

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

M.A. SYLLABUS

THE M.A. COURSE IN PHILOSOPHY CONSISTS OF FOUR SEMESTERS IN TWO YEARS

Credit per Semester: 16
Total Credits in Four Semesters: 64

THEORETICAL PAPERS: 48 CREDITS
CONTINUING EVALUATION: 16 CREDITS

COURSES PER SEMESTER: 6
EACH COURSE: 2 CREDITS

PER SEMESTER
6 COURSES EACH OF 2 CREDITS: 12 CREDITS
AND
CONTINUING EVALUATION: 4 CREDITS

List of Courses offered and distribution of credits in each semester:

First Semester

Course	Course Name (Core Courses)	Marks	Credits
101	Indian Ethics	50	2
102	Western Ethics	50	2
103	Indian Logic	50	2
104	Western Logic	50	2
105	Philosophy of Religion	50	2
106	Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi	50	2
Continuing Evaluation	Tutorial	25	1
	Seminar	25	1
	Comprehensive Viva-voce	50	2
Total		400	16

Second Semester

Course	Course Name (Core Courses)	Marks	Credits
201	Indian Epistemology	50	2
202	Western Epistemology	50	2
203	Indian Metaphysics	50	2
204	Western Metaphysics	50	2
205	Analytic Philosophy	50	2
206	Philosophy of Kant	50	2
Continuing Evaluation	Tutorial	25	1
	Group Discussion	25	1
	Comprehensive Viva-voce	50	2
Total		400	16

Third Semester

Candidates are required to choose **six** elective courses out of the ones that may be offered in a given year from the list below keeping in mind the requirements of special paper.

Course	Course Name (Elective Courses)	Marks	Credits
301	Phenomenology	50	2
302	Hermeneutics	50	2
303	Philosophy of Hegel	50	2
304	Modal (Propositional) Logic	50	2
305	Advanced Logic (General) I	50	2
306	Philosophy of Wittgenstein	50	2
307	Philosophy of Language (Indian) I	50	2
308	Philosophy of Science I	50	2
309	Philosophy of Mind and Philosophy of Psychology	50	2
310	Political Philosophy	50	2
311	Peace Studies	50	2
312	Applied Ethics I	50	2
313	Business Ethics	50	2
314	Aesthetics I (Indian)	50	2
315	Nyāya	50	2

316	Sāṃkhya I	50	2
317	Vedānta I	50	2
318	Buddhism	50	2
319	Modern Indian Thought I	50	2
Continuing Evaluation	Field work / Case Study / Tutorial	25	1
	Literature Review	25	1
	Comprehensive Viva-voce	50	1
	Total	400	2
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Fourth Semester

Candidates are required to choose **six** elective courses out of the ones that may be offered in a given year from the list below keeping in mind the requirements of special paper.

Course	Course Name (Elective Courses)	Marks	Credits
401	Existentialism	50	2
402	Postmodern Philosophy	50	2
403	Marxism	50	2
404	Philosophical Logic	50	2
405	Advanced Logic (General) II	50	2
406	Contemporary Analytical Metaphysics	50	2
407	The Philosophy of Language (Indian) II	50	2
408	Philosophy of Science II	50	2
409	Philosophy of Cognitive Science	50	2
410	Ancient Indian Political Thought	50	2
411	Philosophy of Human Rights	50	2
412	Applied Ethics II	50	2
413	Professional Ethics	50	2
414	Aesthetics II (Western)	50	2
415	Navya Nyāya	50	2
416	Sāṃkhya II	50	2
417	Vedānta II	50	2
418	Jainism	50	2
419	Modern Indian Thought II	50	2
Continuing Evaluation	Tutorial	25	1
	Term paper (on special paper)	25	1
	Viva-Voce on Term Paper	25	1
	Comprehensive Viva-voce	25	1
	Total	400	16

Special Paper (200 marks): 8 credits

Each student has to choose a special paper. The special paper will be covered in the third and fourth semester and will consist of:

		Marks	Credit
3rd semester	One course	50	2
	Field work / Case Study / Tutorial	25	1
	Literature Review (Length : around 3000 words)	25	1
4th Semester	One course	50	2
	Term paper (minimum length- 3000 words)	25	1
	Viva-Voce on Term Paper	25	1
	Total	200	8

The student must choose at least one course from the group of the special paper opted for in both 3rd and 4th semester.

Special paper groups:

Special paper group	Courses in 3rd Semester	Courses in 4th Semester
Phenomenology and Existentialism	C301 Phenomenology	C401 Existentialism
Postmodern Philosophy	C302 Hermeneutics	C402 Postmodern Philosophy
Philosophy of Hegel and Marx	C303 Philosophy of Hegel	C403 Marxism
Logic	C304 Modal (Propositional) Logic C305 Advanced Logic (General) I	C404 Philosophical Logic C405 Advanced Logic (General) II
Analytic Philosophy	C306 Philosophy of Wittgenstein	C406 Contemporary Analytical Metaphysics
Philosophy of Language (Indian)	C307 The Philosophy of Language (Indian) I	C407 The Philosophy of Language (Indian) II
Philosophy of Science	C308 Philosophy of Science I	C408 Philosophy of Science II
Philosophy of Consciousness and Cognition	C309 Philosophy of Mind and Philosophy of Psychology	C409 Philosophy of Cognitive Science
Political Philosophy	C310 Political Philosophy	C410 Ancient Indian Political Thought
Philosophy of Human Rights and Peace Studies	C311 Peace Studies	C411 Philosophy of Human Rights
Applied Ethics	C312 Applied Ethics I	C412 Applied Ethics II
Business and Professional Ethics	C313 Business Ethics	C413 Professional Ethics
Aesthetics	C314 Aesthetics I (Indian)	C414 Aesthetics II (Western)
Nyaya	C315 Nyāya	C415 Navya Nyāya
Vedanta	C316 Sāṃkhya I	C416 Sāṃkhya II
Sankhya	C317 Vedānta I	C417 Vedānta II
Buddhism and Jainism	C318 Buddhism	C418 Jainism
Modern Indian Thought	C319 Modern Indian Thought I	C419 Modern Indian Thought II

FIRST SEMESTER

COURSE-101 INDIAN ETHICS

PART- I

1. The first five sutras of *Pūrva Mīmāṃsā Sūtras* of Jāimini with Sabara's *Bhāṣya* to be read with *Sāstra Dipikā* of Parthasarathi Misra and *Prakaranpancikā* of Salikanatha.
2. *Arthasangraha* of Laugaksi Bhāskara:
The concepts and doctrines to be taken up for study are as follows:
 - a) Sabda (Veda Prāmānya)
 - b) Apauruseyatva
 - c) Purusa
 - d) Dharma
 - e) Apurva
 - f) Bhāvanā
 - g) Sadhya-sādhana, itikartavyatā
 - h) Istasādhanatā
 - i) Vidhi, nisedha, arthavāda
3. The law of karma: ethical implications
4. Sādhāraṇa dharma

PART- II

Selections from the *Upanisads*, the *Bhagavadgita*, *Dhammapada*, *Tattvartha Sutra*, *Tirukkural*, *Santiparva* of *Mahabharata* (Selections) and *Arthashastra* of Kautilya (Selections) The Selections for the *Upanisads*, the *Bhagavadgita*, *Tattvartha Sutra*, *Tirukkural*' concepts and doctrines to be taken up for study are:

- a) Rta and satya, b) Rna and yajna, c) Yoga and ksema
- d) Karmayoga, svadharma and lokasangraha of the *Bhagavadgita*
- e) Upayakausala of Buddhism along with Brahmaviharas
- f) Triratnas of Jainism along with Dharmavidhi and Caitracara
- h) Yama and Niyama of Yoga
- i) The meaning of *chodanā*, *Vidhivākya*

SUGGESTED READINGS:

S.K. Maitra	:	<i>The Ethics of the Hindus</i>
R. Prasad	:	<i>Karma, Causation and Retributive Morality</i>
.....	:	<i>Varnadharma, Niskama Karma and and Practical Morality</i>
N.K. Brahma	:	<i>Philosophy of the Hindu Sadhana</i>
Sri Aurobindo	:	<i>Essays on the gita</i>
B.G. Tilak	:	<i>Srimadbhagavadgita Rahasya</i>
M. Hiriyanna	:	<i>The Indian Conception of Values</i>
I.C. Sharma	:	<i>Ethical Philosophies of India</i>
Surama Dasgupta	:	<i>Development of Moral Philosophy in India</i>
Saral Jhingran	:	<i>Aspects of Hindu Morality</i>

COURSE-102 WESTERN ETHICS

- A. Normative Ethics and Meta Ethics, Fact/Value Distinction
- B. Cognitivism: Moral Realism and Intuitionism; Non-Cognitivism: Emotivism (Ayer, Stevenson), Prescriptivism (Hare)
- C. Moral Scepticism, Moral Nihilism, Cultural Relativism
- D. Kantianism, Problem of Moral Luck
- E. Utilitarianism: For and Against
- F. Rights and Justice
- G. Virtue Ethics

Selected reading:

