



Department of Philosophy, Jnana Bharathi, Bengaluru -560056

Implementation of National Education Policy -2020

Under Graduate Courses

Syllabus for Philosophy

5th and 6th Semester B.A Course

under NEP for the academic year 2023-2024

Sem . No	Course Category	Course Code	Course Title	Credits Assigned	Instructional hours per week	Duration of Exam (Hrs.)	Exam/ Evaluation pattern (marks)		
							IA	Exam	Total
5	DSC	Phil C 9	Indian Epistemology	4	4	2.30	40	60	100
		Phil C 10	Vedanta	4	4	2.30	40	60	100
		Phil C 11	Early Buddhism	4	4	2.30	40	60	100
		Phil C 12	Philosophy of Religion I	4	4	2.30	40	60	100
	DSE	Phil E1 (any one to be chosen)	Srimad Bhagavadgita	3	3	2.30	40	60	100
	Vocational	Phil V1 (any one to be chosen)	Philosophy of Yoga	3	3	2.30	40	60	100
6	DSC	Phil C 13	Western Epistemology	4	4	2.30	40	60	100
		Phil C 14	Contemporary Western Philosophy	4	4	2.30	40	60	100
		Phil C 15	Western Moral Philosophy	4	4	2.30	40	60	100
		Phil C 16	Philosophy of Religion II	4	4	2.30	40	60	100
	DSE	Phil E2 (any one to be chosen)	Western Ethics	3	3	2.30	40	60	100
	Vocational	Phil V2 (any one to be chosen)	Comparative study of Religions	3	3	2.30	40	60	100



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**V Semester B.A Discipline Core (DSC) Discipline elective (DSE) and Vocational for
the Year 2023-24 onwards**

Note : Students who opt two optional subjects in the Third Year of the Degree course,
they must opt and study only DSC 9, 10,11 in the fifth Semester
and DSC 12, 13,14 in the Sixth Semester

Programme Name: B.A in Philosophy
Course Code: DSC-Philo C9
Course Title: **Indian Epistemology**
Contact Hours: 60
No of Credits 4
Max. Marks: 60+40= 100

Unit 1 Nature, scope and significance of the study of Epistemology Nature and definition of Prama (Valid Knowledge) and Aprama (Invalid Knowledge), distinction between Prama and Aprama.	15 hours
Unit 2 Kinds of Pramana: Pratyakṣa (perception), Anumāṇa (inference), Śabda (testimony), Upamāṇa (comparison), Arthāpatti (postulation), Anupalabdhi (non-perception)	15 hours
Unit 3 Pramanyavada: Theories of validity of Knowledge of Nyaya, Samkhya, Mimamsa, Buddhism	15 hours
Unit 4 Khyativada: Theories of Error of Naya, Samkhya, Prabhakara and Kumarila, Sri Ramanujacharya, Sri Shankaracharya and Buddhism	15 hours

Reference Books:

1. Datta D.M: Six ways of knowing, University of Calcutta, 1974
2. Chatterjee S.C: Naya Theory of Knowledge, University of Calcutta, 1939
3. Matilal B.K: Epistemology Logic and Grammar in Indian Philosophical Analysis The Hague, Paris, 1971
4. Satprakashananda.S: Methods of Knowledge, Advaita Ashrama Calcutta 1974
5. C. D. Sharma: A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy, Motilal Banarsidass, 2016

Division of Marks

1. Objective Type Questions	(10) out of (10)	10 x 01 x = 10
2. Descriptive answer	(02) out of (03)	02 x 10 x = 20
3. One Main Question	(01) out of (02)	01 x 15 x = 15
4. Short notes	(03) out of (05)	03 x 05 x = 15
	Theory Total	= 60
	Internal Assessment Marks	= 40
	Total	= 100

Credits -04 Hours -04 (per week)

Programme Name: B.A in Philosophy
Course Code: DSC-Philo C10
Course Title: **Vedanta**
Contact Hours: 60
No of Credits 4
Max. Marks: 60+40= 100

