

PHILOSOPHY HONOURS

COURSE STRUCTURE UNDER CBCS (2016-17 AB)

Semester	Core Course (14)	Ability Enhancement compulsory course (AECC) (2)	Ability Enhancement compulsory course (AECC) (2) (Skill Based)	Discipline Specific Elective (DSE) (4)	Generic Elective (GE) (4)
1ST	CORE-I (20+80)	MIL (O/A.E) (20+80)	X	X	M.E-I (P-I) (20+80)
	CORE-II (20+80)				
2ND	CORE-III (20+80)	E.S (20+80)	X	X	M.E-I (P-II) (20+80)
	CORE-IV (20+80)				
3RD	CORE-V (20+80)	X	SEC-I Communicative English & Writing Skill (20+80)	X	M.E-II (P-I) (20+80)
	CORE-VI (20+80)				
	CORE-VII (20+80)				
4TH	CORE-VIII (20+80)	X	SEC-II (Subject Specific Skill) (20+80)	X	M.E.-II (P-II) (20+80)
	CORE-IX (20+80)				
	CORE-X (20+80)				
5TH	CORE-XI (20+80)	X	X	DSE-I (20+80)	
	CORE-XII (20+80)			DSE-II (20+80)	
6TH	CORE-XIII (20+80)	X	X	DSE-III (20+80)	X
	CORE-XIV (20+80)			DSE-IV (Project-100)	

SEMESTER-I

CC-1 : GENERAL PHILOSOPHY

- Unit-I** : Definition, Nature and Function of Philosophy, Philosophy in relation to other modes of thinking like science and Religion
- Unit-II** : Problems of Being : Monism and Pluralism Realism: (a) Naive Realism, (b) Representative Realism (Locke), Idealism : Meaning, Esse est Percipi (Berkeley)
- Unit – III** : Problems of Knowledge: What is Knowledge? Sources of Knowledge : Empiricism, Rationalism
- Unit –IV** : Problems of Ethics : (1) Theories of Goodness : The Good and the Evil, (2) Theories of Conduct : Egoism and Altruism
- Unit-V** : Problems of Metaphysics: (1) Substance and Universal, (2) Mind and Body

Basic Study Materials:

- John Hospers - An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis
- G. T. W. Patrick - Introduction to Philosophy
- G. W. Cunningham - Problems of Philosophy
- B. Russell - Problems of Philosophy
- D. W. Hamlyn - Metaphysics
- Richard Taylor - Metaphysics

SEMESTER-I

CC-2 : LOGIC & SCIENTIFIC METHOD

- Unit-I** : Definition of Logic, Deductive & Inductive Arguments, Validity & Soundness of Arguments, Laws of Thought
- Unit – II** : Classification of Propositions (from Quality & quantity stand point) Distribution of terms, Square of Oppositions, Existential Import of Propositions, Interpretation of Categorical Propositions
- Unit-III** : Inference – Immediate Inference (Conversion & Obversion) Mediate Inference (Syllogism) : Figure & Moods, Testing Validity of Arguments by syllogistic Rules
- Unit-IV** : Inductive Reasoning & Scientific Enquiry
a) Laws of Causation – Meaning & Definition cause and condition, Qualitative & Quantitative Marks of Causation
b) Method of Agreement & Method of Difference.
- Unit-V** : Science & Probability :
a) Scientific Explanation and Unscientific explanation
b) Hypothesis & Confirmation

Recommended Books:

- Copi, Cohen & MacMahan – Introduction to Logic (14th Edition)
- Cohen & Nagel – Introduction to Logic & Scientific Method
- Alex Rosenberg – Philosophy of Science : A Cont. Introduction
- W. Kneale – Probability & Introduction
- John Hospers – Philosophical Analysis

SEMESTER-II

CC-3 : SYSTEMS OF INDIAN PHILOSOPHY (I)