- A.J. Ayer: 'Emotivism,' from A.J. Ayer, *Language, Truth and Logic*, Dover, 1946.
- C.L. Stevenson: 'The Emotive Meaning of Ethical Terms,' from *Mind*, 46, 1937.
- R.M. Hare: 'Prescriptivism: The Structure of Ethics and Morals,' from R.M. Hare, *Essays in Ethical Theory*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1989.
- J.L. Mackie: 'The Subjectivity of Values,' Excerpted from J.L. Mackie, *Ethics: Inventing Right and Wrong*, Harmondsworth: Penguins, 1977.
- Gilbert Harman: 'Moral Nihilism,' Excerpted from Gilbert Harman, *The Nature of Morality*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1977.
- Thomas Nagel: 'Value: The View from Nowhere,' from *The Tanner Lectures in Human Values*, University of Utah Press, 1980.
- James Rachel: 'The Challenge of Cultural Relativism,' from James Rachel, *Elements of Moral Philosophy*, New York: McGraw-Hill, 1978.
- Fred Feldman: 'Kantian Ethics,' from Fred Feldman, *Introductory Ethics*, Englewood Cliffs: Prentice-Hall, 1978.
- Thomas Nagel: 'Moral Luck,' from Thomas Nagel, *Mortal Questions*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1979.
- J.J.C. Smart: 'Extreme and Restricted Utilitarianism,' Reprinted from *The Philosophical Quarterly*, VI: 25, 1956.
- Bernard Williams: 'Against Utilitarianism,' from Bernard Williams & J.J.C. Smart, *Utilitarianism: For and Against*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1973.
- John Rawls: 'A Liberal Theory of Justice,' from John Rawls, *A Theory of Justice*, Cambridge, Mass: Harvard University Press, 1971.
- Robert Nozick; 'Distributive Justice,' from Robert Nozick, *Anarchy, State and Utopia*, Chapter 7, Basic Books, 1974.
- William Frankena, 'A Critique of Virtue-based Ethical Systems,' from William Frankena, *Ethics*, Englewood Cliffs: Prentice-Hall, 1973, Second Edition.
- MacIntyre, 'The Nature of Virtues,' from A. MacIntyre, *After Virtue*, Indiana: University of Notre Dame Press, 198.
- James Rachel, 'The Ethics of Virtue,' from James Rachel, *Elements of Moral Philosophy*, New York: McGraw-Hill, 1978.

COURSE 103 INDIAN LOGIC

1. *Bhasaparicched* with *SiddhantaMuktawali* by Viswanath (Anumanakhanda)
2. *Nyayabindu* of Dharmakirti (relevant portions)

COURSE 104 WESTERN LOGIC

Intuitive Set Theory:

- (1) Basic concepts of Set Theory.
- (2) Set Theoretical operators, such as, Intersection, Union and Difference.
- (3) Translating Everyday Language.
- (4) Venn Diagrams, testing validity.
- (5) Relations, classification of relations, etc.

Test Book: *Introduction to Logic* by Patrick Suppes.

Predicative Logic:

- (1) The Language of Predicate Logic.
- (2) The Rule of Conditional Rule (C. P.).
- (3) The Rule of Indirect Proof (I. P.).
- (4) Reductio Ad Absurdum Method.
- (5) Proposition and classification of proposition.
- (6) Preliminary Quantification Rules.
- (7) Techniques of Symbolization.
- (8) Multiply General Propositions and Quantification Rules.
- (9) Proving validity by symbolizing propositions.
- (10) Relations (Binary).

Test Book: *Symbolic Logic* by Irving M. Copi.

Tree Method:

- (1) Truth –Functional Inference.
- (2) Truth Trees.
- (3) Truth- Functional Equivalence.
- (4) Conditionals.

Test Book: *Formal Logic: It's Scope and Limits* by Richard Jeffrey.

COURSE 105 PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

1. Origin and nature of religion
2. Origin and evolution of the idea of the God
3. The concept of *Avatāra* – classical (*Bhagavadgitā*, *Srimad-bhagavatā*, *Mahābharata* etc.) and contemporary (Gandhi, Aurobindo, Tagore); The concept of Prayer – classical (Advaita Vedanta, *Bhagavadgītā* etc.) and contemporary (Gandhi, Vivekananda, Aurobindo); The concept of *Bhakti* in Ramanuja, Narada, Vivekananda and Sri Chaitanya; Is *bhakti* an end or means: the controversy
4. Theological discourse (The “elimination”, “Familiar” functions, “improper” functions, and “Unique” functions of theological discourse.)
5. Comparative religion: Nature necessity and possibility of comparative religion.

Candidates are expected to be familiar with the main tenets and practices of the following religions: Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, Sikhism, Confucianism, Taoism, Shintoism, Zoroastrianism, Judaism, Christianity and Islam and Tribal religions.

Suggested Readings

For 1, 2: N. Smart: *The Religious Experience of Mankind*, J. Hick: *An Interpretation of Religion*.

For 3: *Srimadbhagavadgita* (Udbodhan); *Srimad-bhāgavatam* (Gita Press); Adiparva and Shantiparva of *Mahabhāarata* (Gita Press); Radhakrishnan: *The Bhagavatgitā*; Sri Aurobindo: *Essays on the Gitā*; *The Complete Works of Swami Vivekananda*, Vol. III; M. K. Gandhi: *Hindu Dharma* (Navajivan); N. K. Bose: *Selections from Gandhi* (Navajivan); *Bhaktisutra* of Narada; Mani Ratnam Chetty K.: *Gandhiji's Conception of Avatāra*; V. S. Naravane: *Rabindranath Tagore*.

For 4: Fredrick Ferre: *Language Logic and God*; J. L. M. Haire and I. Henderson: *The Knowledge of God and the Service of God* (Hodder and Stoughton).

For 5: Eric J. Sharpe: *Comparative Religion* (Duckworth); A. C. Bouquet: *Comparative Religion* (Penguin), S. Radhakrishnan: *Eastern Religions and Western Thought* (OUP); W. C. Smith: *Towards a World Theology*; Nesbitt: *Sikhism* (Oxford)

COURSE 106 THE PHILOSOPHY OF MAHATMA GANDHI

Gandhian conception of knowledge, truth and love and their relationship; language, understanding and culture, engagement with tradition; self, world and God; moral foundations of good life; swaraj, satyagraha and ahimsa; community and fellowship; the good society; statelessness, trusteeship, sarvodaya and pancayat raj; religion, education, nature of man; means-end relationship; Gandhi and the Gandhians: break, continuity and innovation; Debates with Tagore and Ambedkar

SUGGESTED READINGS:

Ashis Nandy (Ed.): *Science, Hegemony and Violence*

.....: *The Intimate Enemy: Loss and Recovery of Self under Colonialism*

Bhikhu Parekh: *Gandhi's Political Philosophy*

.....: *Colonialism, Tradition and Reform*

D. M. Dutta: *The Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi*

Judith Brown: *Gandhi: Prisoner: Prisoner of Conscience*

Glyn Richards: *The Philosophy of Gandhi: A Study of his Basic Ideas*,

Ramashray Roy (Ed.): *Gandhi and the Present Global Crisis*

Raghavan N. Iyer: *The Moral and Political Thought of Mahatma Gandhi*

.....: Ed. *The Essential Writings of Mahatma Gandhi*

SECOND SEMESTER

COURSE 201 INDIAN EPISTEMOLOGY

1. Svatahpramanyavada and Paratahpramanyavada (From *Gangesha's Theory of Truth* by J.N.Mohanty).
2. Arthapatti and Anupalabdhi (*Vedantaparibhasa*)
3. Khyativada
4. Sabdapramana (*Bhasaparcched* with *SiddhantaMuktabali* BY *Viswanatha*) (Sabdakhanda)
5. Swapna and Smriti (*Prasatapadbhasya* with *Nyayakandali*, *Bhasaparcched* with *SiddhantaMuktabali*)
6. Sceptical objections against Sabdapramana

COURSE 202 WESTERN EPISTEMOLOGY

1. Scepticism and possibilities of knowledge
2. Nature and definition of knowledge; belief and knowledge
3. Gettier problem and responses to it
4. Justification of knowledge-claims and epistemic decision: Foundationalism, Coherentism, Causal theory and Reliabilism
5. Theories of Perception
6. Problem of Memory: knowledge of the past
7. Knowledge of other mind
8. Theories of Truth: Self evidence, Correspondence, Coherence, Pragmatic and Semantic
9. *A-priori* knowledge, Analytic and synthetic, necessary and contingent, synthetic *a-priori*
10. Limits of knowledge

SUGGESTED READINGS:

- K. Lehrer: *Knowledge*
R. M. Chisholm: *Theory of Knowledge* (Third Edition)
A. J. Ayer: *The Problem of Knowledge*
A. C. Danto: *Analytical Philosophy of Knowledge*
J. Hintikka : *Knowledge and Belief*
B. Russell :*Human Knowledge: its Scope and Limits*
N. Rescher: *Coherence Theory of Truth*
J. Pollock :*Knowledge and Justification*
J. Pollock : *Contemporary Theory of Knowledge*
J. R. Ammerman : *Classics in Analytic Philosophy*
B. Blanshard :*The Nature of Thought*, Vol. 1 & II
Hamlyn: *Theory of Knowledge*
A. Stroll (Edit) *Epistemology: A New essays in the Theory of Knowledge*
P. F. Strawson: *Scpeticisim and Naturalism: Some Varieties*
P. Unger: *Ignorance A Case of Scpeticisim*
G. S. Pappas and M. Swain: (eds) *Essays on Knowledge and Justification*
N. Malcolm: *Knowledge and Certainty*
S. Bhattacharyya: *Doubt, Belief and Knowledge*
D. P. Chattopadhyaya: *Induction, Probability and Scpeticisim*
L. Wittgenstein : *On Certainty*

COURSE-203 INDIAN METAPHYSICS

1. Padartha (*Bhasaparinched* with *SiddhantaMuktabali*)
2. God (*Nyayakusumanjali* and *Nyaya Bhasya* 3rd Volume)
3. Self (Mimamsa, Nyaya, Advaita Vedanta) From *Bhasaparinched* with *SiddhantaMuktabali* and *Nyayabhasya* 3rd Volume.
4. Metaphysical Scepticism (Nagarjuna, Jayarasi, and Sreeharsha)

FURTHER READINGS

1. Nagarjuna: *Mulamadhyamikakarika*
2. Jayarasi Bhatta: *Tattvopaplavsimgha*
3. Sriharsha: *Khandanakhandakhadya*
4. P. K. Mukhopadhyaya: *Indian Realism*, Calcutta: K. P. Bagchi, 1984
5. Harsha Narain: *Evolution of the Nyaya-Vaisesika Categories*, Varanasi: Bharati Parkashan, 1976.
6. A. K. Roy Choudhury: *Self and Falsity in Advaita Vedanta*

COURSE 204 WESTERN METAPHYSICS

1. Concerns, scope and possibility
2. Appearance and Reality/ Becoming and Being
3. Substance and Properties
4. Causation
5. Universals and Particulars
6. Self and the mind-body problem
7. Space and Time
8. God

Suggested readings

Aristotle : *Metaphysics* (Princeton University Press)
F.H. Bradley : *Appearance and Reality* (Oxford)
Rene Descartes : *Meditations* (Cambridge)
John Locke: *Essay Concerning Human Understanding* (Everyman)
David Hume: *Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding* (Oxford)
Richard Taylor: *Metaphysics* (prentice-Hall of India)
A.C. Greyling (Ed): *Cambridge Companion to Metaphysics*
Elmer Sprague: *Metaphysical Thinking* (Oxford)
Hegel: *Phenomenology of Spirit*, MLBD
Marx and Engles: *Selected Notes*, Vol. I FLPH, Moscow, 1962
Engles: *Anti-Duhring* : *Dialectics of Nature*, Progress Publishers, MOSCOW, 1974

COURSE 205 ANALYTIC PHILOSOPHY

1. Linguistic Philosophy and the Philosophy of Language
2. The Linguistic Turn in Philosophy
3. Issues and problems: sense and reference; concepts and objects; identity; negative existentials; indirect speech; propositional attitudes; proper names; definite descriptions; demonstrative and other indexicals; the relation between meaning and truth: holistic and atomistic approach to meaning
4. Theories of meaning
5. Speech acts

The above problem-areas require a study of the works of Frege, Russell, Kripke, Wittgenstein, Austin, Quine, Strawson, Davidson, Dummett and Searle.

SUGGESTED READINGS:

Donald Davidson: *Inquiries into Meaning and Truth*
Michael Davitt & Kim Sterelney: *Language and Reality*
Michael Dummett : *The Seas of Language*
Saul Kripke: *Naming and Necessity*
G. Frege : "*On Sense and Reference*" and "*On Concepts and Objects*"
A.P. Martinich: *The Philosophy of Language*
W. V. O. Quine: *Word and Object*, and "*Two Dogmas of Empiricism*"
B. Russell: *Logic and Knowledge*
J. Searle: *Speech Acts*
P. F. Strawson: *Logico-Linguistic Papers*
L. Wittgenstein: *Tractatus Logico Philosophicus and Philosophical Investigations*
J. L. Austin: *How to Do Things with Words*
P. T. Geach & Max Black (Trs.): *Philosophical Writings of Gottlob Frege*.

COURSE 206 PHILOSOPHY OF KANT

Intensive study of portions from

1. *Immanuel Kant: Critique of Pure Reason*
Translations by Norman Kemp Smith, Paul Guyer and Allen Wood may be consulted

THIRD SEMESTER

COURSE 301 PHENOMENOLOGY

- Phenomenology: a movement of thought; a radical method of investigation; a presuppositionless philosophy; a rigorous science
- Edmund Husserl: development of his thought; the natural world thesis; essence and essential intuition; phenomenological reduction and its stages; pure consciousness and transcendental subjectivity; intentionality of consciousness
- Heidegger: being; *Dasein*
- Merleau – Ponty: phenomenology of perception

SUGGESTED READINGS:

- Herbert Spiegelberg : *The phenomenological movement*, Vols.i & ii The Hague; Martinus Nijhoff, 1971
- Paul Ricoeur : Husserl; *An Analysis of his Phenomenology*, Trs. G. Ballard & Lester Embree, Evanston: North Western University Press, 1967
- J.J Kockelmans : *A First Introduction to Husserl's phenomenology*, Pittsburg: Duquesne University Press, 1967
- Marvin Faber : *The Aims of Phenomenology*, New York: Harper Row, 1966
- M.K Bhadra : *A Critical Survey of Phenomenology and Existentialism*, New Delhi: ICPR,1990
- Edmund Husserl : *Ideas: A General Introduction to pure Phenomenology*, Tr. W.R. Boyce Gibson, London: George Allen & Unwin Ltd., 1931
- *Experience and Judgment*, Trs. James Churchill & Karl Americks, London: Rout ledge & Kegan Paul, 1973
- Maurice Merleau- Ponty : *Phenomenology of Perception*, tr. Colin Smith, London: Rout ledge & Kegan Paul, 1962
- : *The Primacy of perception*, Tr.James E. Edie, Evanston: North- Western University Press, 1964
- Jean- Paul Sartre : *The Transcendence of the Ego*, Trs. F. Williams & R. Kirkepatrick, New2 York; Noonday Press, 1957
- : *The psychology of Imagination*, Tr. B. Frechtman, London: Rider Press, 1949
- : *Being and Nothingness*, Tr. Hazel Barness, New York: Philosophical Library, 1956
- Martin Heidegger : *Being and Time*, Tr. John Macquarrie & Edward Robinson, Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 1978

COURSE 302 HERMENEUTICS

1. Scheleiermacher: theory of interpretation of the Bible
2. Wilhelm Dilthey: theory of meaning and interpretation, cultural products and the spirit of an age, the hermeneutic circle
3. Martin Heidegger: phenomenology as hermeneutics, the defining capacity of *Dasein* as the interpretative understanding of its world, theoretical understanding and interpretation in an action
4. Hans-Georg Gadamer: theory of fore-conceptions and prejudices, consciousness as effective-historical, lived acquaintance with developing tradition; fusion of horizons.

Suggested Readings:

- Wilhelm Dilthey: *Selected Writings*, Tr. H. Rickman, Cambridge University Press, 1976
- Martin Heidegger: *The Basic Problems of Phenomenology*, Tr. A. Hofstadter, Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1982
- H L. Dreyfuss: *Being-in-the-World*, Cambridge, Mass: MIT Press, 1991
- Hans-Georg Gadamer: *Truth and Method*, Tr. W. Glen-Doepel, London: Sheed & Ward, 1979

COURSE 303 PHILOSOPHY OF HEGEL

Absolute Idealism, Dialectics, Concept of State, Concept of Alienation, Stages of Human History (Art, Religion and Philosophy); Public and Private Morality

Suggested books:

1. G. W. F. Hegel: *Phenomenology of Spirit*
2. G. W. F. Hegel: *Science of Logic*
2. G. W. F. Hegel: *Essential Writings*
3. Frederick Beiser: *Hegel*

COURSE 304 MODAL (PROPOSITIONAL) LOGIC

- (1) Modal Logic and its relevance.
- (2) Basic Modal Concepts.
- (3) The concept of Entailment.
- (4) Actual and Possible-World.
- (5) Axiomatization of T.
- (6) The basis of T-System.
- (7) The System –T, S-4, S-5.
- (8) C. N.F and M.C.N.F.
- (9) First Degree Modal Function.
- (10) Game Theory, T-game, S-4 game and S-5 game.

Test Book:

- Hughes and Cresswell: *An Introduction to Modal Logic*

COURSE 305 ADVANCED LOGIC (GENERAL) I

PART I

1. Deductive systems: formal deductive systems; attributes of formal deductive system; logistic system.
2. Formal propositional calculus: PM axioms of propositional calculus; theorems of PM; deduction theorem and consequences; consistency, soundness, completeness, independence of PM.

