

SYLLABUS FOR B A HONOURS IN PHILOSOPHY

SEMESTER	COURSE NO.	PAPER	Total Marks
I <sup>st</sup> SEMESTER	PHIL: 11	: EPISTEMOLOGY AND METAPHYSICS	100 ✓
II <sup>nd</sup> SEMESTER	PHIL: 21	: LOGIC	100 ✓
III <sup>rd</sup> SEMESTER	PHIL: 31	: SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY	100 ✓
IV <sup>th</sup> SEMESTER	PHIL: 41	: INDIAN PHILOSOPHY	100 ✓
V <sup>th</sup> SEMESTER	PHIL: 51	: HISTORY OF MODERN WESTERN PHILOSOPHY	100
	PHIL: 52	: PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION	100
VI <sup>th</sup> SEMESTER	PHIL: 61	: ETHICS	100
	PHIL: 621	: GREEK AND MEDIEVAL PHILOSOPHY	100
	PHIL: 622	: EXISTENTIALISM	100
	PHIL: 623	: PHILOSOPHY OF MIND	100

**N.B:**

In the Code the first digit indicates the semester in which the paper is taught, the second digit, the number of the paper in the semester, the third digit indicates the number of the optional paper from which the college may choose to float one paper. Course No: Phil 11, Phil: 21 and Phil: 31 are marked as **Elective Subjects** for Non-Philosophy Honours students.

**PHIL.: 11**  
**EPISTEMOLOGY AND METAPHYSICS**

- Unit – I : **Meaning and Method of Philosophy**  
(a) Meaning of Philosophy  
(b) Relation of Philosophy to Science  
(c) Relation of Philosophy to Religion
- Unit – II : **Sources of Knowledge**  
(a) Western: Empiricism, Rationalism and Critical Philosophy  
(b) Indian: Perception, Inference and Verbal Testimony
- Unit – III : **Theories of Truth**  
(a) Coherence  
(b) Correspondence  
(c) Pragmatism
- Unit – IV : **Theories of Reality**  
(a) Monism, Dualism and Pluralism  
(b) Realism and Idealism
- Unit – V : **Metaphysical and Categories**  
(a) Substance and Causality  
(b) Space and Time

**Suggested Readings:**

1. John Hospers, *An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis*, Allied Publishers, Delhi, 1980
2. Bertrand Russell, *Problems of Philosophy*, Oxford University Press, Oxford 1912.
3. M. Hiriyanna, *The Essentials of Indian Philosophy*, London George Allen & Unwin, 1985.
4. N. K Smith (Trans.) *Immanuel Kant's critique of Pure Reason*, The Macmillan Press Ltd., London, 1073, pp.41-91.
5. K. Lehrer, *Knowledge*, Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1074.
6. J.N Mohanty, *Classical Indian Philosophy*, New York: Rowman and Littlefield, 2000.
7. D. M Datta, *Six Ways of Knowing*, Calcutta University Press, 1980, Edn.
8. C. D Sharma, *Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy*, Motilal Banarasidass, Delhi, 1975.
9. D. M Datta & S. Chatterjee, *Introduction to Indian Philosophy*, University of Calcutta, 1984.

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**PHIL: 21  
LOGIC**

- Unit – I : **Basic Concepts**,  
(a) What is Logic?  
(b) Sentences, Judgements, Statements and Propositions  
(c) Arguments  
(d) Truth, Validity and Soundness
- Unit – II : **Definition**  
(a) Kinds of Definition  
(b) Concept of Denotation and Connotation  
(c) Denotative, Connotative and Ostensive Definitions  
(d) Rules for Definition by genus and Difference
- Unit – III : **Fallacies**  
(a) Fallacy: formal and Informal  
(b) Fallacies of Relevance  
(c) Fallacies of Presumption  
(d) Fallacies of Ambiguity
- Unit – IV : **Deduction**  
(a) Classification of Propositions and Square of Opposition  
(b) Categorical Syllogism  
(c) Laws of Thought
- Unit – V : **Symbolic Logic**  
(a) Logical Constants and Variables  
(b) Truth Functions: Negation, Conjunction, Disjunction, Implication, Equivalence  
(c) Tautology, Contradictory and Contingent  
(d) Techniques of Symbolization and Construction of Truth Tables

