

**COMMON SYLLABUS FOR UNDER
GRADUATE
COURSE IN PHILOSOPHY
UNDER
CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM**



KARANJIA (AUTO) COLLEGE, KARANJIA

PHILOSOPHY

PHILOSOPHY SEMESTER- I

Core Paper- I

GENERAL PHILOSOPHY

(Credits: Theory-06)

End Sem-80 marks
Mid Sem- 20 marks

Teaching hours per paper – 50 hours (Theory) + 10 hours (Tutorial)

Unit-I: Definition, Nature & Function of Philosophy, and Philosophy in relation to other modes of thinking like Science & Religion.

Unit-II: Metaphysics: Monism, Pluralism, Realism, Idealism, Metaphysical issues: Substance, Universal, Mind & Body.

Unit-III: Problem of knowledge: What is knowledge? Sources of knowledge: Empiricism, Rationalism, Theories of Truth: Correspondence, coherence and pragmatic theory

Unit-IV: Problems of Ethics:

1. Theories of Goodness: The good and the evil
2. Theories of conduct: Egoism & Altruism.

Prescribed Books:

1. John Hospers: An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis(relevant portions)
2. J.N. Sinha : Introduction to Philosophy

Reference books:

1. G.T.W. Patrick: Introduction to Philosophy
2. A.C. Ewing: The Fundamental Questions of Philosophy
3. G.W. Cunningham: Problems of Philosophy
4. Richard Taylor: Metaphysics
5. D.W. Hamlyn: Metaphysics

Core Paper- II

LOGIC AND SCIENTIFIC METHOD

(Credits: Theory-06)

End Sem-80 marks
Mid Sem- 20 marks

Teaching hours per paper – 50 hours (Theory) + 10 hours (Tutorial)

Unit-I:

Definition of Logic, Laws of Thought, Deductive and Inductive Arguments, Validity & Soundness of Arguments.

Unit-II:

Classification of Propositions (from stand-point of Quality & Quantity), Distribution of Terms, Square of oppositions, Existential Import of Propositions, Interpretation of categorical proposition.

Unit-III:

Inference- Immediate Inference (Conversion and Obversion), Mediate Inference (Syllogism): Figure & Moods, Testing of Validity of Arguments by syllogistic Rules.

Unit-IV:

Inductive Reasoning & Scientific Enquiry: Causation & Mills Experimental Methods.

Prescribed Book:

1. Cohen & Nagel- Introduction to Logic & Scientific Method.

Reference Book:

1. Copi, Cohen & Mac Mahan- Introduction to Logic (14th Edition)
2. Alex Rosenberg- Philosophy of Science: A Contemporary Introduction
3. John Hospers: An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis.

SEMESTER- II

Core Paper- III

SYSTEMS OF INDIAN PHILOSOPHY-I

(Credits: Theory-06)

End Sem-80 marks
Mid Sem- 20 marks

Teaching hours per paper – 50 hours (Theory) + 10 hours (Tutorial)

Unit-I:

Salient Features of Indian Philosophy, Basic concepts like Rta, Rna,
Carvakas- Epistemology and Metaphysics (Lokayatamata)

Unit-II-

Jainism - Syadvada, Anekantavada, Jaina ethics (concept of Triratna)

Unit-III:

Buddhism: Four Noble Truths, Doctrine of Momentariness, Dependant
Origination, No Soul Theory, Nirvana

Unit-IV:

Samkhya-Dualistic System: Purusa, Prakriti, Theory of Causation, Theory
of Evolution, Astanga Yoga of Patanjali

Prescribed Books:

- (1) Dutta&Chatterjee - An Introduction to Indian Philosophy
- (2) C. D. Sharma - A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy

Reference Books:

- (1) R. K. Puligandla- Fundamentals of Indian Philosophy.
- (2) M. Hiriyana- Outlines of Indian Philosophy
- (3) J. N. Sinha- Indian Philosophy
- (4) S. Radhakrishnan- Indian Philosophy(Vol.1& 2)

Core Paper- IV

SYMBOLIC LOGIC

(Credits: Theory-06)

End Sem-80 marks
Mid Sem- 20 marks

Teaching hours per paper – 50 hours (Theory) + 10 hours (Tutorial)

Unit-I: Chapter- I - Introduction

Chapter- II-The Calculus of Propositions

Unit- II: Chapter-III Calculus of Propositions (Sec 1 to 6)

Unit-III: Chapter-IV Calculus of Propositions (Sec 7 to 9)

The Elements of Predicate Calculus (Section 1 to 9 of chapter V)

Unit-IV: Appendix (Sec-I to Sec-IV)

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

SEMESTER- III

CC - V: 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 and factual Judgement. Object of Moral Judgement.