- Unit 1 Origin and development of Vedanta **15 hours**
Nature of Brahman, atman and Jagat in Advaita, Sri Shankaracharya`s view of Vivartavada, Importance and Justification of Anirvachniya Khyati
- Unit 2 Origin and development of Vishishtadvaita **15 hours**
Sri Ramanujacharya`s view of Brahman, Conception of Chit and Achit, Ways and means towards attainment of Moksha
- Unit 3 Origin and development of Dvaita Philosophy **15 hours**
Sri Madhavacharya`s conception of Brahman, Jiva and Jagat
Classification of souls, Theory of Pancha bheda
- Unit 4 Sir Vallabhacharya Vedanta: The Conception of Shuddhadvaita, **15 hours**
Achintyabhedabheda of Sri Chaitanya, Pratyabhijna of Kashmiri Shaivism and Shakta Schools

Reference Books

1. Satishchandra Chatterjee & Dheerendramohan Datta An introduction to Indian Philosophy University of Calcutta, 1948
2. Surendranath Dasgupta: A History of Indian Philosophy : Cambridge at the University press,1922
3. Badrayana : Brahmasutra, Vedanta Pr,1982
- 4.
5. Srimad Bhagavadgita: Shrimad Bhagavad Gita (Gita Press, Gorakhpur)
5. C.D. Sharma: A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy, Motilal Banarsidass, 2016
6. S. Radhakrishnan: Indian Philosophy, Vol. 1 and 2 Oxford 2008
7. M. Hiriyanna: Outline of Indian Philosophy Motilal Banarsidass, 2014
8. T.M.P. Mahadevan: The philosophy of Advaita Bharatiya Kala Prakashan, 2005

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2. Descriptive answer	(02) out of (03)	$02 \times 10 \times = 20$
3. One Main Question	(01) out of (02)	$01 \times 15 \times = 15$
4. Short notes	(03) out of (05)	$03 \times 05 \times = 15$
	Theory Total	= 60
	Internal Assessment Marks	= 40
	Total	= 100

Credits -04 Hours -04 (per week)

Programme Name: B.A in Philosophy

Course Code: DSC-Philo C11

Course Title: **Early Buddhism**

Contact Hours: 60

No of Credits 4

Max. Marks: 60+40= 100

Unit 1 History and Early Life of Siddhartha Understanding the problems of Human life, Realization of the truth of life	15 hours
Unit 2 Renunciation of the materialistic world in search of truth Extreme Asceticism for enlightenment, 4 Noble truths	15 hours
Unit 3 Eight fold paths, Theory of Dependent origination, The Five aggregates of clinging	15 hours
Unit 4 The Seven factors of enlightenment The nine cemetery contemplation Nirvana the ultimate aim of Buddhism	15 hours

Reference Books

1. M.Hiriyanna Outlines of Indian Philosophy: Allen & Unwin,1932
2. S.Radhakrishnan Indian Philosophy, Vol.1 & 2: George Allen & Unwin Ltd ,1932
3. Satishchandra Chatterjee & Dheerendramohan Datta. An Introduction to Indian Philosophy: University of Calcutta,1948
4. Surendranath Dasgupta: A History of Indian Philosophy Vol.I: Cambridge at the University press,1922

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	Internal Assessment Marks	= 40
	Total	= 100

Credits -04 Hours -04 (per week)

Programme Name: B.A in Philosophy

Course Code: DSC-Philo C12

Course Title: **Philosophy of Religion I**

Contact Hours: 60

No of Credits 4

Max. Marks: 60+40= 100

- Unit 1 Nature and Scope of Philosophy of Religions. **15 hours**
- Unit 2 Religious Language: Characteristics of Religious Language religious Statements as Symbolic-Religious Language as Non- cognitive-Paradox in Religions Language
- Unit 3 God and Religion: Meaning, Nature and Attributes of God Theories of God- **15 hours**
Proofs for the Existence of God-Cosmological, Teleological, Ontological and Ethical religion without God.
- Unit 4 Religious Experience: Religions Experience-The Nature, the Foundations **15 hours**
and the validity of Religious Experience-The Nature, Characteristics, Kinds and Evaluation of Mysticism.

