

**STATE MODEL SYLLABUS FOR  
UNDERGRADUATE  
COURSE IN PHILOSOPHY  
(Bachelor of Arts Examination)**

Under Choice Based Credit System

Semester		<b>CORE COURSE (14)</b>	<b>Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course (AECC) (2)</b>	<b>Skill Enhancement Compulsory Course (SECC)(2)</b>	<b>Elective: Discipline Specific DSE (4)</b>	<b>Elective: Generic (GE) (4)</b>
I	CC I	General Philosophy	EVS &DM			<b>GE-I</b> Symbolic Logic
	CCII	Logic and Scientific Method				
II	CCIII	Systems of Indian Philosophy –I	MIL			<b>GE-II</b> Indian Philosophy
	CCIV	Symbolic Logic				
III	CCV	Ethics		English Communication		
	CCVI	History of Greek Philosophy				
	CCVII	Systems of Indian Philosophy (II)				
IV	CCVIII	Contemporary Indian Philosophy		Quantitative & Logical Thinking		
	CCIX	History of Modern European Philosophy				
	CCX	Philosophy of Language				
V	CCXI	Western Classics: Meditations of Rene Descartes			<b>DSE-I</b> PHILOSOPHY OF BHAGAVAD GITA	
	CCXII	Indian Text: Isa Upanishad			<b>DSE-II</b> PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION	
VI	CCXIII	Social & Political Philosophy			<b>DSE-III</b> GANDHIAN STUDIES	
	CC XIV	Applied Ethics			<b>DSE-IV</b> PROJECT	

**PHILOSOPHY**

## PHILOSOPHY-HONOURS

Core course – 14 papers

Discipline Specific Elective – 4 papers

**Skill Enhancement Compulsory Course-2 papers** Generic Elective for non Philosophy students – 4 papers. In case University offers 2 subjects as GE, then papers 1 and 2 will be the GE paper.

Marks per paper - Midterm : 20 marks, End term : 80 marks, Total – 100 marks

Credit per paper – 6, Teaching hours per paper – 50 hours + 10 hours tutorial

### CC I: GENERAL PHILOSOPHY

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

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

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

**Unit-IV:** Problems of Ethics: (1) Theories of Goodness: The good and the evil (2) Theories of conduct: Egoism & Altruism.

#### Prescribed Books:

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

#### Reference books:

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

### CC II: LOGIC AND SCIENTIFIC METHOD

**Unit-I:** Definition of Logic, Laws of Thought, Deductive and Inductive Arguments, Validity&Soundness of Arguments.

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

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

**Unit-4:** Inductive Reasoning & Scientific Enquiry: Causation & Mills Experimental Methods.

#### Prescribed Book:

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

#### Reference Book:

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

### CC III:SYSTEMS OF INDIAN PHILOSOPHY–I

- Unit-I:** Salient Features of Indian Philosophy, Basic concepts like Rta, Rna, Carvakas- Epistemology and Metaphysics (Lokayatamata)
- Unit-II-** Jainism - Syadvada, Anekantavada, Jaina ethics (concept of Triratna)
- Unit-III:** Buddhism: Four Noble Truths, Doctrine of Momentariness, Dependant Origination, No Soul Theory, Nirvana
- Unit-IV:** Samkhya-Dualistic System: Purusa, Prakriti, Theory of Causation, Theory of Evolution, Astanga Yoga of Patanjali

**Prescribed Books:**

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

**Reference Books:**

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

### CC IV:SYMBOLIC LOGIC

- Unit-I:** Chapter- I Introduction  
Chapter- II-The Calculus of Propositions
- Unit- II:** Chapter-III Calculus of Propositions (Sec 1 to 6)
- Unit-III:** Chapter-IV Calculus of Propositions (Sec 7 to 9)  
The Elements of Predicate Calculus (Section 1 to 9 of chapter V)
- Unit-IV:** Appendix (Sec-I to Sec-IV)
- Prescribed Books:** -Basson & O' Corner: Introduction to Symbolic Logic

### CC V:ETHICS

- Unit-I:** Definition, Nature & Scope of Ethics, Ethics in relation to Politics, Sociology and Religion
- Unit-II:** Distinction between moral and non-moral action, Moral and factual Judgement. Object of Moral Judgement.
- Unit-III:** Theories of Morality: Hedonism, Utilitarianism, Rigorism, Perfectionism
- Unit-IV:** Theories of punishment; Retributive, Reformative and Preventive theory.

**Prescribed Book:**

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

**Reference Books:**

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

### CC VI:HIISTORY OF GREEK PHILOSOPHY

- Unit-I:** Nature of Greek Philosophy: What is Philosophy? Origin, development andSalient features of early Greek Thought
- Unit-II:** Pre-Socratic Thought: The Being of Parmenides, Becoming of Heraclitus andAtomism of Democritus
- Unit-III:** Socrates: Problem before Socrates, Dialectical method, epistemology

And ethics of Socrates.

