

HONOURS COURSE

FIRST SEMESTER

PHIH 101

PROBLEMS OF PHILOSOPHY-I

Class - 60 hours

Unit-I	What is Philosophy?	Meaning and Scope of Philosophy: Ontology, Epistemology, Metaphysics, Concept of Applied Philosophy
Unit-II	Theories of the Origin of Knowledge:	Empiricist Theory, Rationalist Theory, Critical Theory, Intuitive Theory
Unit-III	Western Theories of Truth:	Correspondence, Coherence, Pragmatic
Unit-IV	Indian Theories of Truth:	Theories of Svataḥ Prāmāṇya and Parataḥ Prāmāṇya (Intrinsic and Extrinsic Validity)
Unit-V		Scepticism and Agnosticism

Suggested Readings :

1. Bhattacharyya, H.M., *The Principles of Philosophy*, University of Calcutta Publication

2. Chatterjee, S.C., *Problems of Philosophy*, (Progressive Publishers, Calcutta)
3. Ewing, A. C., *The Fundamental Questions of Philosophy*, Allied Publishers, 1989
4. Hospers, John, *An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis*
5. Woozley, A. D., *Theories of Knowledge*
6. Patrick, *An Introduction to Philosophy*
7. Sarma, C. D., *A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy*

PHIH 102

INDIAN PHILOSOPHY-I

Class - 60 hours

- Unit-I** General idea about the Schools of Indian Philosophy; Ārvāka: Epistemology, Metaphysics, Ethics Jaina: Syādvāda and Anekāntavāda
- Unit-II** Bauddha: Prati? tyasamutpāda, Anityavāda
Kṣanabhangavāda, Nairātmyavāda
- Unit-III** Sā? khyā; Satkāryavāda, Prakṛti, Puruṣa
- Unit-IV** Vedānta: Brahman, Ji? va, Jagat, Ma? yā and Mokṣa in Śa? kara's Philosophy
- Unit-V** Rāṇaṇuja's criticism of the Doctrine of Maṃyā, Brahman, Ji?va and Liberation

Suggested Readings :

1. Dutta, D.M. and Chatterjee, S.C., *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy* Calcutta Univ. Pub.
2. Hiriyanna, M., *Outlines of Indian Philosophy*
3. Radhakrishnan, S., *Indian Philosophy* (Vol. 2)
4. Dasgupta, S.N., *History of Indian Philosophy* (MLBD Publication)
5. Mahadevan, T.M.P., *Introduction to Indian Philosophy*
6. Chattopadhyaya, Debiprasad, *What Is Living and What is Dead in Indian Philosophy*, People's Publishing House, New Delhi

PHIH 103

OUTLINES OF WESTERN PHILOSOPHY-I

Class - 60 hours

- Unit-I** Greek Atomism, Socratic Method
- Plato: Theory of knowledge, Theory of Ideas
- Unit-II** Aristotle: Form and Matter. Theory of Causation, Categories.
- Unit-III** Descartes: Method, Ideas, Substance.
- Unit-IV** Spinoza: Substance, Attribute, Mode
- Unit-V** Leibnitz: Monadology, Pre-established Harmony

Suggested Readings :

1. Stace, W.T., *Critical History of Greek Philosophy*, Macmillan, 1972.
2. Copleston, F., *History of Western Philosophy* (Relevant Volumes)
3. O' Connor, D.J., *A Critical History of Western Philosophy*
4. Cornforth, Maurice, *Dialectical Materialism*
5. Scruton, Roger, *A History of Philosophy from Descartes to Wittgenstein*
6. Russell, B., *History of Western Philosophy* (Routledge)

SECOND SEMESTER

PHIH 201

PROBLEMS OF PHILOSOPHY-II

Class - 60 hours

Unit-I	Theories of Reality:	Realism and its types (Naive, Critical, Neo-Critical; Nyāya and Mīmāṃsā)
Unit-II	Theories of Reality:	Idealism and its types (Berkeley, Kant, Hegel, Buddhism, Vedānta)
Unit-III	Theories of Reality:	Materialism and its types (Cārvāka, Marxism)
Unit-IV		Categories: Substance, Causality, Space, Time, Universals
Unit-V		God and the Absolute Values: Subjective and Objective Values