Reference books

1. Diamond M.L.: Contemporary Philosophy an Religions Thought
Mac Graw-Hall Boo Co. New York, 1974.
2. Fredench Ferre: Basic Modem Philosophy of Religion,
George Allen and Unwin, London 1976.
3. Hiriyanna M. Indian Conception of Values, Kavyalaya, 1975
4. Hick John: Philosophy of Religion
Englewood-Cliffs N J.Prentice, Hall, New York,1963.
5. Mitchell, Basil: The Philosophy of Religion,
Oxford Universal, Press, 1971.
6. Mitchell,Basil: Justification of Religious Belief,
Mac Millan,London,1975.
7. Radhakrishnan: East and West in Religion George Allen & Unwin,1949.
8. Siddhashrama B.P.: The Metaphysics and the Mysticism of Shri Nijaguna
Shivayogi Siddhaprakashana 1991
9. Thomes Mc .Pherson: The Philosophy of Religion, VanNostrand,London,1965.

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Credits -04 Hours -04 (per week)

Programme Name: B.A in Philosophy

Course Code: DSE- Phil E1

Course Title: **Srimad Bhagavadgita**

Contact Hours: 60

No of Credits 4

Max. Marks: 60+40= 100

Unit 1 Introduction: Scriptural structure of Sanathana Dharma (Sruti & Smriti), Prelude to Srimad Bhagavadgita, Visada Yoga, Sankhya Yoga, Karma Yoga	15 hours
Unit 2, Jnana Yoga, Jnana Yoga, Abhyasa Yoga, Paramahansa Vijnana Yoga, Vibhuti-Vistara-Yoga	15 hours
Unit 3 Visvarupa-Darsana Yoga, Bhakti Yoga, Ksetra-Ksetrajna Vibhaga Yoga, Gunatraya-Vibhaga Yoga	15 hours
Unit 4 Purushottama Yoga, Daivasura-Sampad-Vibhaga Yoga, Shraddhatraya Vibhaga Yoga, Moksha-Sanyasa Yoga, Relevance of Srimad Bhagavadgita in current times.	15 hours

Reference Books

1. Srimad Bhagavadgita: Shrimad Bhagavad Gita, Gita Press, Gorakhpur 2022
2. A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada: Bhagavadgita as it is, Bhaktivedant Book Trust, 2015

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Credits -04 Hours -04 (per week)

Programme Name: B.A in Philosophy

Course Code: DSE- Phil V1

Course Title: **Philosophy of Yoga**

Contact Hours: 60

No of Credits 4

Max. Marks: 60+40= 100

Unit 1	Definitions, concept nature and scope of Yoga Origin and significance of Yoga: (Guru parampara: Lord Shiva to Patanjali) Merits of Yoga in Human Life	15 hours
Unit 2	Astanga Yoga- Eight Stages of Yoga Importance of Yama and Niyamas in Human life Citta , Citta Vritti , Stages of Cittabhumi	15 hours
Unit 3	Importance of Meditation, Role of God in Yoga Objective of Yoga – Kaivalya ,Yoga and Holistic living	15 hours
Unit 4	Pranayama and Health Shat Kriyas for Purification Yoga and personality development.	15 hours

Reference books

1. Srisa Chandra Vasu : Shiva Samhita, Indica Books,2012
2. Maharishi Patanjali : Yoga sutra, Chaukhamba Surbharati Prakashan 2010
3. Maharishi Svatmarama : Hatha Yoga Pradipika, Chaukhamba Surbharati Prakashan 2021
4. Srimad Bhagavadgita: Shrimad Bhagavad Gita (Gita Press, Gorakhpur) 2022
5. Maharishi Gheranda: Gheranda Samhita, Chaukhamba Surbharati Prakashan, 2014

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VI Semester B.A Discipline Core (DSC) Discipline elective (DSE) and Vocational for the Year 2023-24 onwards

Programme Name: B.A in Philosophy

Course Code: DSE- Phil C 13

Course Title: **Western Epistemology**

Contact Hours: 60

No of Credits 4

Max. Marks: 60+40= 100

Unit 1 Meaning definition concept and significance of the study of Epistemology **15 hours**

Sources of Knowledge: Perception, Reasoning, Testimony, Intuition and revelation

Nature of Knowledge: Three conditions of Knowledge: Truth Belief and Justification

Types of Knowledge: A Priori and A posteriori

Unit 2 Nature and criteria of truth: Correspondence, coherence, Pragmatic and semantic **15 hours**

Nature of Induction its problems and justification Formal grounds of Induction

Nature and importance of Deduction.

