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KALINAGAR MAHAVIDYALAYA DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

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Programme and course learning
Outcomes for Honours
and
Undergraduate programme



Under Choice Based Credit System (CBCS)

INTRODUCTION

Under Choice Based Credit system (CBCS) the B.A. Honours and undergraduate programme in Philosophy has been divided into different courses like core course (CC), Generic Elective (GE) course, Discipline Specific Elective (DSE) Course and Skill Enhancement Course (SEC).

Core course should compulsorily be studied by a student as a core requirement of the chosen discipline. Generic Elective course is an elective course chosen queerally from an unrelated discipline subject with an intention to seek exposure. In this regard a core course offered in a discipline/subject may be treated as an elective by other discipline and vice versa and such electives may also be referred to as Generic Elective. As well as Elective course may be offered by the main discipline/subject of study is referred to as Discipline Specific Elective. Skill Enhancement Courses may be chosen from a pool of courses designed to provide value based and/or skill based knowledge.

Through the above mentioned course B.A. course in Philosophy offers various papers covering diverse philosophical themes like Indian Philosophy, Western Philosophy, Socio-Political Philosophy, contemporary Indian Philosophy, Western Ethics, Ethical and social Philosophy of India, logic, Psychology and Philosophy of mind, Western Epistemology and Metaphysics, Philosophy of Language (Indian & Western), Philosophy of religion etc. and makes the students awaken to the enormous benefits in the academic and practical ground of studying Philosophy.

PROGRAMME OUTCOMES

- After successfully completion of the B.A. (Honours/Programme) in Philosophy the following outcomes may be observed in learner's lives as programme outcomes:
- > A philosophy graduate would know about various philosopher's perspectives regarding world and life.
- A graduate in Philosophy will be able to properly demonstrate their efficiency to think in logical, critical and analytical way about different issues in the world.
- > On the basis of the understanding of various philosophical theories and philosophy graduate would be able to buildup own opinion regarding truth.
- Based on sound knowledge of Ethics he would be able to build up moral character for own case and other cases that are very relevant in present world.

- Philosophy graduate will be able to demonstrate their knowledge of profound philosophical problems in different philosophical field like Metaphysics, Epistemology, Ethics, logic, Philosophy of religion etc.
- A philosophy graduate will also be able to demonstrate his logical capability in the sphere of thinking, talking or discussing logically.
- > Students will be able to intellectually responsible because of their demonstration ability to listen carefully to others opinion or arguments.
- The course develops a keen awareness among the learners about the different issues like logical, ethical, religious, social or political that affects the world and life.
- A philosophy graduate will also be able to apply philosophical knowledge in handling real life issues both individual as well as social.
- > Students may be capable to think critically and also logically regarding various issues that comes from the nature related to our social and political system.
- With free and rational thinking power learners may be able to contribute for the solution of various issues.
- Analytic capabilities can be developed in the mind of the learners in proper manner.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES FOR HONOURS IN PHILOSOPHY

SEMESTER: I

COURSE CODE: PHIACOR01T

TOPIC NAME: History of western Philosophy - I

Course Learning Outcomes : After successfully completion of this course students

will be able to:

1) Identity and distinguish the main historical traditions in Western Philosophy.

- 2) Identify and explain key philosophical concepts as they arise in the different historical periods like pre-Socratic period, medieval period, modern western period etc, including knowledge, God, reason, faith truth, substance, idea, causation, mind/soul etc.
- 3) Know particularly the relevance of Socrates, Plato and Aristotle in the field of Philosophy.
- 4) Explain and apply basic philosophical concepts of modern rationalism including the method of doubt, criteria of truth, theory of substance, types of ideas, Existence of God, Pantheism, truth of reason, truth of facts, limitations of reason etc. in accordance with Descartes, Spinoza and Leibnitz.

