

Syllabus for Undergraduate Programme

Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy



Manipur University, Canchipur

Imphal-795003

Undergraduate Course (BA)

Philosophy
FIRST SEMESTER
Elective Paper/E1-101
GREEK PHILOSOPHY

Full Marks : 100

Approx. Lect.: 90

Unit I: The Ionics: Thales – Theory of Reality : The Pythagoreans: Number Theory and Ethics; The Eleatics: Parmenides – Sense and Reason, Ontology.	20 – Marks 15 – Lectures
Unit II: Heracleitus: Change and Permanence; The Atomists: Democritus – Theory of Particles; The Sophists: Protagoras – Theory of knowledge.	20 – Marks 12 – Lectures
Unit III: Socrates: The Socratic Problem, The Socratic Method.	10 – Marks 5 – Lectures
Unit IV: Plato: Theory of Knowledge, Theory of Ideas, Doctrine of Immortality, Ethics.	25 – Marks 28 – Lectures
Unit V: Aristotle: Theory of Categories, Criticism of Platonic Theory of Ideas, Metaphysics, The Four Causes.	25 – Marks 30 – Lectures

Text Books:

1. W.T. Stace – *A Critical History of Greek Philosophy*
2. Frank Thilly – *A History of Philosophy*

Reference Books:

1. Frederick Copleston – *A History of Philosophy, Vol. 1 Part I and Part II.*
2. Leonard Nelson – *Socrates Method and Critical Philosophy.*
3. Karl Popper – *The Pre-Socratics*

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SECOND SEMESTER
Elective Paper/E1-202
INDIAN PHILOSOPHY 1

Full Marks – 100
Approx. Lect. – 90

Unit I: Meaning and scope of India philosophy; Heterodox and Orthodox Schools; The common characters of India schools; Pessimism and Dogmatism in India Philosophy.	20 – Marks 15 – Lectures
Unit II: Carvaka: Theory of knowledge, Materialisms, Ethics.	15 – Marks 10 – Lectures
Unit III: Jainism: Concept of Reality, theory of judgment (Syadvada), Ethics.	25 – Marks 25 – Lectures
Unit IV: Buddhism: The four Noble truths, the Eightfold Noble Path (astangikamarga). The Theory of conditional Existence of Things (Pratityasamutpada), The theory of Non-existence of soul (anatmavada)	25 – Marks 25 – Lectures
Unit V: Schools of Buddhism: Madhyamika: Sunyabada; Yogacara; Vijnanavada; Sautrantica; and Vaibhasika: The process of Knowing the World (Bahyanumeyavada and Bahyapratyksavada)	25 – Marks 30 – Lectures

Text Books:

1. S.C Chatterjee and D.M Dutta- An Introduction to Indian Philosophy.
2. M. Hiriyanna- Outlines of Indian Philosophy.

Reference Books:

1. S. Radhakrishnan- Indian Philosophy, Vol I & II
2. S. Dasgupta- History of Indian Philosophy.
3. C.D Sharma- A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy.

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THIRD SEMESTER

Elective Paper/E1-303

LOGIC

Full Marks – 100

Approx. Lect. – 90

Unit I: Logic as the study of arguments:

Arguments: The nature of logical argument; Premises and Conclusions; Conclusion indicators and Premise indicators; Diagram for argument; Diagram for single argument; Diagram for simple complex arguments; Truth and Validity.

15 – Marks

10 – Lectures

Unit II: Sentences and Propositions:

Word and Sentences; Letter and Word; Token and Type; Sentence Token and Sentence Type; Kinds of Sentence; Sentence and Meaning of Sentence; Proposition: Distinction between a Proposition and a Sentence; Truth value of a Proposition; Kinds of Proposition; Simple and Compound Proposition – Conjunctive, Disjunctive, Implicative and Negative Proposition; Analysis of And, Either Or, If Then, Not; Singular Proposition; General proposition; Quantifiers: All, Some; AEIO Proposition; Terms and their distribution in AEIO.

15 – Marks

20 – Lectures

Unit III: Formal Concept:

Form and Matter; Form of a Proposition; Variable; Propositional Variable; Function; Propositional Function; Formal Function; Truth Function: Conjunctive, Disjunctive, Alternative, Implicative, Negative; Paradoxes of Material Implication; Bi-conditional; Material Equivalence; Logical Equivalence; Truth Table: Argument Form; Tautologies, Contradictories and Contingencies; Truth Table Method of Proving the Validity of Arguments.