PART II

3. First-order predicate calculus: its language, axioms, rules of inference; theorems; metatheorems specialization, generalization, choice rule; similarity, equivalence, prenex normal forms and Skolem normal forms; first-order theory with equality axioms; equality theorems; replacement theorems; satisfiability, interpretation, truth and model; metatheorems on satisfiability; completeness (Henkin's Proof)

SUGGESTED READINGS:

I.M. Copi : *Symbolic Logic*, (7th edition), Macmillan & Co., London. (Ch. 10)

L.H. Hackstaff : *Systems of Formal Logic*, Holland: D. Reidel, 1966

G.E. Hughes & d.g. Londey: *The Elements of Formal Logic*, Delhi: B.I: Publications, 1967

Alice Ambrose & Morris Lazerowitz: *Fundamentals of Symbolic Logic*, (revised edition), New York 1962

Smullyan : *First Order Logic*, North Holland

G. Hunter : *Metalogic*, London: Macmillan, 1980

G.T. Kneebone : *Mathematical Logic and the Foundations of Mathematics*, London Nostrand & Co., 1963

COURSE 306 THE PHILOSOPHY OF WITTGENSTEIN

Selections from:

1. *Tractatus Logico Philosophicus*
2. *Philosophical Investigations*
3. *On Certainty*
4. *Culture and Value*

COURSE 307 PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE (INDIAN)

1. *Abhidha*: The meaning of a word
2. Conditions of knowing the meaning of a sentence
3. *Anvitabhidanavada* and *Abhihitavayavada*
4. *Laksana* or metaphor
5. Buddhist theory of *Apoha*
6. Panini and the Grammarian tradition

COURSE 308 PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE I

- 1 Introduction: the nature of philosophy of science
- 2 Induction and its problems: inductive probability; Popper's alternative to induction; Goodman's new paradox of induction
- 3 Laws of Nature: laws of accidents; the Neo-Humean alternatives; counter-factual conditionals
- 4 Realism, instrumentalism and under determination of theories: realism; instrumentalism: unification, explanation and prediction
- 5 Confirmation and probability: the paradox of the raven and the suggested solutions; the interpretation of probabilities: subjective probabilities; the frequency theory; the propensity theory; the Bayesian confirmation theory and its problems
- 6 Explanation: the covering law model; theoretical explanation; causation and explanation

SUGGESTED READINGS:

- Karl Popper : *The Logic of Scientific Discovery*, London, 1959
- Anthony O'Hear : *An Introduction to Philosophy Science*, Oxford, 1993
- David Armstrong : *What is a Law of Nature?*
- Bas Van Fraassen : *The Scientific Image*, Oxford, 1980
- Jakko Hintikka & Patrick Suppes (Eds): *Aspects of Inductive Logic*, Amsterdam, 1966
- Paul Churchland & C. Hooker (Eds): *Images of Science*, Chicago, 1985
- Horwich : *Probability and Evidence*, Cambridge, 1982
- P. Frank : *Philosophy of Science*, Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall, 1957
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COURSE 309 PHILOSOPHY OF MIND AND PHILOSOPHY OF PSYCHOLOGY

1. Philosophy and psychology of mind: mind in empirical psychology; mind in *a priori* philosophy; philosophical taxonomy of mental phenomena; sensations and propositional attitudes.
2. Philosophical theories of mind: Cartesian dualism; the mind-body relation; problems of causal interactionism; mind and science.
Behaviourism: methodological and philosophical behaviourism; explanatory inadequacy; cognitivism in psychology.
Materialism: mind-brain identity theory; problems of materialism; the problem of phenomenal consciousness., Functionalism.
3. The mystery of consciousness and the explanatory gap; naturalism about phenomenal-consciousness; Development of Consciousness, Levels of Consciousness, Personal and sub-personal explanation
4. Mechanistic explanation in psychology , Folk psychology; Tacit knowledge and tacit theories
5. Can infants and animals think?
6. The Nativism /Empiricism Debate
7. Philosophy of Psychoanalysis and Psychopathology
8. Emotions and cognition; Embodied cognition

SUGGESTED READINGS:

John Heil: *Philosophy of Mind: A Contemporary Introduction*, Routledge, 2004
David Chalmers: *The conscious Mind*, Oxford University Press, 1997
Flanagan Block & Guzeldere (Eds): *The Nature of Consciousness*, MIT Press, 1997
E.J. Lowe : *An Introduction to the Philosophy of Mind*, Cambridge University Press, 2000
Paul M. Churchland: *Matter and Consciousness: A Contemporary Introduction to Philosophy of Mind*, Cambridge, MIT Press, 1998
T.E. Wilkerson : *Mind, Brains and People*, Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1974
Sidney Hook (Ed) : *Dimensions of Mind: A Symposium*, New York: Collier Book, 1961
David M. Armstrong : *A Materialist Theory of Mind*, London: Routledge, 1968
J. Bermudez : *Philosophy of Psychology: a contemporary introduction*, Rout ledge, 2005
S. Stich and T. Warfield :*The Blackwell Guide to the Philosophy of Mind*, Blackwell, 2002
Sigmung Freud, *The Ego and the Id*, 1923

COURSE 310 POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

Concepts: Justice, equality; liberty, autonomy, rights; democracy, citizenship, representation; state, civil society, nation, community; power authority, legitimacy; political obligation, civil disobedience, revolution; Swaraj, satyagraha and ahimsa

Perspectives and ideologies: Liberalism, Socialism, Fascism, Gandhian, Feminism, Multiculturalism

Issues and Concerns: Identity and recognition: cultural rights, group rights and human dignity: nationalism: civic, cultural and ethnic: contemporary debate on secularism: neutrality, toleration and equality; political stability and terrorism

SUGGESTED READINGS:

Ackerman, Bruce A : *Social justice in the Liberal State*, Yale University Press, 1980
Brian Barry : *The Liberal Theory of Justice*, Oxford University Press, 1973
Isaiah Berlin : *Four Essays On Liberty*, Oxford University Press, 1973

- Rajeev Bhargava : *Individualism in Social Science: Forms and limits of Methodology*, Clarendon Press, 1992
- (ed) : *Secularism and its Critics*, Oxford University Press, 1998
- Partha Chatterjee : *Nations and its fragments*, Delhi; Oxford University Press, 1994
- M.K Gandhi : *Hind Swaraj*, Ahmedabad: Navajeevan Press, 1955
- Ernest Gellner : *Political Theory and the modern State: Essays on State, power and Democracy*, Stanford university Press, 1991
- P.C Joshi : *Secularism and Development: The Indian Experiment*, New Delhi: Vikas, 1994
- Sudipta Koviraj : *The Unhappy Conscience*, Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1996
- Rajni Kothari : *State against Democracy: In Search of Humane Governance*, Delhi: Ajanta, 1988
- Krishna Kumar (ed) : *Revolution*, Weidenfeld & Nicholson, 1971
- Kymlicka Will (ed) : *The Rights of Minority Cultures*, Oxford University Press, 1995
- S. Lukes : *Marxism and Morality*, Oxford University Press, 1985
- Mackinnon : *Feminism Unmodified*, Harvard University Press, 1987
- T.N Madan : *Secularism*, Oxford University Press, 1996
- Ashis Nandy : *At the Edge of Psychology: Essays in Politics and Culture*, Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1990
- Norman Richard : *Free and Equal: A Philosophical Examination of Political Values*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1987
- Robert Nozick : *Anarchy, State and Utopia*, Cambridge: Basil Blackwell, 1978
- Bhikhu Parekh : *Gandhi's Political Philosophy: A Critical Examination*, London: MacMillan, 1989
- J. Raj : *The Morality of Freedom*, Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1986
- John Rawls : *A Theory of Justice*, Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1972
- *Political liberalism*, Columbia University Press, 1993
- Amartya Sen : *Inequality Re- Examined*, Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1997
- Watson H. Secton : *Multiculturalism and the Politics of Recognition*, McGill University, 1992
- M. Walzer : *Spheres of Justice: A Defense of Pluralism and Equality*, Blackwell 1983

COURSE 311 PEACE STUDIES

- Peace in theory and practice: peace as non-injury, compassion, love, service, mutual aid; peace with justice through non-violent action; multidimensional aspects of peace; non-violence and development.
- Gandhi's contribution to peace.
- Conflict resolution and peacemaking: definition, nature and scope of conflicts; inner conflict; individual conflict; peaceful methods of conflict resolution viz., negotiation, mediation, arbitration, adjudication; role of gender, race, culture, language and religion in conflict situation; creative alternatives to conflicts.
- Sociology and psychology of peace: non-violent social change; creating peaceful social structures; psychology of crime and deviant behaviour; the psychology of nationalism, hero-worship and mass violence; roots of violence; forms of violence: suicide; criminal violence: rape, domestic violence, child abuse, adolescent aggression; political violence: inter-intra party violence, communal violence, linguistic violence, regional violence, religious conflicts, assassinations, terrorism, war.
- Social change in India; violence and mass media.
- Gandhian satyagraha model; non-violence; passive resistance, civil disobedience, fasting, boycott, assertive satyagraha etc.
- Peace education: education for peace; Gandhi's vision; peace-education and media; growth of peace studies, peace research and expanding horizons of peace education; case studies of peace education experiments; peace awards; role of UNO for establishment of peace.