**Suggested Readings:**

1. Irving M Copi and Carl Cohen, *Introduction to Logic* (Tenth Edition), Pearson Education Pvt. Ltd., Delhi 2001.
2. L. S. Stebbing, *A Modern Introduction to Logic*, London, Methuen, (Sixth Edition) 1984.
3. M. R. Cohen and E Nagel, *Introduction to Logic and Scientific Method*. Allied Publishers Pvt. Limited, New Delhi, Second Edition, 1972.
4. O' Conner, D. J. and Basson, A. H., *Symbolic Logic*, Oxford University press, fourth Edition, 1981.
5. M. R. Cohen and E Nagel, *Introduction of Logic*, Routledge & Kegan Paul Ltd., London 1966.
6. Chhanda Chakraborty, *Logic: Informal Symbolic and Inductive* (2<sup>nd</sup> edition) Printice-Hall of India Private Limited, New Delhi, 2007 Hall.

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**PHIL.:31**  
**SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY**

- Unit – I : **Nature of Social and Political Philosophy**  
(a) Nature of Scope of Social and Political Philosophy  
(b) Social Philosophy and Sociology  
(c) Political Philosophy and Political Science
- Unit – II : **Major Concept**  
(a) Individual and Society  
(b) State and Sovereignty  
(c) Nation
- Unit – III : **Social and Political Ideas**  
(a) Liberty and Equality  
(b) Fraternity  
(c) Justice
- Unit- IV : **Political Concepts**  
(a) Democracy  
(b) Socialism  
(c) *Fascism and Anarchism*
- Unit – V : **Nature of Transformation**  
(a) Tradition and Reform  
(b) Rebellion  
(c) Change and Revolution

**Suggested Readings:**

1. D.D. Raphael, *Problem of Political Philosophy*, London, MacMillan, 1979.
2. A. Quinton, *Political Philosophy*, Oxford University Press, 1982.
3. P. Laslett, *Philosophy, Politics and Human Society*, Oxford, basil Blackwell, 1972.
4. Bertrand Rusell, *Authority and Individual London*, Unwin Book Publishers, 1974.
5. M. K. Gandhi, *Hind Swaraj or Indian Home Rule*, Ahmendabad, Navajivan Publishing House, 1978.
6. Chattjopadhaya, D.P., *Societies and Culture*, Bharathia Vindhya Bhavan, Chapter-II
7. De-george Richard, T., "The Pradox of Violence", *Ethics and Society*, MacMillan, 1968. Article: Marcuse. H., "Ethics and Revolution".
8. S. Miri, & J. Pal(ed.), *Introduction of Social & Political Philosophy*, NEHU Publications, 2002.

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PHIL.: 41  
INDIAN PHILOSOPHY

- Unit – I : **Introduction**  
(a) Meaning of *Darshana*  
(b) Distinctive Features of Indian Philosophy  
(c) The Orthodox Hetrodox distinction
- Unit –II : **Carvaka, Buddhism and Jainism**  
(a) Materialism  
(b) *Ksanikavāda, Prativityasamutpāda*  
(c) *Anekantavāda*  
(d) *Syādvāda*
- Unit – III : **Sankhya and Yoga**  
(a) *Prakrti*  
(b) *Purusas*  
(c) Evolution  
(d) *Ashtānga Yoga*
- Unit – IV : **Nyaya, Vaisesika and Minamasa**  
(a) *Pratyaksya and Anumana*  
(b) *Sabda pramāna*  
(c) *Karma and Dharma*  
(d) Categories (*Padārtha*)
- Unit – V : **Vedanta of Samkara and Ramanuja**  
(a) *Brahman*  
(b) *Māyā*  
(c) *Jagat*  
(d) *Moksa*