Suggested Readings :

1. Bhattacharyya, H. M., *The Principles of Philosophy*, University of Calcutta Publication
2. Chatterjee, S. C., *Problems of Philosophy*, Progressive Publishers, Calcutta
3. Ewing, A. C., *The Fundamental Questions of Philosophy*, Allied Publishers, 1989
4. Hospers, John, *An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis*
5. Woozley, A. D., *Theories of Knowledge*
6. Patrick, *An Introduction to Philosophy*
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INDIAN PHILOSOPHY-II

Class - 60 hours

Unit-I	The Nyāya: Tarkasa? graha Dīpika? The nature of Jñāna, Yathārtha and Ayathārthanubhava. Karapa and Kāraṇa. Savikalpaka and Nirvikalpaka Pratyakṣa, Śadvidha Sannikarṣa (six types of sense object conjunction).
Unit-II	Anumāna: Parāmarśa, Vyāpti, Pakṣata, Svārthānumana and Parārthānumana,
Unit-III	Inference: Hetvābhāsa, Upamāna
Unit-IV	Śabda
Unit-V	Vaiśeṣika: Padārthaḥ (Seven Categories), Atomism

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1. Dutta, D.M. and Chatterjee, S.C., *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy* Calcutta University Publication.
2. Hiriyanna, M., *Outlines of Indian Philosophy*
3. Radhakrishnan, S., *Indian Philosophy* (Vol. 2)
4. Dasgupta, S.N., *History of Indian Philosophy* (MLBD Publication)
5. Mahadevan, T.M.P., *Introduction to Indian Philosophy*
6. Chatterjee, S.C., *The Nyaya Theory of Knowledge*
7. Chattopadhyaya, Debiprasad, *What Is Living and What is Dead in Indian Philosophy*, People's Publishing House, New Delhi
8. Bhattacharya, Gopinath, (Trans.), *Tarkasamgraha*, Progressive Publishers

OUTLINES OF WESTERN PHILOSOPHY-II

Class - 60 hours

Unit-I	Locke:	Representationism, Theory of Knowledge
Unit-II	Berkeley:	Subjective Idealism, Refutation of Matter
Unit-III	Hume:	Impression and Ideas, Causality, Self, Scepticism
Unit-IV	Kant:	Theory of knowledge, Synthetic Apriori Judgment Forms of Sensibility : Space, Time; Categories of Understanding
Unit-V	Hegel and Marx:	Dialectic Method

Suggested Readings :

1. Copleston, F., *History of Western Philosophy* (Relevant Volumes)
2. O' Connor, D.J., *A Critical History of Western Philosophy*
3. Morris, C.R., *Locke, Berkeley and Hume*
4. Cornforth, Maurice, *Dialectical Materialism*
5. Das, R.V., *A Handbook of Kant's Critique of Pure Reason*
6. Scruton, Roger, *A History of Philosophy from Descartes to Wittgenstein*
7. Russell, B., *History of Western Philosophy* (Routledge)

THIRD SEMESTER

PHIH 301

ETHICS-I

Class - 60 hours

Unit-I		Nature of Ethics, Meta Ethics and Normative Ethics.
Unit-II		Judgement, Fact and Value Concept of Good, Right and Duty Virtue Ethics: Aristotle
Unit-III	Teleological Ethics:	Hedonism, Utilitarianism (Bentham, Mill), Sarvodaya (M.K. Gandhi)
Unit-IV	Deontological Ethics: Intuitionism:	Kant G.E. Moore
Unit-V	Emotivism: Prescriptivism:	A. J. Ayer, C.L. Stevenson. R.M. Hare

Suggested Readings :