- Peace technology and Shanti Sena: development of new tools, techniques, mechanisms and institutions for building up peace; concept of Shanti Sena; contributions of Gandhi, Vinoba and J.P. Narayan; UNO Peace-keeping force.
- Nuclear disarmament and global peace.

SUGGESTED READINGS:

Steve Marks: *Peace, Development and Human Rights Education*

Galung Johan: *Violence and Peace Research*

Magnus Haavelsred: *Peace Education*

K.S. Murthy: *The Quest for Peace*

Kenneth Boulding : *Stable Peace*

Thomas Weber: *Conflict Resolution and Gandhian Ethics*

Paul Wehr: *Conflict Regulation*

Ashley Montago: *Learning Non-Aggression*

John Bondurant: *Conquest of Violence*

Bhoadward: *Peace Research and Peace Action*

Theodore Lenz: *Towards a Science of Peace*

Binova Bhave: *Shanti Sena*

Thomas Merton: *The Non-violent Alternative*

Gene Sharp: *Politics of Non-violent Action*

R. R. Diwakar: *The Sage of Satyagraha*

COURSE 312 APPLIED ETHICS

- Nature and scope of applied of ethics: theoretical formulation of applied ethics; limits of applied ethics.
- Deontological and teleological approaches to moral action
- Social justice: philosophical perspectives and presuppositions.
- Medical ethics: euthanasia, abortion, surrogate motherhood, Female feticide.
- Bioethics; Major ethical issues arising out of human genetics.
- Ethics of Terror and War
- Media ethics
- Applied ethics and ecology

SUGGESTED READINGS

Peter Singer (ed.) : *Applied Ethics*, in the Oxford Readings in PHILOSOPHY Series.

T. L. Beauchamp & Walters (Eds.): *Contemporary Issues in Bioethics*.

David Lamb: *Down the Slippery Slope: Arguing in Applied Ethics*, 1998

Winkler E. R. & Combe, J. R. (Eds.): *Applied Ethics: A Reader*, Blackwell,1993

Almond, Brenda & Hill, Donald: *Applied Philosophy: Morals and metaphysics in Contemporary Debates*, London: Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1991

Graber G. C. & Thomasma, D. C.: *Theory and Practice in Medical Ethics*, New York: The continuum Co., 1998.

COURSE 313 BUSINESS ETHICS

1. Ethical issues in Business
2. Popular frameworks for Business Ethics
3. Applied Ethics and Human Resource Development
4. Corporate Social Responsibility
5. Corporations and Moral Agency
6. Corporate Governance, Corporate Responsibility and Corporate Citizenship
7. Advertisement and Ethics
8. International Business: Engagement with Global and Local values
9. The role of Ethics Audit and Ethics Officer

Suggested Readings

- Bowie, N.E., 1999, *Business Ethics: A Kantian Perspective*, Malden, MA: Blackwell.
- Crane, A., D. Matten, & J. Moon, 2008, *Corporations and Citizenship*, New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Donaldson, T., 1982, *Corporations and Morality*, Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice Hall.
- Hartman, E.M., 2015, *Virtue in Business: Conversations with Aristotle*, New York: Cambridge University Press
- Rönnegard, D., 2015, *The Fallacy of Corporate Moral Agency*, New York: Springer.
- Solomon, R. C., 1993, *Ethics and Excellence: Cooperation and Integrity in Business*, New York: Oxford University Press.
- Velasquez, Manuel, G., 2002, *Business Ethics: Concept and Cases*, 5th edition, Pearson Prentice Hall, New Delhi.

COURSE 314 AESTHETICS I

1. Literary art (kāvyā) vis-a-vis other fine arts (kalā) like painting (chitra), music (sangita), sculpture (bhāskrya), etc.
2. Kāvya-laksana (definition of poetry); kāvyā-hetu: pratibhā/vyutpatti/ abhyāsa, their distinctive roles in poetic creation; kāvyā prayojana (necessity or use of poetry)
3. Varieties of kāvyā: drśya and śravya; structural varieties of drśyakāvya
4. Different schools of literary criticism (kāvyavicārs): rasa school (Bharata); vakrokti school or the school of alaṅkāra (Bhāmaha & Kuntaka); rīti school or the school of 6 gunas (Dandin & Vāmana); dhvani school (Ānandavardhana); rasadhvani school (Abhinavagupta)
5. The later syncretic views of Mammata, Viśwanātha, Vidyādhara, Jagannātha & Appayya Dīksita

SUGGESTED READING

- P.V. Kane : History of Sanskrit Poetics, 1951
S.K. De : History of Sanskrit Poetics, (3rd edition), Calcutta, 1960
S. P. Bhattacharya : Studies in Indian Poetics, Calcutta, 1964
Kuppuswami Sastri : Highways and Byways of Literary Criticism in Sanskrit
K. Krishna Murthy : Dhvanyāloka and its Critics, Mysore, 1963
: Studies in Indian Aesthetics and Criticism, Mysore, 1979
K.C. Pandey : Comparative Aesthetics, Vol. I, Indian Aesthetics, Chowkhamba, 1968
R. Gnoli : The Aesthetic Experience According to Abhinavagupta, 1940
Panchapagesha Sastri : The Philosophy of Aesthetics Pleasure, Annamalai, 1940
S. Kununni Raja : Indian Theories of Meaning, Madras
V. Raghavan : Some Concepts of Alamkara Satra, Madras
Mammata : Kāvya prakāśa, Tr. G.N. Jha

COURSE 315 NYAYA

Selections from:

- Vatsyayana: *Nyayasutrabhasya*
- Jayanta Bhatta: *Nyayamajari*
- Udyottakara: *Nyayavartika*
- Udayana: *Nyayakusumanjali, Atmatattvaviveka* or *Tatparyaparisuddhi*
- Annamabhatta: *Tarkasamgraha* with *Dipika*

COURSE 316 SĀṆKHYA I

1. The three kinds of dukha: ādhidaivika, ādhyātmika; dukhas cannot be removed by any means except the knowledge of the vyakta (manifest) and the avyakta (unmanifest); pramānas; their nature and objects; prakṛti and vikṛti; mūlaprakṛti and its subtle nature; proofs for the existence of mūlaprakṛti; satkāryavāda and the justification for its acceptance; cause is of the same nature as effect
2. The distinction between vyakta, avyakta and purusa; gunas: sattva, rajas, tamas and their distinctive characteristics, mutual opposition and complementarity; avyakta as the cause of vyakta
3. Purusa; nature, proofs for existence as well as plurality; appearance of activity in purusa and of consciousness in prakṛti; the twin reason for the evolution of prakṛti; systematic evolution of twentythree tattvas from prakṛti; primary and secondary evolution; the specific nature and functions (vṛtti) of each one of the evolutes
4. Five forms of error and their sub-divisions; eight siddhis; pain (duhkha) is the result of non-discrimination between prakṛti and purusa; discriminative knowledge (viveka) stops the activity of prakṛti; bondage and liberation is really only for prakṛti and not for purusa who is unchanging; upon ceasing of prakṛti's activity, purusa attains liberation (kaivalya)
5. The general structure of the Sāṅkhya system as explanatory of the absence of the concept of God in that system; the close link between Sāṅkhya and Yoga systems.

SUGGESTED READINGS:

- Esther A. Solomon : *The Commentaries of the Sāṅkhya – A Study*, Ahmedabad, 1974
S.s. Suryanarayana Sastri (tr.): *The Sāṅkhyakarika of Īśvarakṛṣṇa*, Mardas, 1948
Ganganatha Jha (Ed. Tr.) : *Vācaspati Miśra's Sāṅkhyatattvakaumudī*, Poona, 1965
Har Dutt Sarma (Ed. Tr.): *Sāṅkhyakārikā with GAudapāda's Bhāṣya*, Poona, 1933
Pulinbehari Chakravarti: *Origin and Development of the Sāṅkhya System of thought*, Calcutta 1950
Anima Sengupta: *Classical Sāṅkhya: A Critical Study*, Lucknow, 1969
G.J. Larson & R.S. Bhattacharya (Eds.) : *Sāṅkhya, (Encyclopedia of Indian Philosophies, Vol IV)* Delhi, 1987
E.H. Johnson : *Early Sāṅkhya*, Delhi 1974
Janardana Sastri Pandeya (Ed.): *Sāṅkhyadarśanam*, Delhi 1981
Hariharānada Āranya: *The Sāṅkhya Sūtras of Pancaśikha and the Sāṅkhyatattvāoka*, Delhi, 1977
G.J. Larson: *Classical Sāṅkhya*, Motilal Banarsidass, Delhi, 1979