**Suggested Readings:**

1. H. Hiriyaana, *Outline of Indian Philosophy*, Blackie & Son Publication, Pvt. Ltd., Delhi, 1983.
2. Sharma, C. D., *Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy*, Motilal Banarasidass, Delhi, 1975.
3. Raju, P.T., *Structural Depths of Indian Thought*, South Asian Publisher, New Delhi, 1985.
4. Dasgupta, S. N., *A History of Indian Philosophy*, Vol. I Motilal Banarasidass, Delhi, 1975
5. Madadevan T.M.P., *Invitation of Indian Philosophy*, Arnold Heinemann Publishers (India) Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi 1974
6. Madhavacharya, *Sarvadarsana Samgraha*, translated by E B Cowell & A E., Gough, Cosmos Publications, New Delhi, 1976
7. Radhakrishnan, S., *Indian Philosophy*, Vol.I and Vol.II., Oxford University Press, Delhi, 1989.
8. D. M. Datta & S. Chatterjee, *Introduction to Indian Philosophy*, University of Calcutta, 1984.

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**PHIL.: 51**

**HISTORY OF MODERN WESTERN PHILOSOPHY**

- Unit – I : **Descartes, Spinoza and Leibnitz**  
(a) Descartes Method of Doubt  
(b) *Cogito Ergo Sum*  
(c) Spinoza's Substance, Attributes and Modes  
(d) Leibnitz's Monadology
- Unit – II : **Locke and Berkley**  
(a) Simple and Complex Ideas  
(b) Primary and Secondary Qualities  
(c) *Esse est Percipi*
- Unit – III : **David Hume**  
(a) Impressions and Ideas  
(b) Causality  
(c) Rejection of Metaphysics
- Unit – IV : **Immanuel Kant**  
(a) Possibility of Synthetic *a priori* judgements  
(b) Categories of Understanding  
(c) Phenomena and Noumena
- Unit – V : **Hegel**  
(a) Dialectical Method  
(b) Absolute Idealism

**Suggested Readings:**

1. Copleston, F., S.J. *A History of Philosophy*, Burns and Oates Limited, London, Vol.III(1966), Vol.IV(1971), Vol. V(1968), Vol. VI (1968).
2. O' Connor, D. J., *Critical History of Western Philosophy*, New York, The Free Press, 1964.
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4. Falckenberg, Richard. *History of Modern Philosophy*, translated by A C Armstrong. Jr. 'Kosha Publishing' House, Delhi 1989.
5. Benneth Jonathan, *Locke, Berkeley, Hume; Central themes*, Oxford, 1971.
6. Masih, Y., *A Critical History of Western Philosophy*, Motilal Banarasidass, Delhi, 1994.
7. Seruton Roger, *A Short History of Modern Philosophy*, Routledge Classics, London, 1995.
8. Errol Harris, *Fundamentals of Philosophy*, George Allen & Unwin Ltd., London, 1969.

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**PHIL.: 52**  
**PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION**

- Unit - I : **Introduction**
- (a) Definition of Religion
  - (b) Theology and Philosophy of Religion
  - (c) Religion and Science
- Unit - II : **Foundation of Religious Belief**
- (a) Reason
  - (b) Faith
  - (c) Revelation
  - (d) Mystic Experience
- Unit - III : **The Idea and Proofs for the Existence of God**
- (a) Christianity
  - (b) Hinduism(*Isvara*) and Buddhism
  - (c) Tribal Religions
  - (d) Proofs for the Existence of God
- Unit - IV : **The Problem of Suffering and Liberation**
- (a) Christianity
  - (b) Hinduism
  - (c) Buddhism
  - (d) Jainism
- Unit - V : **Some Socio-Religious Issues**
- (a) Tolerance
  - (b) Conversion
  - (c) Secularism