Unit-III: Theories of Morality: Hedonism, Utilitarianism, Rigorism, Perfectionism

Unit-IV: Theories of punishment; Retributive, Reformatory and Preventive theory.

Prescribed Book:

- (1)J. N. Sinha- A Manual of Ethics

Reference Books:

- (1) W. Frankena– Ethics
- (2) William Lily- An Introduction to Ethics

CC VI: 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 Parmenides, Becoming of Heraclitus and Atomism of Democritus

Unit-III: Socrates: Problem before Socrates, Dialectical method, epistemology and ethics of Socrates.

Unit-IV: Plato: Theory of Knowledge, Theory of Idea, and Theory of Soul Aristotle: Theory of Form and Matter, Theory of Causation.

Prescribed Book:

1. W . T. Stace - Greek Philosophy

Reference books:

1. Burnet - Greek Philosophy
2. B. A. G. Fuller - A History of Greek Philosophy
3. B. Russell - A History of Western Philosophy
4. Y. Masih - A Critical History of Philosophy

CC VII: SYSTEMS OF INDIAN PHILOSOPHY (II)

Unit-I: UPANISHADic view of Atman and Brahman, Vidya and Avidya, Para vidya and Aparavidya

Unit-II: Nyaya theory of Inference, Prama and Aprama, Concept of God

Unit-III: Vaishesika: Categories (Padarthas), Nyaya: Pramanas

Unit-IV: Sankara and Ramanuja's view on Maya, Jiva, Isvara, Brahman and Liberation

Prescribed Books: -

1. Dutta and Chatterjee: An Introduction to Indian Philosophy
2. C.D. Sharma: A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy
3. M. Hiriyana: Outlines of Indian Philosophy

Books for Reference: -

1. J.N Sinha: Indian Philosophy
2. R.K Puligandla: Fundamentals of Indian Philosophy
3. S. Radhakrishnan: Indian Philosophy (Vol-I and II)

SEMESTER- IV

CC VIII: CONTEMPORARY INDIAN PHILOSOPHY

UNIT-I: Tagore: Nature of man God, Reality and Religion, Vivekananda: The concept of man, Universal Religion and Practical Vedanta

UNIT -II: Sri Aurobindo: World, Maya, Evolution and Reality (Sacchidananda), Integral yoga

UNIT - III: Gandhi: Truth, God and Non-violence, Ideal social order Dr B.R. Ambedkar: Vision of a just society

UNIT - IV: S. Radhakrishnan: Man, Reality and Religion J Krishna Murty: Man and Nature, Human Crisis

Prescribed Book: -

1. B. K Lal: Contemporary Indian Philosophy

Books for Reference: -

1. H. Sahoo (Ed): Contemporary Indian Philosophy
2. T.M.P Mahadevan and V. Saroja: Contemporary Indian Philosophy

CC IX: HISTORY OF MODERN EUROPEAN PHILOSOPHY

Unit- I

Bacon: Theory of Idola, Inductive Method

Descartes: Universal Doubt, Cogito-Ergo-Sum, Existence of God

Unit-II

Spinoza: Substance, Attribute and Modes Leibnitz:

Theory of Monads, Pre-established harmony

Unit- III

Locke: Refutation of Innate ideas, Sources of knowledge Berkeley: Subjective idealism, Esse- est- percipii Hume: Impression and Idea, Skepticism and Causality

Unit- IV

Kant: Reconciliation between empiricism and Rationalism

Possibility of Synthetic-a priori judgment

Prescribed Book: -

1. R.K. Pati: History of Modern European Philosophy

Books for Reference: -

1. Y Masih: History of Western Philosophy
2. Ira Sen Gupta: A History of Western Philosophy
3. Frank Thilly: History of Western Philosophy.