COURSE 317 VEDANTA I

- 1 Advaita School before Śaṅkara: Maṇḍana Miśra: Brahman as the only positive reality, admission of negative realities like removal of ignorance (avidyānivṛtti) and absence of the world (prapañcābhāva); analysis of states of consciousness in the *Māṇḍūkyaopaniṣad*
Gauḍapāda: equivalence of dream and waking states; metaphysical interpretation of dream and sleep; theory of non-origination (ajātivāda); māyā as projecting (vikṣepa) and concealing (āvaraṇa); amanībhāva; the Buddhist parallels
- 2 Śaṅkara: Nirguṇa Brahman; adhyāsa; rejection of the (unconscious) Sāṅkhyan prakṛti as the source of the universe; cetana Brahma as the non-different material and efficient cause (abhinnanimittopādānakāraṇa) of the universe; theory of causation; nature of the jīva; jīvanmukti; criticism of other schools of philosophy like Sāṅkhya, Vaiśeṣika, Buddhism and Jainism; the higher and the lower teachings of the Prasthānatrayī; the relative importance of reason and Śruti; jñāna as the means to liberation
- 3 Post-Śaṅkara Advaita: the identification of avidyā with māyā; māyā as neither real nor unreal (sadasadvilakṣaṇa); avidyā as cosmic as well as individual; acetana māyā as the material cause and saguṇa Brahman (Īśvara) as the efficient cause of the universe; vivartavāda; three levels of reality (sattātraividhya) and the theory of sublation (bādhā); important differences between Bhāmatīprasthāna and Vivaraṇaprasthāna: avacchedavāda, ābhāsavāda, ekajīvavāda, dṛṣṭisṛṣṭivāda and sṛṣṭidṛṣṭivāda
- 4 Advaita theory of knowledge: svataḥprāmāṇyavāda; pramāṇas: pratyakṣa, anumāna, śabda, upamāna, arthāpatti, anupalabdhi; theories of mithyātva and mithyātvamithyātva; anirvacanīyakhyāti

SUGGESTED READINGS:

- Govind Chandra Pande: *Life and Thought of Śaṅkarācārya*, Delhi, 1994
T.M.P. Mahadevan : *The Philosophy of Advaita*, Madras, 1957
P.K. Sundaram : *Advaita Epistemology*, Madras, 1968
Swāmī Satprakāśānanda: *Methods of Knowledge*, London, 1965
Jadunath Sinha : *Problems of Post-Śaṅkara Advaita Vedānta*, Calcutta
A.B. Shastri : *Studies-in Post-Śaṅkara Dialectics*, Calcutta, 1936
Śaṅkara : Commentaries on the *Vedānta Sūtras*, *Chāndogya Upaniṣad* and *Bṛhadāraṇyaka Upaniṣad* (selections)
Padmapāda : *Pañcapādikā* (selections)
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COURSE 318 BUDDHISM

1. History and Fundamental tenets of Buddhism
2. Selections from:
 - Nagarjuna: *Madhyamikakarika*
 - Nagarjuna: *Vigrahavyavartani*
 - Chnadrakirti: *Prasannapada*
 - Dharmakirti: *Pramanavarttika*
 - Dharmakirti: *Hetubindu*
 - Moksākaragupta : *Tarkabhāsā*
 - Nyāyapraveśa (Ascribed to Dinnāga)
 - Vasubandhu : *Abhidharmakośa*
 - Śāntideva : *Bodhicaryāvatāra*
 - Buddhaghosa : *Viśuddhimagga*

COURSE 319 MODERN INDIAN THOUGHT

1. Swami Vivekananda: Man; universal religion; practical Vedanta
2. Rabindranath Tagore: Man and God; Religion of Man; Nationalism
3. B. R. Ambedkar: critique of social evils; neo-Buddhism; Dalit movement
4. Mohammed Iqbal: intellect and intuition; self; perfect man
5. M.N. Roy: Humanism

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. T. M. P. Mahadevan & C. V. Saroja: *Contemporary Indian Philosophy*, Madras, 1985
2. Basant Kumar Lal: *Contemporary Indian Philosophy*, Delhi, 1999
3. Benay Gopal Ray: *Contemporary Indian Philosophers*, Allahabad, 1957
4. V. S. Narvane: *Modern Indian Thought*, Bombay, 1964
5. Swami Vivekananda: *Practical Vedanta*, Calcutta: Advaita Ashram, 1964.

FOURTH SEMESTER

COURSE 401 EXISTENTIALISM

- Existentialism: its distinctive characteristics: varieties: common ground as well as diversity among existentialists
- Some recurring themes: existence preceding essence; man's being-in-the-world; man's being-in-the-body; man's being-with-others; man's being-in-feeling; man's being-in-action
- Freedom; decision and choice
- The facticity of existence: death; temporality
- Existence: authentic and non-authentic
- Ideas of existentialist thinkers: Nietzsche, Kierkegaard, Heidegger, Sartre, Marcel

SUGGESTED READINGS:

Walter Kaufman (ed): *Existentialism from Dostoevsky to Sartre*, New York, 1956

H.J. Blackham : *Six Existentialist Thinkers*, (Second Edition) New York, 1959

John Macquirre : *Existentialism*, Penguin Books, 1973

-----*Studies in Christian existentialism*, London, 1966

F. Kingston : *French Existentialism: A Christian Critique*, Toronto, 1961

E.L. Allenm : *Existentialism from Within*, London, 1958

H.E. Barnes : *An Existentialist Ethics*, New York, 1967

A.B. Fallico : *Art and existentialism*, Prentice- Hall, 1962

William A. Luitfen : *Existentialist Phenomenology*, (revised edition), Tr. Henry J. Koren, Pittsburg: Duquesne University Press, 1960.

COURSE 402 POSTMODERN PHILOSOPHY

1. Modernism and postmodernism
2. Post-structuralism, The death of the Author,
3. Derrida and Deconstruction
4. Foucault: Genealogy, Discourse, Archaeology; Power and Knowledge
5. Philosophy of Gender
6. Post-colonialism
7. Postmodern Ethics

Suggested readings:

Roland Barthes: "The Death of the Author", *Image, Music, Text*, Fontana Press,

Michel Foucault: "What is an Author", *Aesthetics: Essential Works of Foucault* (Vol.2), Penguin
: *The Archaeology of Knowledge*, Routledge

Judith Butler: *Gender Trouble: Feminism and subversion of Identity*, Routledge

J.F. Lyotard: *The Postmodern Condition*, Manchester University Press

Jacques Derrida: *Writing and Difference*, Routledge

E. Levinas: *Ethics and Infinity* *Levinas Reader* ("Ethics as First Philosophy), Blackwell

Christopher Butler: *Postmodernism*, Oxford

Danaher, Schirato and Webb: *Understanding Foucault*, Motilal Banarsidass

COURSE 403 MARXISM

- Dialectical Materialism and Historical Materialism
- Concept of Class Struggle
- Concept of Alienation
- Concept of Revolution
- Concept of State,
- Critiques of Marxism

Suggested books:

1. Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels: *Selected Works*, Foreign Language Publishing House, Moscow
2. Marx and Engels: *The Communist Manifesto*, Benediction Classics
3. Karl Marx: *The Economic and Philosophic Manuscripts*,
4. Eugene Kamenka (ed.): *The Portable Karl Marx* (Ed –), Penguin Books
5. Friedrich Engels, *Socialism: Utopian and Scientific*
7. Friedrich Engels , *The Origin of the Family, Private Property and the State*
8. Friedrich Engels, *Dialectics of Nature*
9. Theodor Adorno: *An Introduction to Dialectics*,
10. Karl Popper: *The Open Society and its Enemies*

COURSE 404: PHILOSOPHICAL LOGIC

Teacher/ teachers may select some topics from:

1. Philosophy of logics
2. The logic of Categorical Propositions, Singular terms, Propositions, Logical Truth, Entailment, Logic and Existence
3. Theories of truth, sentence, statements and propositions as the bearers of truth,
4. The problem of truth and Paradox, Inconsistency, paradoxes,
5. Logic and Language , Truth-functional Constants and Ordinary language, Reference , Predication, Identity, Modality, Necessity

Suggested books:

Anil Gupta: *The Revision Theory of Truth*

Susan Haack: *Philosophy of Logic*

J. Bucher and S. P. Lamprecht (eds.): *Logic and Philosophy*,

P. F. Strawson: *Introduction to Logical Theory*

W. V. Quine: *Methods of Logic* ,

John, P. Burgess: *Philosophical Logic*

COURSE 405 ADVANCED LOGIC (GENERAL) II

PART I: SET THEORY AND THE FOUNDATIONS OF MATHEMATICS

1. Partial ordering, total ordering and well ordering on sets, upper and lower bounds, elements of partially ordered set
2. Axiom of choice, Zermelo's well-ordering theorem Cartesian product
3. Cardinal numbers: definition ordering properties, Schroder Bernstein theorem, enumerability and non-enumerability of sets; arithmetic of cardinal numbers; power set; Cantor theorem

4. Ordinal number order isomorphism, order types of totally ordered sets; ordinal numbers ordering properties, arithmetic; connection between set theory and propositional calculus

PART II: LATTICE THEORY AND BOOLEAN ALGEBRA

1. Binary operation on sets: lattice: criterion of a set having two binary operations to be a lattice; distributive lattice, complemented lattice, properties lattice
2. Boolean algebra: criterion a set having two binary operations to be Boolean algebra, representation of a Boolean algebra in terms of subsets of a set; properties of Boolean algebra
3. Boolean variables; Boolean functions of an independent Boolean variables; their relation with truth functions of an variables
4. Ordering in the set of all Boolean functions of an Boolean variables; the set of all Boolean functions of n Boolean variables in a Boolean algebra; applications to logic