1. Frankena, W., *Ethics* (Prentice Hall of India)
2. Warnock, M., *Ethics Since 1900*,
3. Lillie, W., *Introduction to Ethics*, (Methuen, Univ. Paperback)
4. Hare, R.M., *The Language of Morals*
5. Chakraborty, D.K., *Problems of Analytic Ethics* (Manthan Prakash, 19, Guwahati).
8. Hursthouse, R., *Virtue Ethics*
9. Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*
10. Benn, Piers, *Ethics*, UCL (1998)
11. Swanton, C., *Virtue Ethics*, OUP
12. Rachels, J., *Elements of Moral Philosophy*, McGraw Hill, 1978

13. Iyer, Raghavan, *Moral and Political Thought of M.K. Gandhi*
14. Beauchamp, T.L. *Philosophical Ethics - An Introduction to Moral Philosophy*, Second Edition, McGraw Hill, Inc. New York, 1991

PHIH 302

LOGIC-I

Class - 60 hours

Unit-I	Nature of Logic, Truth and Validity, Laws of thought Traditional and Modern classification of Proposition and Exstential Import.
Unit-II	Immediate Inference: Conversion, Obversion, Contraposition
Unit-III	Square of opposition: Traditional, Aristotelian and Boolean :Venn Diagram Technique for testing categorical syllogisms
Unit-IV	Copi's Six Rules for testing categorical syllogisms
Unit-V	Preliminary Set theory

Suggested Readings :

1. Copi, I.M. and Cohen. K., *Introduction to Logic* (9th / 11th (ed.)
2. Suppes, P, *Introduction to Logic*, Chap 9 and 10, East West Press, Indian Edition

PHIH 303

SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY-I

Class - 60 hours

Unit-I	Social and Political Philosophy: Scope and Concerns. Its relation to Sociology and Ethics
Unit-II	Concepts of Family, Society, Nation, State and Ethnicity
Unit-III	The concept of Social Contract, Reforms and Revolution
Unit-IV	Relation between Individual and Society, Individualism, Collectivism
Unit-V	Socialism and Capitalism

Suggested Readings :

1. Raphel, D.D., *Problems of political philosophy*
2. Barker, E., *Principles of Social and Political Philosophy*
3. Russell, B., *Authority of Individual*
4. Ghandhi, M.K., *Hind Swaraj*
5. Chattopadhyay D.P. *Social Culture* (1973).

6. Lasleth, P. and Runchiman W.C., *Philosophy, Politics, Human Society*, 1972
7. Miri, Sujata, and Pal, Jagat, (ed.) *Introduction to Social and Political Philosophy*, NEHU

FOURTH SEMESTER

PHIH 401

ETHICS-II

Class - 60 hours

Unit-I	Hindu Ethics :	Puruṣārthas and their interrelation, Varnāśrama Dharma,
	Ethics of Gītā?	Swadharma and Niskāma Karma
Unit-II	Buddhist Ethics:	Four Noble Truths, Eight Fold Path
	Ethics of the Jaina:	Anuvratas and Mahaṇratas
Unit-III	Existentialist Ethics:	Kierkegaard: Freedom and Responsibility, Stages of Life's Way Sartre:
Unit-IV	Contemporary Ethical Problems:	Euthanasia, Amniocentesis
Unit-V	Contemporary Ethical Problems:	Animal Ethics: Animal Rights Environmental Ethics: Anthropocentrism and Ecocentrism

Suggested Readings :

1. Warnock, M., *Existentialist Ethics*
2. Singer, P., *Practical Ethics*
3. Chakraborty, D.K., *Problems of Analytic Ethics*, (Manthan Prakash, 19, Guwahati).
4. Sharma, I.C., *Ethical Philosophies of India*
5. Das Gupta, Surama, *Development of Moral Philosophy in India*
6. Warren, M. A., *Nature Ethics*, 2003
7. Singer, P., (ed.), *A Companion to Ethics*, Blackwell
8. Frey, R.G. and Wellman, C. H., (ed.), *A Companion to Applied Ethics*, Blackwell
9. Kewon, Demin, *Budhist Ethics*, OUP
10. Bilimoria, P., *Indian Ethics*, 2 volumes

