

**CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY
B.A. (REGULAR) CBCS COURSE**

Sl.No.	Core Course (12)	Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course (AECC) (2)	Skill Enhancement Course (SEC) (2)	Elective Discipline Specific DSE (4)	Generic Elective GE-(2)
I	English-I	AECC-1: English/Hindi/MIL Communication			
	DSC-1A: Logic				
	DSC-2A: Other subject				
II	Bodo (MIL-1)	AECC-2: Environmental Science			
	DSC-1 B: Ethics				
	DSC-2B: Other subject				
III	English-II		SEC-1: Critical Thinking and Decision Making		
	DSC-1 C: Indian Philosophy				
	DSC-2 C: Other subject				
IV	Bodo (MIL-2)		SEC-2: Art and Film Appreciation		
	DSC-1D: Western Philosophy				
	DSC-2D: Other subject				
V			SEC-3: Ethical Decision Making	DSE-1 A: Buddhism	GE-1: Logic
				DSE-2 A Other Subject	
VI			SEC-4: Yoga Philosophy	DSE-1 B : Greek Philosophy	GE-2: Ethics
				DSE-2 B Other Subject	

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Semester-I

DSC-1(A): LOGIC

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1. Categorical Syllogism: Figure and Mood
2. Syllogistic Rules and Fallacies
3. Venn-Diagram

UNIT III: Symbolization

1. Types of Truth Functions (Negation, Conjunction, Disjunction (Alternation), Conditional (Material Implication), Bi-conditional (Material Equivalence).
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Semester II

DSC -1(B): ETHICS

UNIT I

1. The Fundamental Questions of Ethics.
2. The **Is - Ought** Controversy
3. The Ethical Journey (From Convention to Reflection).

UNIT-II

1. Consequentialism: J.S. Mill (Utilitarianism).
2. Deontological Ethics: Immanuel Kant (Duty, Categorical Imperative and Good will).

UNIT- III

1. Virtue ethics: Aristotle (Well-being and Golden Mean).
2. Puruṣārthas

UNIT-IV

1. *Niṣkāmakarma* (*Bhagvadgītā*)
2. Non-violence (M.K. Gandhi)
3. Compassion and Forgiveness. (Buddhism)

Recommended Readings:

- Aristotle, (1926) *Nicomachian Ethics*, Harvard University Press.
- Hartmann, N. (1950) *Moral Phenomena*, New Macmillan.
- Kant, Immanuel: *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals*, Trans. H J Paton, as The Moral Law. London.
- Mill, JS (1863): *Utilitarianism*, London, in Mary Warnock. Ed.1962
- Prasad, R. (1989): *Karma, Causation and Retributive Morality*, ICPR, New Delhi.
- Sharma, I.C., (1965) *Ethical Philosophies of India*, London: George Allen and Unwin Ltd.
- Goodman, Charles. (2009), *Consequences of Compassion: An Introduction and Defense of Buddhist Ethics*, New York: Oxford University Press.
- Gowans, Christopher W. (2015), *Buddhist Moral Philosophy: An Introduction*, New York & London, Routledge.
- *Śrīmadbhagvadgītā*.
- The Selected Works of Mahatama Gandhi, (2006) V – Volumes, Ahmedabad: Navjivan.

Semester-III

DSC-2(C): INDIAN PHILOSOPHY

UNIT I: Indian Philosophy: An Overview:

1. General Characteristics of Indian Philosophy

UNIT II: Theory of Knowledge (Nyāya–Vaiśeṣika): The Four Pramāṇas:

1. Perception (*Pratyakṣa*)
2. Inference (*Anumāna*)
3. Testimony (*Śabda*)
4. Comparison (*Upamāna*)

UNIT III: Theories of Causation:

1. Buddhism (*Pratītyasamutpāda*)
2. Nyāya–Vaiśeṣika (*Asatkāryavāda*)
3. Sāṃkhya (*Satkāryavāda*)

UNIT IV: Theories of Reality:

1. Buddhism
2. Nyāya–Vaiśeṣika
3. Śaṅkara

Recommended Readings:

- Chatterjee, S & Datta. D.M (1984) *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy*, 8th ed., University of Calcutta,
- Dasgupta, S.N (2004), *A History of Indian Philosophy, vol. I*, Delhi: MLBD Publishers.
- Datta, D.M., (1972) *The Six Ways of Knowing*, University of Calcutta.
- Hiriyanna, M. (1994) *Outlines of Indian Philosophy*, Delhi: MLBD Publishers.

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- Mohanty, J.N. (1992) *Reason and Tradition in Indian Thought*, Oxford: Calrendon Press.

(2002) *Essays on Indian Philosophy*, (2nd ed) ed. by P. Bilimoria, UK: Oxford University Press.