SUGGESTED READING

- P. Suppes : *Axiomatic Set Theory*, New Delhi: East West Press, 1976
W. V.O Quine : *Set Theory and its Logic*, Mass: Harvard University Press, 1963
Kuratowski : *Introduction to Set Theory and Topology*, New York, 1963
R.R, Stoll : *Set Theory and Logic*, New Delhi, 1967
T. Donnellan : *Lattice Theory*, New York 1968
R. Dubisch : *Lattice to Logic*, New York, 1964
B.H. Arnold : *Logic and Boolean Algebra*
G. Birkhoff : *Lattice Theory*

COURSE-406 CONTEMPORARY ANALYTICAL METAPHYSICS

Selections from:

I. Existence:

1. Nicholas Rescher, 'On Explaining Existence', from Nicholas Rescher, *The Riddle of Existence*, Langam, MD: University Press of America, 1984
2. Derek Parfit, 'Why is Reality As It Is?' from the *Times Literary Supplement*, July 3, 1992
3. Robert Nozick, 'Why there is Something Rather than Nothing?' from Robert Nozick, *Philosophical Explanations*, Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1981

II. Realism/Anti-Realism:

1. Michael Dummett, 'Realism/Anti-Realism,' from Michael Dummett, *The Seas of Language*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1993
2. Hilary Putnam, 'Why There Isn't a Ready Made World,' from Hilary Putnam, *Realism and Reason: Philosophical papers*, Vol.3, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1983
3. Ernest Sosa, 'Putnam's Pragmatic Realism,' reprinted from *Journal of Philosophy*, 1993
4. Michael Devitt, 'A Naturalistic Defenses of Realism,' (Commissioned specially for this volume)
5. Michael Devitt, 'Postscript to 'A Naturalistic Defenses of Realism,' (Commissioned specially for this volume)

III. Truth:

1. Alfred Tarski, 'The Semantic Conception of Truth,' reprinted from *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 1944
2. Susan Haack, 'The Pragmatists Theory of Truth,' reprinted from *British Journal of Philosophy of Science*, 1976
3. Nicholas Rescher, 'Truth as Ideal Coherence,' reprinted from *Review of Metaphysics*, 1985
4. Paul Horwich, 'A Deflationary View of Truth,' from Paul Horwich, *Truth, Chapter 2*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1998

5. Marian David, 'Truth as Correspondence,' from Marian David, *Correspondence and Disputations: An Essay on the Nature of Truth*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1994

IV. Abstracta: Properties, Numbers, Propositions:

1. W. V. Quine, 'On What There Is,' reprinted from *Review of Metaphysics*, 1948
2. Rudolf Carnap, 'Empiricism, Semantics and Ontology,' reprinted from *Revue Internationale de Philosophie*, 1950
3. Alonzo Church, 'On Carnap's Analysis of Statements of Assertion and Belief,' reprinted from *Analysis*, 1950
4. W. V. Quine, 'Meaning and Truth,' from W. V. Quine, *Philosophy of Logic*, Englewood Cliffs: Prentice Hall, 1970
5. Paul Benacerraf, 'What Numbers Could not Be,' reprinted from *Philosophical review*, 1965
6. David M. Armstrong, 'Universals as Attributes,' from David M. Armstrong, *Universals: An Opinionated Introduction*, CO: West View Press, 1989

V. Secondary Qualities:

1. David M. Armstrong, 'The Secondary Qualities,' from David M. Armstrong, *A Materialists Theory of Mind*, London: Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1968
2. Paul J. Boghossian & J. David Velleman, 'Colour As a Secondary Quality,' reprinted from *Mind*, January, 1989
3. C. L. Hardin, 'Colour and Illusion,' from W. Lycan (Ed.): *Mind and Cognition*, Oxford: Blackwell, 1990

VI. Events:

1. Donald Davidson, 'The Individuation of Events,' from Nicholas Rescher (Ed.): *Essays in Honor of Carl G. Hempel*, Dordrecht: D. Reidel, 1969
2. Jaegwon Kim, 'Events as Property Exemplifications,' from M. Brand & D. Walton (Eds.): *Action Theory*, Dordrecht: D. Reidel, 1976
3. Lawrence Brain Lombard, 'Events,' reprinted from *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, September, 1979

VII. Concreta: Substance:

1. James Van Cleeve, 'Three Versions of Bundle Theory,' reprinted from *Philosophical Studies*, 1985
2. Gary Rosenkrantz & Joshua Hoffman, 'The Independence Criterion of Substance,' reprinted from *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, December, 1991
3. Peter Simons, 'Particulars in Particular Clothing: Three Trope Theories of Substance,' reprinted from *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, December, 1994

VIII. Dependent Particulars: Holes, Boundaries and Surfaces:

1. David Lewis & Stephanie Lewis, 'Holes,' reprinted from *Australian Journal of Philosophy*, 1970
2. Roberto Casati & Achille C. Varzi, 'Immaterial Bodies,' from Roberto Casati & Achille C. Varzi, *Holes and Other Superficialities*, Cambridge, Mass: MIT Press, 1994
3. Roderick M. Chisholm, 'Boundaries as Dependent Particulars,' reprinted from *Grazier Philosophische Studien*, 1983
4. Avrum Stroll, 'Two Conceptions of Surfaces,' reprinted from *Midwest Studies in Philosophy*, Vol. 4, 1979

IX. Mereology:

1. W. V. Quine, 'Identity, Ostension and Hypostasis,' reprinted from *Journal of Philosophy*, 1950
2. Mark Heller, 'Temporal Part of Four Dimensional Objects,' reprinted from *Philosophical Studies*, 1984
3. Peter Van Inwagen, 'Four Dimensional Objects,' reprinted from *Nous*, 1990
4. James Van Cleeve, 'Mereological Essentialism, Mereological Conjunctivism and Identity Through Time,' reprinted from *Midwest Studies in Philosophy*, XI, 1986

COURSE 407 PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE (INDIAN) II

1. *Vyanjana*, Theory of *dhvani*
2. *Mimamsa* concept of *Bhavana*
3. Bhatrihari and Patanjali's view of the *Sphota* and its critiques
4. Selections from:
 - *Vakyapadiya* of Bhatrihari
 - Patanjali's *Paspasa Adhyaya*
 - *Dhanyaloka* of Ananda Bardhana (Selections)

COURSE 408 PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE II

- 1 Rationality, revolution and realism: the radical theory change in science; the impact of Kuhn; the personalist Bayesian account of rational belief (advanced treatment); scientific realism in the context of scientific revolution
- 2 Naturalized philosophy of science: naturalization of epistemology; scientific reduction; ways into naturalism via history of science
- 3 Philosophical problems of current science: the measurement problem in quantum mechanics; the fitness problem in biological evolution

SUGGESTED READINGS:

The works of Duhem, Kuhn, Lakatos and Popper

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| P. Kitcher | : | <i>The Advancement of Science</i> , 1993 |
| John Earman | : | <i>Bayes or Bust? A Critical Examination of Bayesian Confirmation Theory</i> , 1992 |
| R.I.G. Hughes | : | <i>The Structure of Interpretation of Quantum Mechanics</i> , Cambridge, Mass. 1992 |
| D.L. Hull | : | <i>The Philosophy of Biological Science</i> , Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall, 1974 |
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COURSE 409 PHILOSOPHY OF COGNITIVE SCIENCE

1. General introduction: the interdisciplinary nature of cognitive science; cognitive science and epistemology; the methodological and substantive questions.
2. Functionalist theories of the mind: machine functionalism; teleological functionalism; homuncular functionalism
3. The representational theory of mind: the nature of representation; propositional attitudes and mental representation; language of thought hypothesis; map alternative; the regress problem
4. Semantics of mental representation: internalism vs externalism: methodological solipsism

5. Theories of content determination: structural isomorphism theory; functional role theory; biological function theory, casual historical theory; indicator theory.
6. Structure and organization of mind: modularity of the mind; visual architecture and visual algorithms.
7. Connectionism: conventional machine vs connectionist machine; connectionism and mental representations; connections and neurophilosophy
8. The problem of intelligence: computation and intelligence, weak AI and strong L; Chinese room argument; China brain argument; blockhead argument; the frame problem

SUGGESTED READING

- David Breddon-Michell & Frank Jackson : *The Philosophy of Mind Cognition*, Oxford, Blackwell, 1996
- Paul M. Churchland: *Matter and Consciousness : A Contemporary Inroduction to Philosophy of Mind*, Cambridge, Mass, MIT Press, 1998
- William G. Lycan (Ed). *Mind and Cognition: A Reader*, Cambridge, Mass Easil Blackwell, 1990
- Pylyshyn Zeno, W : *Computation and Cognition: Toward a Foundation for Cognitive Science*, Cambridge, Mass: Bradford/MIT Press. 1984
- Kim Sterelny : *The Representational Theory of Mind: An Introduction*, Oxford, Basil Blackwell, 1990
- Paul Thagard : *Mind: Introduction to Cognitive Science*, Cambridge, Mass: MIT Press, 1996
- Barbara von Eckardt : *What is Cognitive Science?* Cambridge, Mass: Bradford/MIT Press, 1993