CC X: PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE

- Unit-I** Word Meaning: Meaning of the word “meaning”, Ambiguity and Vagueness
- Unit- II** Definitions: Denotative, Connotative and Ostensive
Defining and Accompanying Characteristics
Stipulative, Reportive and Persuasive definition
- Unit- III** Sentence Meaning: Proposition and sentence
Word Meaning and sentence meaning, Criteria of sentence meaning
- Unit-IV** Concept: Nature and source
- Truth: Correspondence, Coherence and Truth as it works

Prescribed book: -

1. John Hospers: An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis

Books for Reference: -

1. Alston: Philosophy of Language
2. Das P: Life Language & Reality: An Introduction to Philosophy of Language

SEMESTER- V

CCXI: WESTERN CLASSICS: MEDITATIONS OF RENE DESCARTES

- Unit- I** Meditation I: Sceptical Doubts
- Meditation II: Cogito-ergo-sum, Sum- res- cogitans, The Wax argument
- Unit- II** Meditation III: Clear and Distinct perceptions
Theory of Ideas, Existence of God
- Unit- III** Meditation IV: God is no deceiver, will, intellect and possibility of Error
Meditation V: Essence of Material things, Existence of God
- Unit- IV** Meditation- VI Mind- body Dualism, Primary and Secondary Quality

Prescribed Book: -

1. Rene Descartes: Meditations on first Philosophy

Books for Reference: -

1. Rae Langton: A Study Guide to Descartes Meditations
2. Amelie Rorty: Essays on Descartes Meditations

CCXII: INDIAN TEXT: ISA UPANISHAD

Unit-I What are Upanishads? Place of Upanishad in Indian Philosophy and Isa Upanishad

Unit-II Mantra 1 to 9

Unit- III Mantra 10 to 14

Unit- IV Mantra 15 to 18

Prescribed Book: -

1. Swami Gambhirananda, Eight Upanishads (Vol-I) God and Reality, Advaita Ashrama, Calcutta

Books for Reference: -

1. S. Radhakrishnan: The Principal Upanishads
2. Satyabadi Mishra: Central Philosophy of the Upanishads
3. Aditya Ku. Mohanty: Upanishads Rediscovered

DESCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE

DSE I: PHILOSOPHY OF BHAGAVAD GITA

Unit-I:

Dharma:-Varnadharma, Swabhava, Swadharma- Paradharma

Unit-II:

Karma:-Classification of Karma; Agency Niskama Karma, Lokasamgraha, Relationbetween Karma Yoga and Jnana yoga

Unit-III:

1. Jnana:- Distinction between Jnana and Vijnana. Criteria of True Knowledge (BuddhiYoga & JnanaYoga), Kshetra, Kshetrajna, Purusottama.Sattvika, Rajasika and TamasikaJnana

Unit-IV: Bhakti Yoga:- Four kinds of devotee, Characteristics of Ideal Bhakti- Saranagati & Prapattikrupa (grace); Relation between Bhakti Yoga & Jnana Yoga

Prescribed Books-

1. The Bhagavad Gita- S. Radhakrishnan (Trs&Ed)

Reference Books-

1. Concept of Yoga in the Gita- S. C. Panigrahi
2. Bhagavad Gita & Modern Life- K. M. Munshi& R. R. Diwakar
3. The Lord Speaks (2016)- B. K. Tripathy
4. Srimad Bhagavad Gita Bhasya of Sri Sankaracharya- A. G. K. Warriar(Trs)
5. The Ethical Philosophy of Gita- P. N. Srinivasachari

DSE-II: PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

Unit-I: Judaic- Christian Concept of God (Chapter-1) Introduction to Philosophy of Religion
Grounds for belief in existence of God (Chapter- 2)

Unit-II: Grounds for belief against existence of God (Chapter-3)

Unit-III: The Problem of Evil (Chapter- 4)

Unit-IV: Problems of Religious Language

Prescribed Book-

1. John Hick- Philosophy of Religion

Reference Books-

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

SEMESTER- VI

CCXIII: SOCIAL & POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

Unit-I: Sociality, Social science & Social laws, Philosophy of Social Science-Relation Between Individual & Society (Mechanical, Organic & Idealistic view)

Unit- II: Political Ideals- Justice, Liberty, Equality
Political Doctrines- Humanism, Secularism, Feminism, Philosophy of Ecology.

Unit- III: Democratic Ideals- Democratic Government, Conditions for Successful Functioning of Democracy, Human Rights

Unit-IV: Political Ideologies- (a) Anarchism (b) Marxism (c) Sarvodaya

Prescribed Book-

1. O.P. Gauba - An Introduction to Political Philosophy.

Reference Books-

1. Mackenzie: Social & Political Philosophy
2. Sukhvir Singh- Social and Political Philosophy
3. Sushila Ramaswamy- Political Theories: Ideas & Concepts
4. D.D. Raphael- Problems of Political Philosophy
5. Patitapaban Das- Social and Political Philosophy

CCXIV: APPLIED ETHICS

Unit- I: What is Applied Ethics: Nature & Scope of Applied Ethics- Ethical Theories- Deontology, Utilitarianism, Relativism & Subjectivism