**Suggested Readings:**

1. John Hick., *Philosophy of Religion*, Englewood Cliffs, N.J., 1983.
2. Nielson, K., *Introduction of Philosophy of religion*, MacMillan, 1974.
3. Smart, N., *religion Experience of Mankind*, MacMillan, London, 1984
4. S. Miri, "Introduction to the Study of Tribal Religion", in Mawrie, O., *Khasi Melieu*, Concept Publishing Company, Delhi , 1983
5. W. D Hudson, "A Philosophical Approach to Religion", MacMillan, 1974.
6. R. C. Gandhi, *Availability of Religious Ideas*, AcMillan, 1976.
7. S. Miri., *Suffering*, Shimla, AIIS, 1976
8. T.M.P. Mahadevan, *Outline of Hinduism*, Chetana Limnited, Bombay, 1956.

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**PHIL.: 61  
ETHICS**

- Unit – I : **Nature and Scope of Ethics**  
(a) Nature and Scope of Moral Philosophy  
(b) Nature of Moral Judgements  
(c) Ethics and Meta-ethics
- Unit – II : **Moral Concepts**  
(a) Good  
(b) Right  
(c) Duty  
(d) Virtue
- Unit – III : **Ethical Theories**  
(a) Teleological: Hedonism, Utilitarianism  
(b) Deontological (Kant's Categories Imperative)
- Unit – IV : **Theories of Punishment**  
(a) Preventive  
(b) Reformative  
(c) Retributive
- Unit – V : **Issue in Applied Ethics**  
(a) *Purusārtha*  
(b) *Niskāma Karma*  
(c) *Ahimsā*

**Suggested readings:**

1. MacIntyre, Alasdair, *A Short History of Ethics*, Routledge and Kegan Paul, London, 1967.
2. Frankena, William K., *Ethics*, Prentice Hall of Indian, New Delhi, 1982.
3. Mobbot, *Introduction of Ethics*, Hutchinson, London, 1969
4. Sharma, I.C., *Ethical Philosophies of India*, George Allen & Unwin, London, 1965.
5. Kovesi, Julius, *Moral Notion*, Routledge & Kegan Paul, London, 1969.
6. Prasad, R., 'Purusharthas' *Journal of Indian Philosophy*, 1961.
7. Shaida, S.A., *Problems of Ethics*, Spectrum Publications, Guwahati: Delhi, 2003.
8. Mahadevan, R.M.P., *Outline of Hinduism*, Chetana Limited, Bombay 1956.
9. Iyer, Raghavan, N., *The Moral and Politics Thought of Mahatma Gandhi*, Oxford University Press, 2000.
10. Norman, Richard, *The Moral Philosophers*, Oxford University Press, London 1998.
11. Lewis Vanghn, *Great Philosophical Arguments: An introduction to Philosophy*, Oxford University Press, 2012.
12. Prasad, R. *Karma, Causatives and Retributive Justices*.
13. Jagat Pal, *Karma, Dharma and Moksa*, Abhijeet Publications, Delhi, 2004.



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**PHIL.: 621**  
**GREEK AND MEDIEVAL PHILOSOPHY**

Unit – I : **Early Greek Philosophy**  
(a) Thales and Pythagoras  
(b) Democritus and Anaximander  
(c) Parmenides, Heraclitus and Zeno  
(d) Protagoras and Socrates

Unit – II : **Plato**  
(a) Theory of Knowledge  
(b) Theory of Forms  
(c) Theory of Soul  
(d) Idea of the Good

Unit – III : **Aristotle**  
(a) Refutation of Plato's of Ideas  
(b) Categories  
(c) Causation  
(d) Theory of the Soul

Unit – IV : **St. Augustine**  
(a) Theory of Knowledge  
(b) The Problem of Evil  
(c) Freedom of the Will  
(d) Beatitude

Unit – V : **St. Thomas Aquinas**  
(a) Theory of Knowledge  
(b) Essence and Existence  
(c) Philosophy and Theology  
(d) Creation and Causation.