COURSE 410 ANCIENT INDIAN POLITICAL THOUGHT

- Concepts of rashtra, swarajya and vairajya in the Vedas
- Concepts of dharma and rajadharma
- Concept of dandaniti
- Concept of the ruler: status, characteristics and role of the ruler; education for the rulers
- Relationship between the ruler and the ruled
- Organic theory of the state according to kautilya
- Origin, purpose and the goal of the state
- Forms of government in the ancient India
- Concept of sovereignty
- Modes of Norm enforcement: sama, dana, bheda, danda
- Thiruvalluvar's concept of state; Silappadikaram

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. *Rgveda Samhita*
2. *Atharva Veda Samhita*
3. *Ramayana*
4. *Santiparva of the Mahabharata*
5. *Manusamhita*
6. *Viduraniti*
7. *Artha Sastra of Kautilya*
8. *Kamandaka Niti Sara*

COURSE 411 PHILOSOPHY OF HUMAN RIGHTS

- Human rights: definition, nature, content, legitimacy and priority
- Theories of human rights; historical development of human rights
- International Covenant on Civil and political Rights
- International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and optional protocol; UN Human Rights Declaration; Human Rights Commission
- Human rights principle in the Indian Constitution; fundamental rights and directive principles of state policy.
- Role on NGOs in protecting Human rights in relation to criminal justice
- Amnesty International; PUCL; human Rights Watch; AIDWA

SUGGESTED READINGS:

Allan Wingate : *Human Rights – Comment and Interpretation*, UNESCO, 1949

Andrey R. Chapman : *Health Care Reform: A Human Rights Approach*, George town University Press, 1994

Philip Alston (ed) : *The United Nations and Human Rights: A Critical Appraisal*, Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1992

----- *The International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights*,

Manual of Human Rights, New York: United Nations Centre for human rights, 1991

Danilo Turk : *The New International Economic Order and the Promotion of Human Rights*, UNESCO, 1990

Henry Shore : *Basic Rights, Subsistence, Affluence and US Foreign policy*, Princeton, New Jersey: Princeton University Press, 1980

European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR)

International Covenant on Civil and political Rights ((ICCPR)

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR)

Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR)

COURSE 412 APPLIED ETHICS II

PART I

- Individual and social morality
- Greek perspective: Plato: constitution of human soul and society; ethics and the health of the soul
- Applied ethics and politics
- Feminist Ethics
- Recent developments in Applied Ethics

PART II

- Sexual morality: for and against
- Capital punishment: for and against
- Job discrimination: for and against
- Animal rights: for and against
- Environmental ethics: Contemporary debates

Suggested Readings:

- Cahn & Markie (ed.) *Ethics: History, Theory and Contemporary Issues*, New York: Oxford University Press, 1998
- Louis P. Pojman (ED.): *Ethical Theory: Classical and Contemporary Readings*, Belmont: Wadsworth, 1998.

- Jeffrey Olen & Vincent Barry (Ed.): *Applying Ethics*
- Rajendra Prasad: *Karma Causation and Retributive Morality*
- Saral Jhingram: *Aspects of Hindu Morality*

COURSE 413 PROFESSIONAL ETHICS

1. What is a Profession? Profession and business; Profession and work
2. Morals and laws in Profession
3. Concept of Professional responsibility
4. Ethical codes of conduct for various kinds of professionals
5. Legal ethics: advocate-client-Bar and Bench co-ordination
6. Medical ethics: doctor –patient relationship, Nursing ethics
7. Engineering Ethics
8. Ethics of Accounting Practice
9. Whistle blowing
10. Problem of Dirty hands

Suggested Reading:

Alford, C.F. (2002). *Whistleblowers: Broken Lives and Organizational Power*, Cornell University Press.
 Fleddermann, C.B. (2011). *Engineering Ethics*, Prentice Hall, 4th edition
 Armstrong, Alan (2007). *Nursing Ethics: A Virtue-Based Approach*. Palgrave Macmillan.

COURSE 414 AESTHETICS II (WESTERN)

1. General introduction: conceptual analysis; basic philosophical concepts; sciences and the humanities.
2. Aesthetics and philosophical aesthetics: second-order aesthetics; the world of human experience, art and experience.
3. Art and its definition: art as representation; art as expression; art as significant form.
4. Art and emotion: the concept of emotion; the concept of fiction; fiction and emotion.
5. Literary aesthetics: the concept of literature; metaphor truth; meaning and interpretation.
6. Art society and morality: views of Tolstoy Marx and Postmodernism.

SUGGESTED READINGS:

O.Hear. Antony : *The elements of Fire: Science, Art and the Human World*, London: Routledge, 1988
 Peter Lamarque : *Philosophy and Fiction Essays in Literary; Aesthetics*, Aberdeen University, Press, 1983
 Anne Sheppard : *Aesthetics An Introduction to the Philosophy of Art*, Oxford University Press, 1987
 Olsen & Lamarque (Eds): *Truth, Fiction and Literature*; Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1997

COURSE 415 NAVYA NYAYA

Intensive study of Gangesa's *Tattvacintamani* with *Didhiti* of Raghunatha (selection)

COURSE 416 SĀMKHYA II

Special texts (selections)

1. *Sāmkhyasutrapravacanabhasya* of Vijñānabhikṣu
2. *Mathurivṛtti*
3. *Bhagavadgita*

COURSE 417 VEDANTA II

- 1 Rāmānuja: influences of the Tamil sages (Ā]vārs) and of Bhāskara, Yādavaprakāśa and Yāmunamuni; rejection of the idea of lower and higher teachings of Śruti; affirmation of saṅguṇa Brahman and rejection of nirguṇa Brahman; identification of Brahman with Viṣṇu and the consequent theological doctrines; seven objections to the theory of māyā
- 2 The concept of inseparable relation (apṛthaksiddhi); material universe and souls as the body of God and Brahman as the indweller (antaryāmi) in both; three realities (tattvatraya): cit, acit, Īśvara; satkāryavāda; material world as a product of jaḍaprakṛti; theory of quintuplication (pañcīkaraṇa)
- 3 The concept of jīva; dharmabhūtajñāna; theory of knowledge: svataḥprāmāṇya-vāda, pramāṇas, satkhyāti; nature of mokṣa and the means to it: karma, bhakti and jñānayogas; prapatti; rejection of jīvanmukti
- 4 Madhva: rejection of nirguṇa Brahman and māyā; identification of Brahman with Viṣṇu, the only independent substance (svatantradravya); difference (bheda) as ultimate and the description of the nature of difference (saviśeṣa-abheda); five kinds of ultimate differences
- 5 Sākṣin; the concept of knowledge; pramāṇas; theory of erroneous perception (abhinava anyathākhyāti); justification of intrinsic differences among jīvas; nature of liberation and the means to it; importance of divine grace

SUGGESTED READINGS:

- S.M. Srinivasa Chari : *Advaita and Viśiṣṭādvaita*, Delhi, 1976
- Eric J. Lott : *God and the Universe in the Vedāntic Theology of Rāmānuja*, Madras, 1976
- P.N. Srinivasachari : *Philosophy of Viśiṣṭādvaita*, Adyar, 1978
- P. Nagaraja Rao : *The Epistemology of Dvaita Vedānta*, Adyar, 1958
- L. Stafford Betty : *Vādirāja's Refutation of Śāṅkara's Non-Dualism*, Delhi, 1978
- B.N.K. Sarma : *A History of Dvaita School of Vedānta and its Literature*, Vols. I & II, Bombay, 1960-61
- K. Narain : *A Critique of the Madhva Refutation of the Śāṅkara School of Vedānta*, Allahabad, 1964
- Rāmānuja : *Śrībhāṣya* (selections)
- Śrīnivāsācārya : *Yatīndramatadīpikā*
- Madhva : *Commentary on the Vedānta Sūtras* (selections)
- _____ : *Śrīmadviṣṇutattvavīnirṇaya*
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COURSE 418 JAINISM

1. History and Fundamental tenets of Jainism
2. Special texts (any *one* of the following)
 - Umāsvati: *Tattavārthādhigamasūtra*
 - Siddhasena Divākara: *Nyāyāvātāra*
 - Haribhadra: *Sad-darśanasamuccaya* with the commentary of Gunaratna
 - Devasūri: *Pramaānanayatattvāloka*
 - Prabhācandra: *Prameyakalamārtānda*

COURSE 419 MODERN INDIAN THOUGHT II

1. Sri Aurobindo: Reality as “sat-cit-ananda”, Three phases of reality-evolution; Mind and Supermind; Integral Yoga
2. K. C. Bhattacharyya: Concept of Philosophy; Subject as Freedom; the Absolute and its alternative forms; Interpretation of Maya
3. S. Radhkrishnan: God and the Absolute; Intellect and Intuition; The Idealist View of Life.
4. J. Krishnamurti: The Self; Freedom from the Known; Inner Revolution; Individual, Society and Nature
5. B. G. Tilak: Interpretation of the Gita