Unit-II: Taking Life: Animals- Animals rights, Reverence for life
Taking Life: Humans- Types of Euthanasia, Abortion

Unit-III: Environmental Ethics: Anthropocentrism, Non-anthropocentrism, Deep Ecology

Unit-IV: 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

Prescribed Book-

1. Peter Singer- Practical Ethics

Reference Books-

1. J. Jagadeb- Bio-medical Ethics
2. Tom Regan - Animal Rights
3. J. P. Theroux- Ethics: Theory & Practice
4. P.K Mohapatra :Ethics and Society

DSE –III:GANDHIAN STUDIES

Unit-I : Gandhi's concept of a Just society. Basic Ideals- Truth, Non-violence, Equality and Human Freedom.

Unit-II: Gandhi's idea of Social Engineering, Constructive Programme. Fight against social Evils (Injustice, Caste system, Untouchability) upliftment of Women.

Unit-III: Social Ideals of Gandhi Sarvodaya, Criticism of industrial civilization, GramaSwraj, Anarchism, Trusteeship.

Unit –IV: Method of Social Action, Satyagraha- Kinds of Satyagraha,Methods of Satyagraha. Mercy- Killing, Ideals of Basic Education. Basic Norms & Method of Education, Education for a Happier & Peaceful Society. World Peace.

Prescribed Book-

1. The Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi, by D.M Datta

Reference Books-

1. Social & Political Thought of M.K. Gandhi- Jaya Tanuja Bandopadhyay
2. Mahatma Gandhi- R.R. Diwakar

DSE-IV: RECENT WESTERN PHILOSOPHY

Unit-1: Arther, Schopenhauer: The world as representation. The world as will, theory of perception, Ethics

Unit-2: Nietzsche: Critique of enlightenment Perspectivism, Appollonian and Dyonysian will to power, concept of superman

Unit-3: Sartre, J.P.: Concept of Freedom, Bad-faith, Humanism

Unit-4: William James: Meaning & Truth, Varieties of Religious experience

Recommended Text

1. B.A.G Fuller & McMurrin , A History of Philosophy
2. D.M.Dutta Chief Currents of Contemporary Philosophy
3. Frank Thilly, History of Western Philosophy

Reference Book

1. M.K. Bhadra, A critical Survey of Phenomenology & Existentialism
2. H.J. Blackham, Six Existential Thinkers
3. W.Mc. Neil& K.S. Feldman, Continental Philosophy: An Anthology

Project (Optional)

Eligibility: Students who have scored more than 60% marks in Semester –I, II, III &IV are eligible to opt for project paper. The student has to prepare a project of his own selecting a topic from philosophical perspective (For example-some broad themes are given below). The dissertation carries 60 marks which will be evaluated by an external examiner and he / she will face a viva-voice test of 40 marks by an external examiner along with his / her supervisor of the concerned project.

1. Philosophy, value and culture
2. Existentialism and Phenomenology
3. Philosophy of religion
4. Philosophy of Language
5. Socio-Political Philosophy
6. Indian Philosophy/Contemporary Indian Philosophy
7. Ethics/Applied ethics
8. Philosophy of Min

GENERIC ELECTIVE –I
GEI: SYMBOLIC LOGIC

Unit I: Chapter I-Introductory

Chapter II- The Calculus of Propositions

Unit II: Chapter III- The Calculus of Propositions (Sec 1 to 6)

Unit III: Chapter IV- The Calculus of Propositions (Sec 7 to 9)

Chapter V- The Elements of Predicate Calculus

Unit IV: Appendix Sec 1 to Sec 4

Prescribed Book: -

1. Basson and O. Conner: Introduction to symbolic Logic

GEII: INDIAN PHILOSOPHY

Unit I: Salient features of Indian philosophy and key concepts, Carvaka epistemology and metaphysics, Jainism Syadvada and Anekantavada

Unit II: Buddhism- The Four Noble Truths, Doctrine of Dependent origination, No Soul Theory, Nirvana

Unit III: Samkhya- Purusa, Prakrti, Theory of Evolution Yoga- Patanjali's CittaVrtti Nirodha, Astanga Yoga

Unit IV: Nyaya- Theory of Inference, Vaishesika- Padarthas (Categories)

Prescribed Books:-

1. Dutta and Chatterjee: An Introduction to Indian Philosophy

Reference Books:-

1. C.D Sharma: A critical Survey of Indian Philosophy
2. G.C Nayak: Bharatiya Darshana (Odia)
3. B.B. Choudhury: Bharatiya Darshana Ruparekha (Odia Translated book)