25 – Marks

20 – Lectures

Unit IV: The Method of Deduction:

Elementary valid argument forms; Formal Proof of Validity; The Rule of Conditional Proof; The Rule of Indirect Proof; Proof of Tautologies; Proving Invalidity.

25 – Marks

15 – Lectures

Unit V: Syllogism:

Aristotlean Syllogism; Standard Form Categorical Syllogism; The Rules or Axioms of Validity; General Theorems of the Syllogism; The Figures and Moods of the Syllogism; The Special Theorems and Valid Moods of the First, Second, Third and Fourth Figures. The Reduction of Syllogism; The Antilogism or Inconsistent Triad; Fallacies of Syllogism; Venn Diagram Proofs of Validity or Invalidity; Enthymems; Sorties.

20 – Marks

25 – Lectures

Text Books:

1. Irving M Copi and Carl Cohen – *An Introduction to Logic*.
2. Morris R. Cohen and Ernest Nagel – *An Introduction to Logic and Scientific method*.

Reference Books:

1. Irving M Copi – *Symbolic Logic*.
2. Paul Tidman and Howard Kahne – *Logic and Philosophy; A Modern Introduction*.

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FOURTH SEMESTER

Elective Paper/E1-404

MORAL PHILOSOPHY

Full Marks – 100

Approx. Lect. – 90

Unit I: Nature and Scope of Ethics; Relation of Ethics to Religion, Politics and Law; Normative Ethics and Metathics. 15 – Marks

10 – Lectures

Unit II: Moral and Non-moral Actions; The Nature of moral judgment; The Object of moral judgment; Moral obligations 15 – Marks

10 – Lectures

Unit III: Theories of Moral Standard: Naturalistic and non-naturalistic ethics; Hedonism; Utilitarianism; Intuitionism. 20 – Marks

20 – Lectures

Unit IV: The Moral Law as a Law Reason; Kant's ethical theory; The Concept of Nishkama Karma; The Standard as Perfection; My Station and its Duties. 25 – Marks

25 – Lectures

Unit V: Value of Life: Suicide and Euthanasia; Theories of Punishment: Capital Punishment; Expression of Dissent; Terrorism; Moral attitude to the environment and animals.

25 – Marks

25 – Lectures

Text Books:

1. J.N. Sinha – A Manual of Ethics.
2. William Lillie – An Introduction to Ethics.
3. Peter Singer – Practical Ethics.

Reference Books:

1. J.S. Mackenzie – A Manual of Ethics
2. William Frankena – Ethics.
3. S. Lokendrajit Singh – On Who is A Terrorist published in the International Journal of World Affairs.

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FIFTH SEMESTER
Honors /H - 505
HISTORY OF WESTERN PHILOSOPHY 1

Full Marks – 100
Approx. Lect. – 90

Unit I: Scholasticism; Its characteristics and stages	10 – Marks 10 – Lectures
Unit II: St. Augustine: Theory of Knowledge and Theology. Thomas Aquinas: Philosophy and Theology; Theory of Knowledge.	10 – Marks 10 – Lectures
Unit III: Descartes: Method and Criticism of Knowledge: The Principle – cogito ergo sum; Existence of the External World; Relation between Mind and Body; The Theory of Innate Ideas.	30 – Marks 25– Lectures
Unit IV: Spinoza: Substance, Attributes and Modes; Theory of Knowledge.	25 – Marks 20– Lectures
Unit V: Leibnitz: The Doctrine of Monads; Theory of Knowledge; The Pre-established Harmony.	25 – Marks 25 – Lectures

Text Books:

1. Frank Thilly – A History of Philosophy.
2. Y. Masih – A Critical History of Western Philosophy

Reference Books:

1. Richard Fulckenberg – History of Modern Philosophy.
2. Frederick Copleston – A History of Philosophy
3. Bertrand Russell – History of Western Philosophy.