PHIH 402

LOGIC-II

Class - 60 hours

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| Unit-I | Value of special symbols, symbolization, Decision Procedure, Testing of validity by Truth Table method |
| Unit-II | Proving Invalidity - Shorter Truth Table Method Technique , Indirect Method (Propositional Logic) |
| Unit-III | Quantification, Symbolisation, Rules, Formal Proof |
| Unit-IV | J.S. Mill's Methods of Experimental Enquiry. |
| Unit-V | Science and Hypothesis, Probability (Theories of Addition and Multiplication and their Joint Application) |

Suggested Readings:

1. Copi, I.M. and Cohen. K., *Introduction to Logic* 9th /11th (ed.)
2. Suppes, P., *Introduction to Logic*, Chap 9 and 10, East West Press, Indian Edition

PHIH - 403

SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY-II

Class - 60 hours

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| Unit-I | Democracy, Fascism, Liberalism and Marxism, Secularism |
| Unit-II | Feminism: Social construction of gender. Sex-gender relationship |
| Unit-III | Social Ideals: Liberty, Equality, |
| Unit-IV | Social Ideals: Justice, Human Rights |
| Unit-V | Insurgency, Terrorism, National Integration |

Suggested Readings:

1. Raphael, D. D. *Problems of Political Philosophy*
2. Barker, E., *Principles of Social and Political Philosophy*
3. Russell, B., *Authority of Individual*
4. Ghandhi, M.K., *Hind Swataj*
5. Chattopadhyay, D. P., *Social Culture*, 1973
6. Lasleth P. and Runchiman W.C., *Philosophy, Politics, Human Society*, 1972
7. Fraser, Nancy, *Unruly Practices* (Relevant Chapters on Feminism)
8. Geetha, V., *Gender*, 2002, Stree, Kolkata
9. Miri, Sujata, and Pal, Jagat, (ed.) *Introduction to Social and Political hilosophy*, NEHU

FIFTH SEMESTER

PHIH 501

CONTEMPORARY PHILOSOPHY : INDIAN

Class - 60 hours

Unit-I	Swami Vivekananda:	The Real Nature of Man, Universal Religion
Unit-II	Sri Aurobindo:	Evolution of Consciousness
Unit-III	Gandhi, M.K.:	Concept of Swara? j, Ahim? sa?
Unit-IV	Rabindranath Tagore:	Surplus in Man Problem of Evil
Unit-V	S. Radhakrishnan: K. C. Bhattacharya:	Intellect and Intuition Concept of Philosophy

Suggested Readings :

1. Vivekananda, Swami, (Selections from *The Complete Works of Swami Vivekananda*)
2. Hee, Peter (Ed.), *Basic Writings of Sri Aurobindo*, Oxford
3. Moitra, S.K., *The Philosophy of Sri Aurobindo*, Aurobindo Ashram
4. Gandhi, M.K. *Hind Swaraj*
5. Tagore, Rabindranath, Chapter II, *Religion of Man*, Harper Unwin Publication, 1993
6. Tagore, Rabindranath, *Sadhana*, Macmillan
7. Radhakrishnan, S., *An Idealist view of Life*, George Allen and Unwin, 1971
8. Lal, B.K, *Contemporary Indian Philosophy*, MLBD
9. Datta, D. M., *Chief currents in Contemporary Philosophy*
10. Datta, D. M., *Philosophy of M.K. Gandhi*
11. Bhattacharya, K. C., *Studies in Philosophy*, Progressive Publishers

PHIH 502

PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION-I

Class - 60 hours

Unit-I	Philosophy of Religion: Nature and Concerns
Unit-II	Theories of the origin of Religion: Anthropological, Psychological
Unit-III	Proofs for the existence of God: Ontological Argument Cosmological Argument
Unit-IV	Teleological Argument, Moral Argument
Unit-V	Problem of Evil, Faith, Reason and Revelation

Suggested Readings :

1. Hick, J. *Philosophy of Religion*, Prentice Hall
2. Hick, J. (ed.) *Classical and Contemporary Readings*
3. Hick, J., *An Interpretation of Religion*
4. Caird, J., *Philosophy of Religion*