**Suggested Readings:**

1. F. Copleston, *History of Philosophy*, Vol. II & IV, Burns and Oates Ltd., London, 1993, Edn.
2. Burnet, J., *Greek Philosophy from Thales of Plato*, London and New York: MacMillan, 1960.
3. Stace, W.T., *A Critical History of Greek Philosophy*, London, 1970 Edn.
4. Russell, B., *History of Western Philosophy*, London : George Allen & Unwin Ltd., 1957.
5. Windleband, *History of Philosophy*, Harper & raw Publishing, New York, 1958.
6. Frank Thilly, *A History of Philosophy*, Central Publishing House, Allahabad, 1985.

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**PHIL.: 622  
EXISTENTIALISM**

- Unit – I : **Salient Features**
  - (a) Theistic and Atheistic Existentialism
  - (b) Existence Precedes Essence
  - (c) Existentialism as a Movement
  - (d) Existentialism and Humanism
  
- Unit – II : **Nietzsche**
  - (a) Transvaluation of Values
  - (b) Idea of the Superman
  - (c) Will and Power
  
- Unit – III : **Kierkegaard**
  - (a) Faith, Subjectivity and Truth
  - (b) Dread
  - (c) Stages of Life
  
- Unit – IV : **Heidegger**
  - (a) Being
  - (b) Dasein: Understanding and Truth
  - (c) Being-in-the-World
  - (d) Authenticity
  
- Unit – V : **Sartre**
  - (a) Being-in-Itself and Being-for-Itself
  - (b) Freedom
  - (c) Authenticity
  - (d) Bad Faith

**Suggested Readings:**

1. Mary Warnock, *Existentialism*, Oxford University Press, 1970.
2. Blackman, H. J., *Six Existentialist Thinkers*, Routledge and Kegan Paul, London, 1952.
3. Soren Kierkegaard, *Philosophical Fragments*, edited and translated by Howard V. Hong and Edna H. Hong, Princeton University Press, Princeton, New Jersey,

PHIL.: 623  
PHILOSOPHY OF MIND

- Unit - I : Introduction  
(a) The Problem of Mind  
(b) Philosophy of Mind and Psychology  
(c) Conscious and the Unconscious
- Unit - II : Theories of Mind  
(a) Mind-Body Dualism  
(b) Behaviourism  
(c) Brain-Mind Identity Theory
- Unit - III : Mind and Knowledge  
(a) Feelings and Sensations  
(b) Emotions and Volitions  
(c) Self-knowledge and knowledge of Others
- Unit - IV : Indian Theories & Consciousness  
(a) Cārvāka  
(b) Buddhism  
(c) Jainism  
(d) Vedānta
- Unit - V : States of Consciousness  
(a) *Swapna*  
(b) *Jāgrata*  
(c) *Susupti*  
(d) *Turiyā*

Suggested Reading:

1. Jerome A Shaffer, *Philosophy of Mind*, Prentice Hall of Indian Private Limited, New Delhi, 1982.
2. Gilbert Ryle, *The Concept of Mind*, Penguin Books Baltimore, 1949.
3. S. Radhakrishnan, *Indian: Philosophy*, Vol. I & II, George Allen & Unwin Ltd., London 1971.
4. P. T Raju, *Structural Depths of Indian Thought*, South-Asian Publishers, New Delhi, 1985.
5. T. M. P Mahadevan, *Invitation of Indian Philosophy*, Arnold Heinemann, New Delhi, 1974.
6. Colin McGinn, *The Problems of Consciousness: Essays towards a Resolution*, Blackwell Oxford, 1991.
7. Paul Edwards, (Ed), *The Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, the MacMillan Company, New York, 1967, (Articles titled 'Behaviourism', 'Emotion and Feelings', 'Materialism', 'Mind-Body Problem', 'Other Minds', 'Personal Identity').
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9. Eight Upanisads, Vol. II, trans. Gambhirananda, Advaita Ashram, Pithoragarh, 1992.
10. M. Hiriyanna, *Outlines of Indian Philosophy*,
11. C. D. Sharma, *Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy*,