- Murthi, K. S. (1959) *Revelation and Reason in Advaita Vedanta*. Waltair: Andhra University Press.
- Organ, T. W. (1964) *The Self in Indian Philosophy*. London: Mouton & Co.

SEC-1: CRITICAL THINKING AND DECISION MAKING

UNIT I: Critical Thinking and its Components

1. Critical Thinking: A Second-Order Activity
2. Identification and Analysis of the Problem.
3. Organizing the Data and Identifying the Errors.

UNIT II: Problem Analysis, Decision Making and Wrapping up for Solution

1. Evaluating the Argument: Validity, Soundness and Strength; Reflecting upon the issue with Sensitivity and Fairness.
2. Evaluating Decision Options from Multiple Perspectives.
3. Identifying Inconsistencies, Understanding Dilemma and Looking for Appropriate Solution within Limitations.

Recommended Readings:

1. Hurley,Patrick J.(2007) Introduction to Logic, Wadsworth, Cengage learning.
2. Kam Chun Aik, and Stephen Edmonds, Critical Thinking, Longman
3. Dewey,John. (1933) How to Think: A Restatement of the Relation of Reflective Thinking to the Educative Process. Revised edition. Boston: Heath
4. Noisich, Gerald M. (2002) learning to think things through: A Guide to Critical Thinking, Prentice Hall.
5. Case studies.

Semester -IV

DSC-1(D): WESTERN PHILOSOPHY

UNIT I

1. **Plato:** Knowledge and Opinion
2. **Descartes:** Cogito Ergo Sum, Mind body Dualism and its critique by Ryle.

UNIT II

1. **Spinoza:** Concepts of Substance
2. **Leibnitz :** Theory of Monads

UNIT III

1. **Berkeley:** Critique of Locke's theory of Material substance
2. **Hume:** Theory of Causation

UNIT-IV

1. **Kant:** Classification of Propositions, Possibility of synthetic a priori.

Recommended Readings:

- Berkeley, G. (1985), *The Principles of Human Knowledge* G.J. Warnock, (ed). Great Britain: Fontana Press, Part-1, Sections 1-24.
- Descartes, R. (1647), *Meditations Concerning First Philosophy*, Meditation II, Harper Torch Books.
- Locke, J. (1706) *An Essay Concerning Human Understanding*, London,. CH. XXIII
- Moore, B. (2011) *Philosophy: The Power of Ideas*, New Delhi: TMH.
- O'Conor, D. J. (1964) *A Critical History of Western Philosophy*, New York: Macmillan.
- Plato: *Republic* (tr) Lee, penguin England Book VI, 502-501.
- Ryle, G. (1949) *The Concept of Mind*, Hutchinsion, Chapter-I.
- Stegmuller, W. (1969), *Main Currents in Contemporary German, British and American Philosophy*, , Dordrecht: D. Reidel Publishing.
- Thomson, G. (1992) *An Introduction to Modern Philosophy*, California: Wadsworth Publishing.
- Titus, S. and Nalan. (1994) *Living Issues in Philosophy*, London: OUP.

SEC- 2: ART AND FILM APPRECIATION

UNIT I: Art and Experience

1. Meaning and Analysis

UNIT II: Film as an Art Form

1. Documentaries, Commercial and Parallel Cinema

UNIT III: Art, Social Values and Morality

1. Life art interface
2. Film and Cultural representation

UNIT IV: Art and Communication in and through Films

Recommended Readings:

- Harold Osborne, (1976) *Aesthetics*, OUP.
- John Hospers. (1969) *Introduction Readings in Aesthetics*, Free Press.
- Christopher Falzon, *Philosophy goes to the Movies*, Routledge.
- Vijaya Mishra. (2009) *Specters of Sensibility: The Bollywood Film*. Routledge.
- Sussane Langer. (1953) *Feeling and Form*, Longman Publishing House.

SEMESTER-V

SEC-3: ETHICAL DECISION MAKING

UNIT I: ETHICAL CONCEPTS AND ETHICAL APPROACHES

1. Values, Dilemma and Choices
2. Responsibility, Justice & Fairness
3. Respect for self and others

UNIT II: ETHICAL DECISION PROCESS

1. Ethical codes and tests
2. Steps to ethical decision-making
3. Case studies and Situational role plays

Recommended Readings:

- Blanchard, K., & Peale, N.V. (1988) *The Power of Ethical Management*, New York: William Morrow and Co. pp. 20-24. <http://www.blanchardbowleslibrary.com/books/powerofethicalmanagement.htm>
- Brown, M. (1996) *The Quest for Moral Foundations: An Introduction to Ethics* Georgetown University Press
- Davis, M. (1999) *Ethics and The University*, New York: Routledge.
- Heller, R. (1998) *Making Decisions*, New York: DK.
- Josephson, M. S. (2002) *Making Ethical Decisions*, Josephson Institute of Ethics.
- Kardasz, F. (2008) *Ethics Training For Law Enforcement: Practices and Trends*, VDM Verlag Dr. Müller.
- Nosich, G. M. (2002) *Learning to Think Things Through: A Guide to Critical Thinking*, Prentice Hall.