Semester (I)

Course Code : PHIACOR02T Topic Name : Western Logic - I

Course Learning Outcomes: At the end of this course students will be able to:

- (1) Identify and distinguish the valid and the invalid arguments or statements in our daily life.
- (2) Explain and apply basic notion of symbolic logic.
- (3) Construct and express language and arguments by symbolization.
- (4) Identify explain and exemplify tautology, contradiction and contingency by method of truth table and method of truth tree.
- (5) Express categorical propositions by Boolean interpretation and determine validity of syllogism by Venn diagram.
- (6) Construct formal proof of validity of argument by using deduction method like 19 rules, IP, CP etc.

Semester (II)

Course Code: PHIACOR03T

Topic Name: Outlines of Indian Philosophy - I

Course Learning Outcomes: After successfully completion of this course students

should be able to:

- (1) Identify the fundamental structure of various schools of Indian Philosophy and different Indian Philosophical thoughts regarding the important branches of Philosophy like epistemology, metaphysics, ethics and Indian logic etc. with prior introduction of some Vedic and upanisadic conceptions like rta, rna, atman, brahman, jiva, sreyas, preya, moksa etc.
- (2) Acquire through knowledge about carvaka, Buddhism and Jainism.
- (3) Comprehend the epistemology and metaphysics of Nyaya-vaisesika Philosophy.

Semester (II)

Course Code: PHIACOR04T Topic Name: Western Logic - II

Course Learning Outcomes: At the end of this course students will be able to:

- (1) Acquire notions and need of quantification theory including traditional subject predicate proposition into logical notation of propositional function and Quantifier, Quantification rules for proving validity and proving invalidity for arguments involving quantifiers.
- (2) Comprehend the nature of Induction, distinction between deduction including Mill's methods of Induction, Induction per simple enumeration, Analogical, Inference, Criteria of scientific hypothesis and probability.

Semester (III)

Course Code: PHIACOR05T

Topic Name: History of Western Philosophy - II

Course Learning Outcomes: After completion of the course students will be able to:

- (1) Identity and distinguish the main historical traditions in Western Philosophy.
- (2) Grasp the main tenets empiricism.
- (3) Comprehend and express the empiricism of Locke, Berkeley, Hume
- (4) Understand the critical philosophy of Kant.

Semester (III)

Course Code: PHIACOR06T; Topic Name: Outlines of Indian Philosophy II

Course Learning Outcomes: After successfully completion of this course students
will be able to:

- (1) Identify the fundamental structure of different schools of Indian Philosophy.
- (2) Demonstrate their knowledge of the distinction as well as the commonalities between the various branches of Indian Philosophy.
- (3) Illustrate their understanding regarding the chief standpoints in Indian Philosophy like Sankhya Philosophy, Yoga Philosophy, Mamamsa Philosophy Advita Vetanta Philosophy and Philosophy of Ramanuja.

Semester (III)

Course Code: PHIACOR07T; Topic Name: Western Ethics Course Learning Outcomes: After completion of this course students will be able

to:

- (1) Realise the ethical concepts like right & wrong, good & bad, virtue & vice, morality, moral problems, moral action, object of moral judgment, good will, duty etc.
- (2) Grasp and illustrate the core ideas of different types of ethical theories like naturalism, descriptivism, Normativism, Prescriptivism, hedonism, utilitarianism and be deontogism.
- (3) Comprehend the core concepts of different theories of punishment.

Semester (IV)

Course Code: PHIACOR08T

Topic Name: Social and Political Philosophy-Western

Course Learning Outcomes: After successfully completion of this course students will be able to:

- (1) Understand the fundamentals of social political philosophy.
- (2) Comprehend the interdisciplinary nature of socio political philosophy by understanding the concepts of society, community, association, institution, caste and class, social groups, socialism, Marxist view and Gandhian view about social change, Marxist view and feminist view of family etc.
- (3) Express the notion of political ideals like democracy and its different forms (Direct, Indirect parliamentary and presidential)

Semester (IV)

Course Code: PHIACOR09T

Topic Name: Psychology and Philosophy of Mind

Course Learning Outcomes : After completion of this course learners will be able to:

- (1) Acquire the knowledge of the relation between Philosophy of Mind, Psychology and Philosophy of Psychology.
- (2) Understand the Gestalt theory of perception and learning, different methods of Psychology like Introspection, Extrospection and experimental.
- (3) Grasp freud's theory on conscious and unconscious stages of mind, and Freudian conception of Id, ego and super Ego.
- (4) Demonstrate their knowledge of various doctrines regarding body mind relation.

