

SEMESTER 2nd
MAJOR / MINOR COURSE

Subject: PHILOSOPHY

Course Title:- (MEDIEVAL AND MODERN PHILOSOPHY)

Course Code:- BPL22C201

CREDITS: THEORY - 04, TUTORIALS: 02

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- a. This course offers an overview of the key developments in the history of philosophical thought from 3rd to 19th CE.
- b. It introduces us to various ways in which philosophers engaged with, debated, contested the established ways of thinking about universe, reality, knowledge, mind, body, society, freedom, God.
- c. It maps the philosophers' response to some of the greatest intellectual challenges in history: reconciling traditional Greek philosophy and religion with the radical scientific developments of modernity.
- d. Exposure to the paradigmatic philosophical texts and major figures in the history of Medieval and Modern Western Philosophy.

THEORY (04 CREDITS)

16Hrs per Unit

UNIT I

Neo-Platonist Legacy
Augustine: Reason-Faith
Aquinas: Philosophical Theology

UNIT II

Descartes: Method of Doubt

Spinoza: Theory of Substance
Leibniz: Monadology

UNIT III

Locke: Theory of Knowledge
Berkeley: Subjective Idealism
Hume: Empiricism and Skepticism

UNIT IV

Kant: Transcendental Idealism
Hegel: Absolute Idealism
Marx: Critique of Idealism

TUTORIALS / MINI PROJECTS (02 CREDITS)

UNIT V

Metaphysics of Bandit Spinoza
Kant's critique of pure reason
Marxist Ontology of Human Existence: A Critical Analysis

RECOMMENDED READINGS

1. Pauliina Remes - Neoplatonism
2. David Farley - Routledge History of Philosophy Routledge History of Philosophy. From Aristotle to Augustine
3. Henry Chadwick - Augustine: A Very Short Introduction
4. Fergus Kerr Thomas Aquinas: A Very Short Introduction
5. Anthony Kenny- Philosophy in the Modern World: A New History of Western Philosophy
6. Frederick Copleston - Modern Philosophy: From Descartes to Leibniz

7. Alexandre Kojeve, Introduction to the Reading of Hegel
8. Georges Dicker, Kant's Theory of Knowledge: An Analytical Introduction
9. Jon Elster, An Introduction to Karl Marx
1. Socrates to Sartre: By Samuel Stumph
2. Critical history of Greek philosophy:- W.T Stace

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SEMESTER 1st to 3rd MULTIDISCIPLINARY COURSE

CREDITS: 03

Subject: PHILOSOPHY

Course Title : (INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY)

Course Code : BPL22M101

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- a. *To get a sense of how philosophers function as mistake specialists, identifying the errors that our ways of thinking are marked by, figuring out ways of overcoming them.*
- b. *To see how thinking is an indispensable human activity that we can't outsource to others, and how philosophy is, above all else, a work on oneself, one's own conceptual repertoire, presuppositions, prejudices.*
- c. *To expose ourselves to the paradigmatic philosophical figures in the history of Western and Islamic philosophy and some of their key concepts, and thereby learn to think across traditions.*

16 Hrs per Unit

UNIT I

Understanding Philosophy & its Branches

Socrates: Philosophical Method

Aristotle: Causation.

UNIT II

Rene Descartes: Cartesian Epistemology

John Locke: Critique of Cartesian Epistemology

Immanuel Kant: Synthesis of Rationalism and Empiricism

UNIT III

Existentialism :- An Introduction

Kierkegaard :- Three Stages of Life

Sartre :- Freedom and Responsibility

RECOMMENDED READINGS

1. The Story of Philosophy - Will Durant
2. Philosophy: A Very Short Introduction - Edward Craig
3. The Cambridge Companion to Early Greek Philosophy - A. A. Long
4. Arguing with Socrates: An Introduction to Plato's Shorter Dialogues - Christopher Warne
5. *Philosophy as a Way of Life: Spiritual Exercises from Socrates to Foucault* - Pierre Hadot and Arnold Davidson
6. Human, All Too Human: A Book for Free Spirits - Friedrich Nietzsche,
7. The Translator of Desires: Muhyiddin Ibn 'Arabi - Michael Sells
8. Philosophy in the Modern World: A New History of Western Philosophy - Anthony Kenny
9. Modern philosophy: From Descartes to Leibniz - Frederick Copleston
10. Faith and Reason in Islam: Averroes' exposition of religious arguments - Ibrahim Najjar, Averroes
11. The Incoherence of the Philosophers Al Ghazali
12. Islam and Rationality. The Impact of al-Ghazālī Frank Griffel
13. Avicenna and His Legacy: A Golden Age of Science and Philosophy ; Authors. Tzvi Langermann
14. The story of reason in Islam - Sari Nusseibeh