DSE-1(A): BUDDHISM

UNIT I:

1. Origin and Nature of Buddhism
2. Classification of Buddhism

UNIT II:

1. Pancsila
2. Four Noble Truth
3. Eight Fold Path

UNIT III:

1. Paramitas
2. Brahma Viharas

UNIT-IV:

1. Karma and Rebirth
2. Nirvana
3. Anatmavada (No Soul theory)

Recommended Readings:

- Halbfars, W., 'Karma, Apurva and "Nature" causes: observation on the growth and limits of the theory of Samsars, 'in O' Flabearty, 1999.
- Harvey, Peter, *An Introduction of Buddhist Ethics*, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press.
- Kamla, J. (1983) *The Concept of Pancsila in Indian Thought*, P. V. Institute: Varanasi.

● Keown, D. (1992) *The Nature of Buddhist Ethics*, London: Macmillan.

“Karma, Character and Consequentialism” in *Journal of Religious Ethics* 24 (2):329 - 350 (1996)

● Bhatta, J. *Nyayamanjari* ed. S.N. Shukla, (1971) Varanasi: Chowkhamba Vidyabhavan.

<https://archive.org/details/TheNyayamanjariOfJayantaBhattaEdited...BySuryaNarayanaSukla>

● O' Flaheaty, W. D. (1999) *Karma and Rebirth in Classical Indian Traditions*, Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass.

● Saddhatissa, H. (1970) *Buddhist Ethics*, London: George Allen and Unwin.

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SEC-4: YOGA PHILOSOPHY

UNIT I

1. The Definition and Essence of Yoga
2. Jnana Yoga, Bhakti Yoga and Karma Yoga

UNIT II

1. Yoga in Jainism, Yoga in Buddhism (Vipassana) and Yoga in Bhagavadgita
2. Patanjali's Astangik Yoga Marga

Recommended Readings:

- Abhishiktananda, Swami: (1974) *Guru and Disciple*, London: Society for the Promotion of Christiana Knowledge,
- Aranya, H.: (1983) *Yoga Philosophy of Patanjali*, rev. ed.. Trans. by P. N. Mukherji, Albany, New York: Suny Press,
- Bhattacharya, H. (1956) (ed.). *The Cultural Heritage of India*, Calcutta: Ramkrishna Mission Institute of Culture, 4 vol.
- Cleary, T. (1995) translated *Buddhist Yoga: A Comprehensive Course*, Boston, Mass: Shambhala Publications.
- Dasgupta, S. N. (1930) *Yoga Philosophy in Relation to Other Systems of Indian Thought*, Calcutta: University of Calcutta.
- Gopalan S. (1974) *Outlines of Jainism*, John Wiley & Sons (Asia) Pte Ltd.
- Kaveeshwar, G. W. (1971) *The Ethics of the Gita*, Delhi: Motilal Banarsidas.

DSE-1(B): GREEK PHILOSOPHY

UNIT I: Socrates and the Sophists

1. Care of the self and moral relativism.
2. Virtue
3. Law and freedom

UNIT II: Plato and Moral psychology

1. Metaphysics
2. The ideal state
3. Critique of Democracy

UNIT III: Aristotle

1. Political Naturalism
2. Human nature and the nature of the state
3. Justice

UNIT IV: Epicurus and the Stoics

1. Pleasure and happiness
2. Living according to nature
3. On suicide

Recommended Readings

- Annas, J. (1993) *The Morality of Happiness*, Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- *Epicurus, Letter to Menoeceus*, Trans. by Robert Drew Hicks

(E Text: <http://classics.mit.edu/Epicurus/menoec.html>)

- Kerferd, G. B. (1981) *The Sophistic Movement*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Keyt, D. and Miller (Jr.), F. D. (eds.) (1991) *A Companion to Aristotle's Politics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Long, A. A. (1986) *Hellenistic Philosophy*, 2nd ed. California: University of California Press.
- Plato, *Apology* and *Crito*, *Protagoras*, *Republic* Book IV

(E texts: <http://onlinebooks.library.upenn.edu/webbin/book/lookupname?key=Plato>)

- Rist, J. M. (1972) *Epicurus*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Schofield, M. (2006) *Plato: Political Philosophy*, Oxford: University Press.

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