COURSE DESCRIPTION
Marathi is the local language, spoken in the families in which students live, on the streets you walk everyday and in stores and markets where you shop. This course enables you to use your language skills in all these places and thus, makes your stay in Pune more comfortable and meaningful. Learning Marathi also helps you understand the Maharashtrian culture in a better way.

COURSE OBJECTIVE
The initial aim of the course is to make you understand spoken Marathi and respond appropriately. It also focuses on learning the Devnagari script. Incidentally, thus enabling you to read and write. This will make moving around the city easier, as you can read the names of the streets and stores.

Learning Marathi is thus a key to your successful stay in Pune. It helps you interact with the families. Homestay is a distinguishing feature of the ACM programs and so, using your language skills in the family and thus getting closer to it is beneficial. Besides, since language and culture are two sides of the same coin, and are thus inseparable, language is a useful tool in understanding the local culture and will help the cultural immersion quick and better.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES
You would have active skills like speaking and writing Marathi, as well as the passive ones like hearing and reading the language. You are expected to use your language skills during your stay here, in the family, in the office and most importantly, on the streets.

COURSE CONTENT

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS/ASSESSMENT
Assignments are oral in the first few weeks and later, they are written. All assignments are compulsory and must be submitted on due date.

After four weeks of instruction, there will be a weekly class quiz. The quizzes will be checked and marked, but these marks will not be considered for the final grade.
There will be five tests that decide the final grade. One will be a written test and all the others will be oral. Each test carries 20 marks and the final score (out of 100) will decide your grade.

1. Thursday, September 3: Oral test for 20 marks
2. Tuesday, September 15: Reading and written test for 20 marks
3. Thursday, October 1: Oral test for 20 marks
4. Tuesday, October 27: Oral test for 20 marks
5. Friday, November 20: Skit presentation for 20 marks

REQUIRED TEXT
A Marathi workbook is prepared for you. It includes the script, the lessons and also some songs and fun games.

FIELD TRIPS
There will be a couple of field trips, where you will use your Marathi. We visit a vegetable market and also a post office. The dates for these will be announced later.

ATTENDANCE
Attendance is mandatory. Remember, while learning a foreign language, one missed class is equal to not understanding the next one.

ACM POLICY ON ACADEMICS
A complete listing of ACM policies can be found in your student handbook.

Class attendance and participation: You are expected to attend and participate fully in all classroom sessions, site visits, and field trips.

Academic honesty: Actions of dishonesty are destructive to the well-being of the academic community, and ACM staff respond to them vigorously. Cheating, plagiarism, and other forms of academic theft will result in a failing grade for that assignment and may result in failure for the course.

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