- Unit-I** : Salient Features of Indian Philosophy, Astika & Nastika systems, Basic concepts like Rta, Rna, Purusartha, Law of Karma
- Unit – II** : Carvakas – Epistemology and Metaphysics (Lokayatamata)
- Unit-III** : Jainism – Syadvada, Anekantavada Jaina theory of soul (concept of Triratna)
- Unit-IV** : Buddhism – Four Noble Truths, Doctrine of Momentariness, Dependant Origination, No Soul Theory, Nirvana
- Unit-V** : Samkhya Dualistic System : Purusa, Prakriti, Theory of Causation, Theory of Evolution

Books Recommended:

- G. C. Nayak (ODIA) - Bharatiya Darshana
- B. B. Choudhury (ODIA) - Bharatiya Darshanara Ruparekha (Trans.) of M.
- Hiriyana's Outline of Indian Philosophy
- Dutta & Chatterjee – An Introduction to Indian Philosophy
- C. D. Sharma – A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy
- R. K. Puligandla – Fundamentals of Indian Philosophy
- S. Radhakrishnan – Indian Philosophy, Vol. I / II
- J. N. Sinha – Indian Philosophy

SEMESTER-II

CC-4 : SYMBOLIC LOGIC

Books Prescribed: Basson & O' Corner: Introduction to Symbolic Logic

Unit-I	Chapter-I	Introduction
	Chapter-II	The Calculus of Propositions
Unit – II	Chapter-III	Calculus of Propositions (Sec 1 to 60)
Unit-III	Chapter – III	Calculation of Propositions (Sec 7 to 9)
Unit-IV	Chapter-V	The Elements of Predicate Calculus (Section 1 to 9)
Unit-V	Appendix	(Sec-1 to Sec-4)

SEMESTER-III

CC-5 : SYSTEMS OF INDIAN PHILOSOPHY (II)

- Unit-I** : Yoga system of Patanjali: Citta Vriti Nirodha and Astanga Yoga
- Unit – II** : Nyaya: Pramanas of inference.
Vaishesika: Categories (Padarthas)
- Unit-III** : Upanisadic view of Atman and Brahman Vidya & Avidya, Para Vidya & Apra Vidya
- Unit-IV** : Sankara's View on Maya, Jiva, Isvara & Brahman and Liberation (Jivanmukti & Videhamukti)
- Unit-V** : Ramanuja – Refutation of Sankara's view of Maya, Concept of Brahman, Jiva and Liberation

Books Recommended:

- G. C. Nayak (ODIA) - Bharatiya Darshana
- B. B. Choudhury (ODIA) (Trans.) - Bharatiya Darshanara Ruparekha
- Dutta & Chatterjee – An Introduction to Indian Philosophy
- J. N. Sinha – Indian Philosophy
- R. K. Puligandla – Fundamentals of Indian Philosophy
- S. Radhakrishnan – Indian Philosophy (Vol. I & II)
- J. N. Sinha – Indian Philosophy

SEMESTER-III

CC-6 : ETHICS

- Unit-I** : Definition, Nature & Scope of Ethics.
Ethics in relation to Politics, Sociology and Religion
- Unit – II** : Distinction between moral and non-moral action Moral Judgement and factual judgement, (object of Moral judgement)
- Unit-III** : Utilitarianism, Hedonism
- Unit-IV** : Rigorism, Perfectionism
- Unit-V** : Theories of punishment; Retributive, Reformative and Preventive theory

Books for Reference:

- J. N. Sinha – A Manual of Ethics
- W. Frankena – Ethics
- C. Sharma – Indian Ethics

SEMESTER-III

CC-7 : HISTORY OF GREEK PHILOSOPHY

- Unit-I** : Nature of Greek Philosophy: What is Philosophy? Origin, development and salient features of early Greek Thought
- Unit – II** : Pre-Socratic Thought : The Being of Thales, Becoming of Heraclitus and Atomism of Democritus
- Unit-III** : Socrates : Problem before Socrates, Dialectical method, epistemology of Socrates and ethics
- Unit-IV** : Plato : Theory of Idea, Theory of Knowledge and Theory of Soul
- Unit-V** : Aristotle : A Critique of Plato, Theory of Form and Matter, Theory of Causation

Suggested Readings:

- W. T. Stace - Greek Philosophy
- Burnet - Greek Philosophy
- Y. Masih - A Critical History of Philosophy
- F. Thilly - A History of Philosophy
- B. Russell - A History of Western Philosophy
- B. A. G. Fuller - A History of Green Philosophy

SEMESTER-IV

CC-8 : CONTEMPORARY INDIAN PHILOSOPHY

- Unit-I** : R. N. Tagore : God and Reality, Nature of Religion Man and his destiny
- Unit – II** : Swami Vivekananda : Concept of Man and his Destiny, Practical Vedanta, Universal Religion
- Unit-III** : Sri Aurovindo: Nature of World, Maya, Theory of Evolution, Satchidananda, Integral Yoga
- Unit-IV** : M. K. Gandhi: Truth, God, Non-violence, Satyagraha and Sarvodaya
- Unit-V** : S. Radhakrishnan : Concept of Man, Reality, Intellect & Intuition Religion

Basic Study Materials:

- B. K. Lal – Contemporary Indian Philosophy
- T. M. P. Mahadevan & V. Saroja – Contemporary Indian Philosophy
- H. Sahoo (ed.) – Contemporary Indian Philosophy

SEMESTER-IV

CC-9 : HISTORY OF MODERN EUROPEAN PHILOSOPHY

- Unit-I** : Bacon – Theory of Idola, Inductive Method, Descartes Universal Doubt, Cogito-ergo-sum, Interactionism
- Unit – II** : Spinoza – Substance, Attribute and Modes Psycho-physical parallelism
Leibnitz – Theory of Monads, pre-established Harmony
- Unit-III** : Locke : Refutation of Innate Ideas, Sources of Knowledge Berkeley : Subjective Idealism, Esse-est-Percipi
- Unit-IV** : Hume – Impression & Ideas, Scepticism, Theory of Causality
- Unit-V** : Kant – Reconciliation between Empiricism and Rationalism, Distinction between Analytic and synthetic statement, Possibility of Synthetic Apriority Judgement.

Books Prescribed

- Y. Masih – History of Western Philosophy
- H. Ray & G. Das – (O) Paschatya Darshanara Itihasa
- Fran Thilly – A History of Philosophy
- Ira Sengupta – A History of Western Philosophy
- B. Russell – History of Western Philosophy
- Barlingay & Kulkarni – A critical survey of Western Philosophy

SEMESTER-IV

CC-10 : PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE

Textual Study : John Hospers – An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis

- Unit-I** : Word – Meaning : Meaning of the word “Meaning” Ambiguity.
- Unit – II** : Definitions : Denotative, Connotative, & Ostensive Defining and Accompanying characteristics stipulative & Reportive Definition.
- Unit-III** : Sentence – Meaning : Proposition and sentence word-meaning and sentence – meaning, criteria of sentence – meaning/
- Unit –IV** : Analytic – synthetic, a priori – a posteriori distinction logical possibility and impossibility.
- Unit – V** : Concept ; Nature and source, Truth : Correspondence, Coherence and Truth as it “Works”

SEMESTER – V

CC-11 : STUDY OF WESTERN CLASSIC [Meditations of Rene Descartes]

Unit-I	Meditation – I	Sceptical Doubts
	Meditation – II	Cogito ergo sum, Sum res cogitans
Unit – II	Meditation – III	Clear and distinct perceptions Theory of Ideas, Existence of God
Unit-III	Meditation – IV	God is no Deceiver, Will and Intellect
Unit – IV	Meditation – V	Essence of Material Things, Existence of God
Unit – V	Meditation – VI	Mind-body Dualism, Primary & Secondary Quality

Book Recommended

- Rene Descartes - Meditations on First Philosophy
- Rae Langton - A study guide to Descartes Meditations
- Amelie Rorty - Essays on Descartes Meditations

SEMESTER-V

CC-12 : ISA UPANISADS WITH SANKARA'S COMMENTARY

Unit-I : What are Upanisads, place of Upanisads in Indian Philosophy and Culture – Isa Upanisad

Unit – II : Mantra 1 to 4

Unit-III : Mantra 5 to 9

Unit – IV : Mantra 10 to 14

Unit – V : Mantra 15 to 18

Basic Study Materials:

- The Isa Upanisad with Sankara's Commentary
- S. Radhakrishnan - The Principal Upanisad
- Satyavadi Mishra - Central Philosophy of the Upanisads

SEMESTER-VI

CC-13 : SOCIAL & POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

- Unit-I** : Sociality, Social Science & Social Laws, Philosophy of Social Science – Relation between Individual and society (Mechanical, Organic and Idealistic view)
- Unit – II** : Political Ideals – Justice, Liberty, Equality, Political Doctrine – Humanism, Secularism Philosophy of Ecology.
- Unit-III** : Democratic Ideals: Democratic Government, Conditions for successful functioning of Democracy.
- Unit – IV** : Political Ideologies (a) Anarchism (b) Marxism (C) Sarvodaya
- Unit – V** : Social progress: Human Rights: Origin and development, Declaration of Human Rights : Theory and Practice

Basic for Suggested Readings:

- O.P. Gauba – An Introduction to Political Philosophy
- J. Sinha – Outlines of Political Philosophy
- D.D. Raphael – Problems of Political Philosophy
- Krishna Ray & Chhanda Gupta – Essays in Social & Political Philosophy
- M.K. Gandhi – Hind Swaraj

CC-14 : APPLIED ETHICS

- Unit – I** : What is Applied Ethics : Nature & Scope of applied ethics – Ethical Theories – Deontology, Utilitarianism.
- Unit – II** : **Taking Life : Animals** – Animals Rights, Reverence for life, killing of animals
- Unit – III** : **Taking Life : Humans** – Euthanasia : Types of Abortion
- Unit – IV** : Environmental Ethics : Relation between man and nature, Anthropocentrism, Non-Anthropocentrism Western Tradition – Responsibility for Future Generation, Deep Ecology
- Unit – V** : Professional Ethics :
a) Business ethics – Rights and obligations, justice & honesty in ethics.
b) Bio-medical Ethics – Hippocratic Oath, Rights and obligations of Health – care Professionals, Doctor- Patient-Relationship

Books Recommended

- Peter Singer – Practical Ethics
- J. Jagadev – Biomedical Ethics
- Tom Regan – Animal Rights
- J.P. Thirou – Ethics : Theory & Practice

SKILL ENHANCEMENT COURSE

SEMESTER – IV

SEC-II : APPLIED REASONING

- Unit – I : Fallacies: Introduction, fallacies of Relevance, fallacies of Presumption.
- Unit-II : Fallacies of Ambiguity, Illicit Transference, fallacies in Ordinary language
- Unit – III : Types of Reasoning: Analogical, Legal and Moral
- Unit – IV : Science & Superstition: Distinction, Evidentiary Support, Objectivity Integrity

Book Recommended :

- H. Patrick, J. – A Concise Introduction to Logic (2015) 12th Edition
- M. Sen - An Introduction to Critical Thinking (2010).

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE (DSE)

SEMESTER – V

DSE-1 : THE PHILOSOPHY OF BHAGBAD GITA

- Unit – I** : The Bhagabad Gita: Concept of Yoga, Concept of life and death.
- Unit – II** : Karma & Karmaphala in the Bhagabad Gita, classification of Karma : Karma, Akarma, Vikarma
- Unit- III** : Concepts like Jnana & Vijnana, Ksara and Aksara, Uttama Purusa in Bhagabad Gita.
- Unit – IV** : Chapter XVIII (Verse 1 to 18) with Sankara's commentary
- Unit – V** : Chapter XVIII (Verse 19 to 36) with Sankara's commentary

Basic Study Materials:

- S.Radhakrishnan (Trans. & Ed) - The Bhagabad Gita
- S.C. Panigrahi - Concept of Yoga in the Gita
- A.G.K. Warrior (Trans.) - Srimad Bhagabad Gita Bhasya of Sri Sankaracharya
- K.M. Munshi & R.R. Diwakar - Bhagabad Gita & Modern Life
- P.N. Srinivasachari - The Ethical Philosophy of the Gita