Semester (IV)

Course Code: PHIACOR10T

Topic Name : Annambhatta's Tarkasamigraha with Dipikatika (from buddhi upto upamanakhandam) :

Course Learning Outcomes: With the end of the course the following outcomes will be observed to the students:

- (1) Students will be able to familiar with the famous Naiyayika Annambhatta and his book, "Tarkasamgraha".
- (2) They will be able to define the character of 'buddhi' prama, aprama, nature of karana, anyathasiddha, different types of Karana, Karana-vyapara.
- (3) They will be able to understand pratyaksa pramana in details including the epistemological concept of various sannikarsa admitted by Naiyayikas.
- (4) They can be able to comprehend the anumana pramana and its various types in details including some related concepts to anumana like paramarsa vyapti, paksa, saddhya hetu/linga, vyaptigraha etc. In addition to this the skills of determining the sathetu and asathetu will be developed for the students. In this context they will be also familiar with various hetvabhasas.
- (5) They will be also able to acquire the nature and role of upamana and its different types in knowledge situation.

Semester (V)

Course Code: PHIACOR11T

Topic Name: Philosophy of Language - Indian & Western

Topic A: Indian Philosophy of Language

Course Learning Outcomes: With the end of this course students will be able to:

- 1. Describe the sabda pramana in details including the related conceptions of pada, akansksa, yogyata, sannidhi and tatparya, Sakti, Saktigraha, laksane etc.
- 2. Bring out the conflict between Nyaya and Mimamsa Philosophies on whether the Vedas is puruseya or not.

Topic B: Western Philosophy of Language Course Learning Outcomes: With the end of this course students will be able to:

- 1. Grasp the nature of word, the relation of words to things, common usages of word, exception to the rule of common usage, different types of meaning, nature of ambiguity and its cause's, nature of vagueness and its various courses according to the explanation of Hospers.
- 2. Define the three kinds of actions in the context of the usage of sentences as mentioned by Alston and identity the one of these which is relevant to the meaning of a sentence.

Semester (V)

Course Code: PHIACOR12T

Topic Name: Ethical and social Philosophy of India

Course Learning Outcomes: At the end of this course learners will be able to:

- 1. Realise the social and ethical significance of the basic concepts of Karmayogo, sthitaprajna, Yogaksema and lokasamgraha mention in the 'Bhagavatgita'.
- 2. Realize the moral and social values of the four purusarthas and their interrelation.
- 3. Understand the nature of Dharma and its different types and their significance in social back ground.
- 4. Comprehend the notion of Karma and its various types including some ethical concepts of panchasila, Brahmavihara, Anuvrate, Mahavrata and Ahimsa as mentioned in Jainism and Buddhism.
- 5. Learn about carvaka ethics and expose the evil in aspects of this ethics.

Semester (V)

Course Code: PHIADSE01T

Topic Name : Elective Logic (Set Theory)

Course Learning Outcomes: At the successfully end of this course students will be

able to:

1. Describe membership of sets, including the empty set using proper notation and the relation between sets regarding membership, equality, subset and proper subset.

- 2. Perform the operation of union, intersection and difference on sets accordance with proper notation.
- 3. Draw and Interpret Venn diagrams of set, relation and operations and use Venn diagram to solve problems.
- 4. Apply the set theory to solve the problems in real life situation.

Semester (V)

Course Code: PHIADSE02T Topic Name: Practical Ethics

Course Learning Outcomes: At the end of this course students will be able to:

- 1. Comprehend the concepts of killing of animals, suicide, Euthanasia and differentiate the different conceptions of those killing related concepts.
- 2. Explain the significance of human rights including caste discrimination and its different types.
- 3. Identity & explain harmful effects of war, violence & terrorism on society.
- 4. Know about Feminist ethics including justice based ethics, care based ethics, ethics based on empathy etc.
- 5. Apply basic ethical concepts and approaches to solving practical problems in ethics including environment, war, euthanasia, female foeticide, abortion etc.
- 6. Demonstrate their understanding of practical applications of the discipline of ethics.