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

**Prescribed Book:**

(1) W. T. Stace - Greek Philosophy

**Reference books:**

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

**CC VII:SYSTEMS OF INDIAN PHILOSOPHY (II)**

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

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

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

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

**Prescribed Books: -**

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

**Books for Reference: -**

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

**CC VIII:CONTEMPORARY INDIAN PHILOSOPHY**

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

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

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

**Unit- IV:**S. Radhakrishnan: Man, Reality and Religion

J Krishna Murty: Man and Nature, Human Crisis

**Prescribed Book: -**

1. B.K Lal: Contemporary Indian Philosophy

**Books for Reference: -**

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

**CC IX:HISTORY OF MODERN EUROPEAN PHILOSOPHY**

**Unit- I** Bacon: Theory of Idola, Inductive Method

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

**Unit-II** Spinoza: Substance, Attribute and Modes

Leibnitz: Theory of Monads, Pre-established harmony

**Unit- III** Locke: Refutation of Innate ideas, Sources of knowledge

Berkeley: Subjective idealism, Esse-est-percipii Hume: Impression and Idea, Skepticism and Causality

**Unit- IV** Kant: Reconciliation between empiricism and Rationalism  
Possibility of Synthetic-a priori judgment

**Prescribed Book: -**

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

**Books for Reference: -**

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

## **CC X: PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE**

**Unit-I** Word Meaning: Meaning of the word “meaning”, Ambiguity and Vagueness

**Unit- II** Definitions: Denotative, Connotative and Ostensive  
Defining and Accompanying Characteristics  
Stipulative, Reportive and Persuasive definition

**Unit- III** Sentence Meaning: Proposition and sentence  
Word Meaning and sentence meaning, Criteria of sentence meaning

**Unit-IV** Concept: Nature and source  
Truth: Correspondence, Coherence and Truth as it works

**Prescribed book: -**

1. John Hospers: An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis

**Books for Reference: -**

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

## **CCXI: WESTERN CLASSICS: MEDITATIONS OF RENE DESCARTES**

**Unit- I** Meditation I: Sceptical Doubts  
Meditation II: Cogito-ergo-sum, Sum- res-cogitans, The Wax argument

**Unit- II** Meditation III: Clear and Distinct perceptions  
Theory of Ideas, Existence of God

**Unit- III** Meditation IV: God is no deceiver, will, intellect and possibility of Error  
Meditation V: Essence of Material things, Existence of God

**Unit- IV** Meditation- VI Mind- body Dualism, Primary and Secondary Quality

**Prescribed Book: -**

1. Rene Descartes: Meditations on first Philosophy

**Books for Reference: -**

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

## **CCXII: INDIAN TEXT: ISA UPANISHAD**

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

**Unit-II** Mantra 1 to 9

**Unit- III** Mantra 10 to 14

**Unit- IV** Mantra 15 to 18

**Prescribed Book: -**

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

**Books for Reference: -**

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

**CCXIII: SOCIAL & POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY**

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

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

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

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

**Prescribed Book-**

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

**Reference Books-**

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

**CCXIV: APPLIED ETHICS**

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

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

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

**Unit-IV:** Professional Ethics: (a) Business Ethics- Rights and Obligations, Justice & Honesty in Ethics. (b) Bio-medical Ethics- Hippocratic Oath, Rights and Obligations of Health- Care Professionals, Doctor- Patient-Relationship

**Prescribed Book-**

1. Peter Singer- Practical Ethics

**Reference Books-**

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

## DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE

### DSE I: PHILOSOPHY OF BHAGAVAD GITA

**Unit-I:**Dharma:-Varnadharma, Swabhava, Swadharma- Paradharm

**Unit-II:**Karma:-Classification of Karma; Agency Niskama Karma, Lokasamgraha, Relation between Karma Yoga and Jnana yoga

**Unit-III:**Jnana:- Distinction between Jnana and Vijnana. Criteria of True Knowledge (Buddhi Yoga & JnanaYoga), Kshetra, Kshetrajna, Purusottama.Sattvika, Rajasika and TamasikaJnana

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

#### Prescribed Books-

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

#### Reference Books-

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

### DSE-II: PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

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

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

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

**Unit-IV:** Problems of Religious Language

#### Prescribed Book-

1. John Hick- Philosophy of Religion

#### Reference Books-

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

### DSE –III:GANDHIAN STUDIES

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

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

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

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

#### Prescribed Book-

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

#### Reference Books-

1. Social & Political Thought of M.K. Gandhi- Jaya Tanuja Bandopadhyay



2. Mahatma Gandhi- R.R. Diwakar

**Project (Optional)**

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

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

## **GENERIC ELECTIVE**

### **GEI: SYMBOLIC LOGIC**

**Unit 1:** Chapter I- Introductory

Chapter II- The Calculus of Propositions

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

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

Chapter V- The Elements of Predicate Calculus

**Unit IV:** Appendix Sec 1 to Sec 4

**Prescribed Book: -**

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

### **GEII: INDIAN PHILOSOPHY**

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

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

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

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

**Prescribed Books:-**

1. Dutta and Chatterjee: An Introduction to Indian Philosophy

**Reference Books:-**

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