asking at the front desk or writing to [kriya@yogakriya.org](mailto:kriya@yogakriya.org)





classmates via e-mail. Individual support is available upon request, and any online questions are reviewed within a few days of submittal.

Each student is required to complete all academic work, including the final research paper and final oral exams, in two and a half years. We encourage all students to establish methodical study habits in order to complete the program in the required timeframe.

**The Seminary program includes:**

- Personal daily Sadhana, an integral aspect that lays the foundation for your life as a Swami (yogic priest).
- Online digital audio class recordings, provided as downloads compatible with MP3- players and smart phones.
- Books mailed to you.
- Online Seminary assignments, presented in sequential order and submitted and graded online. New lessons are available to a student after the previous lesson has been completed.
- Regular communication with an ordained swami to answer your questions / provide you feedback. Occurs through both personal and group teleconference calls.
- The opportunity to participate in an online community with others who are pursuing similar studies.
- A research paper on a topic that is relevant to your priesthood.

## **Oral Tests**

Two oral tests are required at the end of your Seminary studies. Both tests are to determine the extent to which a Seminarian has mastered his/her studies and personal Sadhana.

## **Course Curriculum**

Some topics included in the Kriya Yoga Seminary curriculum:

- Kriya yoga philosophy
- The laws of karma
- Meditation
- Hatha yoga
- Astrology
- The language of symbols
- Dreams
- Sanskrit
- The Bhagavad Gita
- Yoga Sutras
- The Upanishads
- Communication and teaching arts
- Karma yoga/spiritual service
- World religions
- Rituals
- Pastoral care/spiritual guidance