Semester (V)

Course Code: PHIADSE03T

Topic Name: Philosophy of Region

Course Learning Outcomes : At the completion of this course students will be able to :

- 1. Comprehend nature, scope and the philosophical implication of religion.
- 2. Differentiate between spirituality and religiosity, sacred and profane; Magic and Religion.
- 3. Construct the proofs for the existence of God following the different arguments like Ontological Argument, Cosmological Argument, Teleological Argument and Moral Argument.
- 4. Demonstrate the grounds for disbelief in God based on sociological theory and Freudian Theory.
- 5. Realise the main conceptions of some major religions like Hinduism, Buddhism, Christianity and Islam.

Semester (VI)

Course Code: PHIACOR13T

Topic Name: Western Epistemology & Metaphysics

Course Learning Outcomes: At the completion of this course students will be able to:

- 1. Familiarize themselves with western Epistemology by acquiring the nature of knowledge such as knowing that, knowing how, knowledge by description, knowledge by acquaintance and different theories to truth like correspondence theory, coherentism, pragmatism etc. & also the nature & problems of Induction.
- 2. Familiarize themselves about western Metaphysics by acquiring the knowledge of Realism, Idealism and Phenomenalism; nature & problems of universals accordance with realism, conceptualism and nominalism; the causal principal like the entailment theory and the regularity theory of causation.
- 3. Apply the such knowledge to solve the various problems in real life situation.

Semester (VI)

Course Code: PHIACOR14T

Topic Name: Some Modern Indian thinker

Course Learning Outcomes: After the completion of this course students will be capable to comprehend and describe the following:

- 1. Swami Vivekananda's concept of Practical Vedanta, Unification of Religion and Karma-yoga.
- 2. Mahatma Gandhi's opinion on Sarvodaya, Non-violence, Trusteeship & caste.
- 3. Sri Aurobindo's conception of Evolution and Involution.
- 4. Ambedkar's doctrine of Equality and Fraternity.

Semester (VI)

Course Code: PHIADSE04T

Topic Name: Sadhana - Rabindranath Tagore

Course Learning Outcomes: At the end of this course students will be able to familiarize themselves with the lectures of Rabindranath Tegore in the book "Sadhana" and grasp about Tegore's Philosophy of life through this book:

Semester (VI)

Course Code: PHIADSE05T

Topic: Problems of Philosophy - Russell

Course Learning Outcomes: By following Bertrand Russell's book "Problems of Philosophy" students will be able to gain proper understanding the concepts of Appearance & Reality, Knowledge by acquaintance and knowledge by description, Induction, the value of Philosophy etc. and through this they will be familiar the Russell's Philosophical thought.

Semester (VI)

Course Code: PHIADSE06T

Topic: An Enquiry Concerning Human understanding - David Hume

Course Learning Outcomes: At the end of this course students will be familiar with the book, An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding written by David Hume and through it they will be able to understand Hume's Philosophical view regarding different types of philosophy, origin of ideas, Association of idea, Relations of ideas and matter of facts, probability, causation, Liberty & Necessity, Reason of animals, Miracles, Scepticism etc.

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Course Code: PHISSEC01M

Topic: Media Ethics

Course Learning Outcomes: After successfully completion of this course students will be able to acquire and demonstrate the concept of the nature of Media ethics as well as they will be able to understand the role and impact of media including the principals of media like truth & accuracy, independence, humanity, fareness & impartiality, accountability etc. they will also be aware about functions, responsibilities of media, including the relation between media and democracy.

Semester: IV (For Hons.) and IV & VI (For undergraduate Programme)

Course Code: PHISSEC02M
Topic: Business Ethics

Course Learning Outcomes: At the end of this course students will be able to comprehend the nature of business ethics including the concepts of corporate social responsibility, various ethical code, code of conduct, ethical issues in marketing etc.