Unit 3 Problems of knowledge: Plato's theory of Knowledge, Belief and Opinion **15 hours**

Gettier's: "Is Justified True Belief Knowledge?" Quine's Naturalized Epistemology

Unit 4 Fallacy: Nature Meaning and definition **15 hours**

Rules of Logical method of Fallacies, Classification of Fallacies

Kinds of Fallacies 1. Fallacy of argumentum – ad – Hominum 2. Fallacy of argumentum

– ad – Baculum 3. Fallacy of argumentum – ad – Vericundium 4. Fallacy of many question

Reference Books

1. Ayer A.J : The problem of Knowledge, Penguin Books,2000
2. Hospers J: An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis,Routledge,1997
3. Russell B: Problems of Philosophy, Oxford University Press Inc,1997
4. Lehrer .K: Theory of Knowledge, Routledge,1990
5. O Connor D.J: Introduction to theory of Knowledge, Univ of Minnesota Pr,1982
6. Wozzley A.D.: Theory of Knowledge Routledge, 2016
7. Edmund Gettier Is Justified True Belief Knowledge, Routledge, 2017

8. A.J. Ayer

The Problem of Knowledge, Penguin Books 2000

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	Credits -04 Hours -04 (per week)	

Programme Name: B.A in Philosophy
 Course Code: DSE- Phil C 14
 Course Title: **Contemporary Western Philosophy**
 Contact Hours: 60
 No of Credits 4
 Max. Marks: 60+40 = 100

Unit 1. Nature and scope of Western Philosophy
 Significance of the study of western Philosophy
 Basic Philosophical concepts of Frege : Object –Sense and reference

Unit 2 Russell`s Theory of definite descriptions and logical Atomism
 Wittgenstein`s Picture theory, limits of language,
 Wittgenstein`s language games, use theory of meaning

Unit 3 Kierkegaard – Individual existence, Moral Philosophy
 Philosophy of W.V Quine- The critique of empiricism
 Jean Paul Sarte : Existentialism

Unit 4 General Characteristics of Phenomenology and existentialism
 P.F Strawson`s Descriptive Metaphysics – its main features
 Whitehead`s Organic Theory of Reality

Reference Books

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| 1. | Sinha Debarbata : | Phenomenology and Existentialism, Progressive Publishers, 1974 |
| 2. | Strawson,P.F. | Individuals – An Essay in Descriptives Metaphysics, Routledge; 1964 |
| 3. | Bertrand Russell | The History of Western Philosophy, Routledge Classics,2016 |
| 4. | Willard Van Orm Quine | Quintessence – Basic Readings from the Philosophy of W.V. Quine Harvard University Press,2008 |
| 5. | Dr Muthurangam | Jean Paul Sartre's Existentialism, 16 Leaves, 2021 |
| 6. | George J. Stack | Kierkegaard's Existential Ethics, Gregg Revivals,1991 |
| 7. | Bertrand Russell & David F. Pears | The Philosophy of Logical Atomism, Routledge· 2009 |
| 8. | David G. Stern | Wittgenstein on Mind and Language, Oxford University Press, USA 1994 |
| 9. | Munitz Milton,K. | Contemporary Analytic Philosophy Macmillian Co. 1991 |

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3. One Main Question	(01) out of (02)	$01 \times 15 \times = 15$
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	Internal Assessment Marks	= 40
	Total	= 100
	Credits -04 Hours -04 (per week)	

Programme Name: B.A in Philosophy
Course Code: DSC-Philo C15
Course Title: **Western Moral Philosophy**
Contact Hours: 60
No of Credits 4
Max. Marks: 60+40= 100

Unit 1 Meaning and definition, Nature and scope of Morality **15 hours**
Need and significance of Moral Philosophy, Nature of Moral reasoning

Unit 2 Significance and Salient features of Act Utilitarianism **15 hours**
Rule Utilitarianism, Kant's Categorical Imperative

Unit 3 Perry's contribution to Naturalism **15 hours**
Moore's philosophical ideology on Intuition, Emotivism of Ayer and Stevenson

Unit 4 Relationship between fact and value **15 hours**
Professionalism Ethics Moral freedom and responsibility, Nature and characteristics of environmental ethics