SEMESTER – V

DSE-2 : PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

Basic Text : John Hick – Philosophy of Religion

Unit – I : Introduction to Philosophy of Religion Judaism – Christian Concept of God (Chapter – 1)

Unit – II : Grounds for belief in existence of God (Chapter – 2)

Unit – III : Grounds for belief against existence of God (Chapter – 3)

Unit – IV : The Problem of Evil (Chapter – 4)

Unit- V : Conflicting Truth Claims of different Religions (Chapter – 9) Religious Pluralism

Books for Reference

- Y. Masih- Introduction to Religious Philosophy
- Arvind Sharma – Philosophy of Religion

SEMESTER-VI

DSE-3 : GANDHIAN STUDIES

- Unit – I** : **Political Thought of Gandhi** : Gandhi's concept of Politics – goals and methods of action; concept and claim of spiritualizing politics, Satyagraha
- Unit – II** : **Economic Thought of Gandhi** : Gandhi's ideas and efforts in the field of economics; Gandhi's critique of industrialization – evils and consequences; philosophy of work & employment, need and greed
- Unit – III** : **Gandhi's Social Thought and Social Work**: Philosophy of Sarvodaya, concept of Gram Swaraj, Varnashrama Versus Caste system untouchability.
- Unit- IV** : **Gandhi on Education**: Meaning and aims of education Basic education (Nai Talim), Duties of Students, Parents and Teachers in education and their interrelationship.
- Unit – V** : **Gandhi's idea of Peace**: Meaning of peace and violence; peace and Disarmament; Non-violent way to world peace. Combating terrorism through non-violence; Gandhian Approach to conflict Resolution – Shanti Sena.

Basic Study Materials :

- Mahatma Gandhi - Autobiography
- Mahatma Gandhi - Hind- Swaraj
- Mahatma Gandhi - Towards Non-violent Socialism
- Mahatma Gandhi - Towards New Education
- S. Radhakrishnan (ed.) - Mahatma Gandhi: Essays & Reflect
- R.K. Prabhu & U.R. Rao- The mind of Mahatma Gandhi
- Sarat Mahanty (ODIA) - Gandhi Manisha

SEMESTER – V

DSE-4 : PROJECT COMPULSORY (Dissertation 60 + Viva 40 Marks)

The student has to prepare a project of his own selecting a topic from Philosophical perspective in consultation with a teacher. He / She has to prepare a dissertation of 60 marks which will be evaluated by an external examiner and he / she will face a viva-voice test (40 marks) by an external examiner along with his / her supervisor of the concerned project.

GENERIC ELECTIVE (GE)

SEMESTER – I & III

GE-1 : SYMBOLIC LOGIC

Text - (Basson & O. Conner)

Introduction to Symbolic Logic

Unit – I	:	Ch-I Introductory Ch-II The Calculus of Propositions
Unit – II	:	Ch-III The Calculus of Propositions (Sec 1 to 6)
Unit – III	:	Ch-III The Calculus of Propositions (Sec 7 to 9)
Unit – IV	:	Ch- V The Elements of Predicate Calculus
Unit- V	:	Appendix Sec 1 to Sec – 4

SEMESTER –II & IV

GE-2 : INDIAN PHILOSOPHY

Unit – I	:	Salient features of Indian Philosophy and key concepts Carvaka – Epistemology, Metaphysics Jainism – Syadvada & Anekantavada
Unit – II	:	Buddhism – Four Noble Truth, Doctrine of Dependent Origination, No Soul Theory, Nirvana
Unit – III	:	Samkhya – Purusa, Prakriti, Evolution Yoga – Patanjali's Citta Vritti Nirodha, Astanga Yoga
Unit – IV	:	Nyaya – Theory of Inference Vaisesika – Padarthas (Categories)
Unit- V	:	Samkara – Brahman, Atman, Maya & Liberation Ramanyan – Brahman, Atman, Maya & Liberation

Books Recommended:

- Dutta & Chatterjee – An Introduction to Indian Philosophy
- C. D. Sharma – A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy
- G. C. Nayak (O) Bharatiya Darshana
- B. B. Choudhury (O) (Trs.) – Bharatiya Darshanara Ruparekha.