As well as they will also be able to understand the relation between business and environmental ethics, the relation between business and advertising ethics etc. and on the basis of acquiring all this knowledge, they will acquire the skills of proper behavior in social life.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES FOR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRMME IN PHILOSOPHY

SEMESTER: I

Course Code: PHIGCOR01T & PHIHGEC01T

Topic: Logic

Course Learning Outcomes: At the end of the course students will be able to:

- Understand some basic concepts (required for the knowledge of deduction)
 like concepts of proposition, categorical proposition and its quality &
 quantity, argument, truth, validity, distribution of terms, square of
 oppositions, conversion, obsession, categorical syllogism etc.
- 2. Understand the existential import of proposition and express categorical propositions by Boolean interpretation and determine the valid & invalid syllogism by Venn diagram.
- 3. Demonstrate the knowledge of symbolic logic including the value of special symbols for conjunction, negation, disjunction, implication equivalence etc., the concept to tautology, contradiction, contingency and application of truth table method for testing validity of arguments.
- 4. Understand and apply Mill's inductive methods of experimental inquiry as well as the difference between Inductive and Deductive reasoning.

SEMESTER: II

Course Code: PHIGCOR02T & PHIHGEC02Ts Topic: Western Epistemology and Metaphysics

Course Learning Outcomes: At the end of the course students will be able to:

- 1. Comprehend and express the theories of the origin of knowledge mentioned in western empiricism and western rationalism.
- 2. Understand and express the critical theory of Kant regarding the origin of Knowledge.
- 3. Familiarize themselves about the concept of Realism including Naïve realism and Representationalism mentioned in western Metaphysics.
- 4. Familiarize themselves about the concept of Idealism, subjective Idealism along with Berkeley's refutation of the distinction between primary and secondary qualities mentioned in Western Metaphysics.

- 5. Understand and express the empiricist and rationalist view of substance and causality (Entailment theory and Regularity theory).
- 6. Understand and express Interactionanism Parallelism and Epiphenomenalism regarding the theory of Mind body problem.

SEMESTER: III

Course Code: PHIGCOR03T & PHIHGECO3T Topic: Indian Epistemology and Metaphysics

Course Learning Outcomes: After successfully completion of the course students

will be able to:

- 1. Familiarize themselves with carvaka Epistemology by understanding the carvaka view on perception as only source of knowledge and rejection of inference & testimony as sources of knowledge.
- 2. Familiarize themselves the carvaka Mataphsics by realizing the carvaka view on causality like Svabhavavada, Yadrechavada, Bhutacaitanyavada etc.
- 3. Explain the Nyaya Epistemology through comprehending the nature of pratyaksa pramana, sannikarsa, laukika & a laukika partyaksa etc.; nature of Aumana pramana along with the concept of vyapti svarthanumiti & pararthanumiti.
- 4. Explain the vaisesika Metaphysics through comprehending the vaisesika view on seven categories (Dravya, Guna, Karma, samanya, visesa, samavaya & abhava).
- 5. Comprehend and express the basic concepts of Advaita Metaphysics through realizing the nature of Brahman, Maya, Jagat & Relation between Brahman and Jiva.

SEMESTER: IV

Course Code: PHIGCOR04T & PHIHGECO4T

Topic: Ethics - Indian and Western

Course Learning Outcomes: At the end of the course learners will be able to:

1. Demonstrate their knowledge of the broad themes and issues at work in the Indian and Western Ethics including the differences between Indian and Western Ethics.

- 2. Realise the moral and social values of the four Purusarthas and their interrelation along with the notion of Karma and its various types mentioned in the Indian Ethics.
- 3. Demonstrate the distinction between carvake ethics, Buddhist ethics and Jaina ethics through a proper understanding of them.
- 4. Identify and explain some ethical or moral issues that arise in everyday life like moral action, non-moral action, concept and object of moral judgment, punishment etc.
- 5. Comprehend and explain the nature and practical significance of the Teleological ethics like Hedonism and Utilitarianism as well as Kant's Deontological Ethics mentioned in the Western Ethics.

SEMESTER: V

Course Code: PHIGDSE01T

Topic: Applied Ethics

Course Learning Outcomes: At the end of the course students will be able to:

- 1. Understand the nature of Applied Ethics.
- 2. Demonstrate their understanding of the practical applications regarding the discipline of ethics including human rights and animal rights.
- 3. Understand the concept of suicide and argue for and against suicide & mercy killing.
- 4. Comprehend & demonstrate the nature of environmental ethics and its necessity for human survival.