PHIH 503

GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY-I

Class - 60 hours

Unit-I	Definition, Scope and Methods of Psychology-Introspection, Extrospection, Experimental Methods
Unit-II	Physiological Basis of Mental Life: nervous System, Localisation of brain functions, Endocrine Glands
Unit-III	Sensation-Weber Fechner Law, Structure and Functions of Eye and Ear
Unit-IV	Perception, Factors of Perception, Gestalt theory of Perception, Nature, Conditions and span of Attention
Unit-V	Memory and Imagination, Marks of Good Memory, Laws of Association, Levels of Consciousness - Unconscious, Freud's Theory of Dream, Emotion-various theories, Instinct-McDougall's Theory

Suggested Readings :

1. Morgan, C. T., King R. A., Weiszz, J.R. and Schopler, J., *Introduction to Psychology*
2. Hurlock, E. B., *Development Psychology*
3. Burt, H. E., *Applied Psychology*
4. Witting, A. F. and William G., *Psychology: An Introduction*

SIXTH SEMESTER

PHIH 601

CONTEMPORARY PHILOSOPHY : WESTERN

Class - 60 hours

Unit-I	Bertrand Russell:	Logic as the Essence of Philosophy
Unit-II	Logical Positivism:	Elimination of Metaphysics, Principle of Verification
Unit-III	Ludwig Wittgenstein:	Picture Theory of Meaning, Language Game
Unit-IV	Husserl:	Phenomenological Standpoint, Intentionality of Consciousness
Unit-V	Salient Features of Existentialism:	Theistic, Atheistic
	Jean-Paul Sartre:	Existentialism and Humanism

Suggested Readings :

1. Russell, B., *Our Knowledge of the External World*
2. Ayer, A. J., *Language, Truth and Logic*
3. Pitcher, G., *The Philosophy of Wittgenstein*
4. Spiegelberg, H., *The Phenomenological Movement* (Vol. 1- Hague: Martinus Nijhoff, 1971)
5. Sartre, J. P., *Existentialism and Humanism*
6. Urmson, J. O., *Philosophical Analysis*
7. Bhadra, M. K., *A Critical Survey of Phenomenology and Existentialism*, ICPR, New Delhi, 1990

PHIH 602

PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION-II

Class - 60 hours

Unit-I	Religious Language: Cognitivist and Non-cognitivist Debate
Unit-II	Fundamental Tenets of Living Religions, Religious Tolerance
Unit-III	Conflict of Religions and the Possibility of Comparative Religion
Unit-IV	Possibility of Inter-religious understanding, Religious Pluralism
Unit-V	Religion and Morality, Science and Religion

Suggested Readings :

1. Hick, J., *Philosophy of Religion*, Prentice Hall
2. Hick, J. (ed.), *Classical and Contemporary Readings*
3. Hick, J., *An Interpretation of Religion*

4. Caird, J., *Philosophy of Religion*
5. Ranganatha, Swami, *Science and Religion*, Ramkrishna Mission
6. Chatterjee, P. B., *Comparative Religion*.

PHIH 603

GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY-II

Class - 60 hours

Unit-I	Theories of Learning	: Trial and Error, Conditioned Response, Insight Theory
Unit-II		Personality-Factors of Personality-Hereditry and Environment Intelligence - Measurement of Intelligence Psychoanalysis, Behaviourism
Unit-III	Contemporary Schools of Psychology Branches of Psychology	Child Psychology, Experimental Psychology, Physiological Psychology, Abnormal Psychology, Educational Psychology Industrial Psychology and Social Psychology
Unit-IV	Psychological Concepts	: Motivation, stress, conflict, anxiety, attitude, aggression, prejudice, depression
Unit-V	Aspects of Development Psychology	Sensory, Emotional, Cognitive, Social and Linguistic

Suggested Readings :

1. Morgan, C. T., King R.A., Weiszz, J.R. and Schopler, J., *Introduction to Psychology*
2. Hurlock, E. B., *Development Psychology*
3. Burt, H. E., *Applied Psychology*
4. Bhattacharyya, P.N., *Text Book of Psychology*, Vols. I to M
5. Witting, A. F. and William G., *Psychology: An Introduction*

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