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FIFTH SEMESTER
Honors Paper /H - 506
HISTORY OF WESTERN PHILOSOPHY II

Full Marks – 100
Approx. Lect. – 90

- Unit I:** Locke; Criticism of Innate Ideas, Origin of Knowledge, Nature and Validity of Knowledge, The Limits of Knowledge. 20 – Marks
15 – Lectures
- Unit II:** Berkeley: Rejection of Abstract Ideas, Theory of Knowledge, The Doctrine of esse est percipi. 20 – Marks
15 – Lectures
- Unit III:** Hume: Origin of Knowledge; Relation of Ideas and Matters of Facts; Relation of Cause and Effect; Knowledge of the External World. 30 – Marks
30 – Lectures
- Unit IV:** Kant: The Problem of Knowledge, The Distinction between Analytic and Synthetics Judgement, The Distinction between a priori and empirical knowledge; A priori synthetic judgement; The Theory of Sense Perception; The Theory of the Understanding; Phenomena and Noumena. 30 – Marks
30 – Lectures
- Unit V:** Hegel: The Problem of Philosophy, The Dialectical Method. 15 – Marks
15 – Lectures

Text Books:

1. Frank Thilly – A History of Philosophy.
2. Y. Masih – A Critical History of Western Philosophy

Reference Books:

1. Richard Fulckenberg – History of Modern Philosophy.
2. Frederick Copleston – A History of Philosophy
3. Bertrand Russell – History of Western Philosophy.

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FIFTH SEMESTER
Honors Paper /H - 507
CONTEMPORARY WESTERN PHILOSOPHY

Full Marks – 100
Approx. Lect. – 90

Unit I: Historical background and development of philosophical Analysis:

Linguistic turns: Ideal language and Ordinary language debate; Early realism; Logical atomism; Logical positivism; Ordinary language philosophy. 20 – Marks

10 – Lectures

Unit II: Method of Philosophical Analysis:

Moore: Concept of language and philosophy; Analysis of language; Common sense approach. Russell: Concept of language and philosophy: Analysis of language; Application of logic in philosophy. 20 – Marks

15 – Lectures

Unit III: Theories of meaning :

Frege's Reference theory of meaning; Russell's Denotative theory of meaning; Wittgenstein's Picture theory of meaning; Verification theory of meaning of Logical Positivists. 30 – Marks

25 – Lectures

Unit IV: Logical Positivism:

Concept of philosophy; The task of philosophy; The Verification Principle; The Elimination of metaphysics. 10 – Marks

15 – Lectures

Unit V: Existentialist Movements:

The Main feature of existentialism; Theistic and Atheistic existentialism; Existence precedes essence; Sartre's Philosophy of Being and Concept of freedom

20 – Marks

20 – Lectures

Text Books:

1. B.R Gross – Analytic Philosophy.
2. A.J. Ajer, et al. – Revolution in Philosophy, London, 1956.
3. A.C. Grayling – An Introduction to Philosophical Logic, Oxford, 1997. (Chapter)

Reference Books:

1. G. J. Warnock – English Philosophy since 1900, OUP, London, 1958
2. Simon Critchley – Continental Philosophy, OUP, Delhi, 2001
3. J. O. Urmson – Philosophical Analysis, Oxford, 1956.
4. Thomas Flynn – Existentialism, OUP, Delhi, 2006.

5. M.K. Bhadra – A Critical Survey of Phenomenology and Existentialism, ICPR, Delhi, 1990

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SIXTH SEMESTER

Honors Paper /H - 608

INDIAN PHILOSOPHY II

Full Marks – 100

Approx. Lect. – 90

Unit I: Nyaya:

Nature of Knowledge (Prama), Sources of valid Knowledge (Pramanas) – Perception (Pratyaksa), Inference (Anumana), Comparison (Upaamana), and Testimony (Sabda).

20 – Marks

15 – Lectures

Unit II: Vaisesika:

Categories (Padarthas), Theory of the Creation and Destruction of the world.

20 – Marks

20 – Lectures

Unit III: Sankhya – Yoga:

The Sankhya Theory of Causation, Evolution, Purusa and Prakrti; The Yoga Psychology and Eightfold Means of Yoga.

20 – Marks

20– Lectures

Unit IV: Mimamsa

Theory of Knowledge and The Philosophy of Ritualistic Actions; The Conception of Duty (Dharma).