Reference Books

1. Garner R.T and Rosen B: Moral philosophy : Systematic Introduction to Normative Ethics and Meta-ethics Collier Macmillan Ltd (1 August 1967)
2. Quintion .A. : Utilitarian Ethics : Open Court; 2nd edition (May 28, 1988)
3. Moore C.E Principia Ethics Dover Pubns; 1st edition (30 August 2004)
4. Finis.J.: Fundamental Ethics, Georgetown University Press 1983
5. Feldman .F Introductory Ethics, Prentice-Hall, Inc. 1978
6. Ross W.D. The Right and the Good, Clarendon Press, 2002
7. Nowell-Smith P.H.: Ethics Penguin Books, 1954
8. Warnock C.J. Contemporary Moral Philosophy, Palgrave Macmillan, 1967

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1. Objective Type Questions	(10) out of (10)	$10 \times 01 \times = 10$
2. Descriptive answer	(02) out of (03)	$02 \times 10 \times = 20$
3. One Main Question	(01) out of (02)	$01 \times 15 \times = 15$
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	Credits -04 Hours -04 (per week)	

Programme Name: B.A in Philosophy

Course Code: DSC-Philo E2

Course Title: **Western Ethics**

Contact Hours: 60

No of Credits 4

Max. Marks: 60+40= 100

Unit 1	Meaning definitions and concept of Ethics and Morality Nature scope and importance of Ethics in Human life Morality and Ethical Practices in Western countries	15 hours
Unit 2.	The nature of normative ethics and meta-ethics Major theories on ethics and morality Comparison of Western and eastern in respect of Ethics & Morality	15 hours
Unit 3.	The Ethics of John Dewey, Emotive theory of R.L.Stevenson Prescriptivism of Hare, Muhavalism of Perry, Descriptivism (Is-ought relation)	15 hours
Unit 4.	Applied ethics, Professional ethics, Eco-ethics Moral freedom and responsibility	15 hours

Reference books

1. Richard, B. Brandt : Ethical theory, Prentice Hall, 1959
2. T.E.Hill : Contemporary Ethics, New York, Macmillan,1950
3. Harold .H.Titus : Ethics for today, Van Nostrand Reinhold Company,1976
4. Harold.H.T.Titus : Range of Ethics, American Book Co, 1966
5. Fred Feldman : Introduction Ethics (chapter 10 and 15 only) Prentice-Hall, Inc. 1978
6. Mackenzie J.S. : Manual of Ethics Cosimo Classics,2005
7. William Lillie : Introduction to Ethics , Allied Publishers Pvt. Ltd.1967
8. Warnock G.J. : Contemporary Moral Philosophy, Palgrave Macmillan,1967
9. Hudson W.D. : Modern Moral Philosophy, Palgrave Macmillan,1983

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Programme Name: B.A in Philosophy
 Course Code: DSC-Philo V2
 Course Title: **Comparative Study of Religions**
 Contact Hours: 60
 No of Credits 4
 Max. Marks: 60+40= 100

Unit-I Meaning, necessity, aims and purpose of comparative study of religions, Distinction between theology and philosophical study of religion	15 hours
Unit-II Basic tenets of Dharmic traditions Sanatana Dharma (Hinduism), Jainism, Buddhism and Sikhism	15 hours
Unit-III Basic tenets of Semitic Religions Judaism, Christianity and Islam	15 hours
Unit-IV Religion and World Peace Unity of religions, Inter-religious dialogue, Dogmatism, Secularism and religious Conversion	15 hours

Reference Books

1. Y. Masih, A Comparative Study of Religions, Motilal Banarsidass Publishers, 1990
2. Huston Smith The World's Religions, HarperCollins, 2009
3. Daniel L Pals Eight Theories of Religion, Oxford University Press, 2006
4. S.N. Dasgupta Religion and Rational Outlook, Motilal Banarsidass Publishers, 1974
6. K.N. Tiwari Comparative religion, Motilal Banarsidass Publishers, 1983
7. M.L. Ahuja , Perspectives of World Religions New Central Book Agency,2014
- 8 Dr.P.Raghavendra Indian Philosophical Wisdom for World Peace Pub. SanthaPrakashana 2021 ISBN: 978-81-924572-7-7
9. Dr.P.Raghavendra Is religion a threat to World Peace Yoga and Global Peace Vol.3, Siddhaprakashana 2011
- 10 Dr.P.Raghavendra Religious Conversion and Balkanization of Bharath Siddhaprakashana 2011 ISBN: 978-81-924572-0-8

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