SEMESTER: V

Course Code: PHIGDSE02T

Topic: "Religion of man" - Rabindranath Tagore

Course Learning Outcomes: After successfully completion of the course students will be able to realize and express Rabindranath Tagore's Philosophical thoughts of Man's universe, The creative spirit, spiritual union, spiritual freedom, The vision Man's nature, The four stages of life, the man of my heart, humanity of god, the divinity of humanity etc., mentioned in his book, "Religion of Man" Besides they will also be able to grasp how effective Rabindranath's ideology is in shaping real life.

SEMESTER: V

Course Code: PHIGGEC01T

Topic: The Philosophy of self development

Course Learning Outcomes: At the end of the course students will be able to:

- 1. Realize the ethics of Buddhism through understanding the concepts of caturaryasatya, Bhavachakra, Astangika marga etc. mentioned in Buddhist Philosophy.
- 2. Demonstrate their understanding of the theoretical and practical dimensions of Yoga through the concepts such as citta cittavrtti, cittabhumi, cittavrttinirodh and Astangayoga mentioned in Yoga Philosophy.
- 3. Employ the skills in various Yogic practices for harmonious development of mind and body.
- 4. Understand and demonstrate the philosophy of self development by realizing sravana, manana, nididhyasana including Jibanmukti and videhamukti mentioned in Advaita Vedanta Philosophy, Vivekananda's view on karmayoga and Gandhian Philosophy on non-violence and Truth.

SEMESTER: VI

Course Code: PHIGDSE03T

Topic: Social & Political Philosophy

Course Learning Outcomes: After the completion of the course students will be able to:

- 1. Understand the fundamentals of socio-political philosophy including its nature and scope.
- 2. Understand the nature and significance of political ideals like Democracy including its deferent forms and socialism including its deferent forms.
- 3. Comprehend and explain the concept and functions of society, community association, institution, social group etc.
- 4. Demonstrate the distinction between social class and caste, class attitude and class consciousness.

SEMESTER: VI

Course Code: PHIGDSE04T

Topic : Niti, Yukti, Dharma : Kahini O Sahitye Rama O Krishna - Bimalkrishna

Motilal

Course Learning Outcomes: After completion of the course students will be familiar with the book "Niti, Yukti, Dharma: Kahiani O Sahitye Rama O Krishna" written by the internationally renowned philosopher and professor Bimalkrishna Motilal and through studying the book, they will be above to understand the moral and psychological aspect of the two characters 'Rama' and 'Krishna' from the author's point of views which has added a new dimension to literary criticism of the epics 'Ramayana' and 'Mahabharata'. Apart from this they will be able to comprehend and express the author's philosophical thought, on important issues like justice and injustice, truth and falsehood, historical importance of Sri chaitanya, Indian Women's society devotion and insanity in Hinduism etc.

SEMESTER: VI

Course Code: PHIGGEC02T; Topic: Critical Thinking

Course Learning Outcomes: At the successfully completion of the course students will be able to:

- 1. Develop their critical thinking skills.
- 2. Familiarize themselves with the nature of critical thinking, standards of critical thinking, including its benefits and barriers.
- 3. Express and apply their cognition as good critical thinker.
- 4. Grasp and demonstrate the necessity to think and speak clearly and barriers of clarity in practical life.
- 5. Analyze specific arguments for consistency and credibility through understanding the nature and validity of deductive arguments and the strength of inductive arguments.
- 6. Identity an argument in a passage of ordinary text, including identifying the premises, hidden premises conclusions intermediate conclusion etc.
- 7. Comprehend and explain the linguistic phenomenon like ambiguity, vagueness, opacity, rhetorical question, Irony etc.
- 8. Comprehend and demonstrate the nature and problem of perception & testimony as source of information.
- 9. Apply good reasoning to issues and problems in deity life contexts.
- 10. Acquire concepts of thinking, reading and writing critically.