15 – Marks

15– Lectures

Unit V: Vedanta:

Brahman, Isvara, Atman, Jiva, Jagat, Maya, Avidya, Adhyasa and Moksa with special reference to the Monism of Sankara (Advaita) and the Qualified Monism of Ramanuja (Visistadvaita)

25 – Marks

20 – Lectures

Text Books:

1. S. C. Chatterjee and D.M. Dutta – An Introduction to Indian Philosophy.

Reference Books:

1. S.C. Chatterjee – Nyaya Theory of Knowledge.
2. D.M. Dutta – Six Ways of Knowing.
3. Cowell(English Translation) – Udayana'sKusumanjali.
4. S.N. Dasgupta – History of Indian Philosophy.

5. Keith, A.B – Karma Mimamsa.
6. S. Radhakrishnan – Indian Philosophy, Vol. I and II.

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Honors Paper /H - 609

PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

Full Marks – 100

Approx. Lect. – 90

Unit I: The Nature and Scope of the Philosophy of Religion; Distinction between Natural and Revealed Religion; Origin and Development of Religion: Anthropological, Psychological and Historical theories.

25 – Marks

25 – Lectures

Unit II: Nature and Attributes of God; Personality of God; God and the Absolute; Proofs for the Existence of God – Ontological, Cosmological, Teleological and Moral.

25 – Marks

25 – Lectures

Unit III: God and His relation to the World and Man – Deism, Pantheism and Theism.

15 – Marks

10 – Lectures

Unit IV: The Problem of Evil; Freedom and Immortality of the Self; Destiny of Man.

20 – Marks

20 – Lectures

Unit V: Substitutes for Religion – Materialism, Marxism and Freudianism.

15 – Marks

10 – Lectures

Text Books:

1. D.M. Edward – Philosophy of Religion.
2. John Hick – Philosophy of Religion.
3. Y Masih – Philosophy of Religion.

Reference Books:

1. John Caird – Philosophy of Religion.

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SIXTH SEMESTER
Honors Paper /H - 610
POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

Full Marks – 100
Approx. Lect. – 90

Unit I: Greek Political Philosophy: Plato and Aristotle

Plato's Ideal Republic as a theoretical construct; Plato's theory of human nature; Theory of Justice; Plato's concept of Philosopher King and his reasons for the Rule of Philosopher King; Plato's Theory of Education.

Aristotle's Theory of State, Justice, Citizenship, Government and Revolution.

20 – Marks

20 – Lectures

Unit II: Political Philosophy: Hobbes, Locke and Rousseau.

Human Nature; The Social Contract; The General Will; Society and Government.

20 – Marks

15 – Lectures

Unit III: Political Philosophy of John Stuart Mill.

Mill's Theory of the Growth of Civil Society; Mill's Defense of Individual Freedom; Mill's Defense of Freedom of Expression; Self and Other Regarding Acts; Public and Private Morality.

15 – Marks

15 – Lectures

Unit IV: The Political Philosophy of Karl Marx:

Marx's Concept of Man, Nature and Technology; Marx's Concept of Economic Structure; Forces of Production and Relation of Production; The Notion of Contradiction between the Forces of Production and Relation of Production; The Base and the Superstructure Model; Theory of Alienation; The Revolution and the Class Struggle

15 – Marks

15 – Lectures

Unit V: Justice: Rawls' Theory of Justice:

The Role of Justice; The Subject of Justice; The Main Idea of the Theory of Justice; The Original Position and Justification. The Distinction between Utilitarian and the Contractarian Theory of Justice

Text Books:

1. **Ebenstein** – Greek Political Thinkers.
2. Ernest Barker – Political Thought of Plato and Aristotle.
3. G.H. Sabine – A History of Political Thought.
4. J.S. Mill – On Liberty.
5. John Rawls – A Theory of Justice.
6. John Me Murthy – The Structure of Marx's World View.

Reference Books:

1. Plato – The Republic.
2. Aristotle – Politics.
3. Hobbes – Leviathan.
4. Locke – An Essay Concerning the True Original, Extent and End of Civil Government.
5. Rousseau – The Social Contract.
6. Mill – Utilitarianism.
7. Marx – Early Writings.
Capital Vol. I
Capital Vol. II
Capital Vol. III
Capital Vol. IV
8. Harld J. Laski (ed) – The Communist Manifesto
9. AmartyaSen – The Ideas of Justice.