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**UG REVISED SYLLABUS UNDER NEP 2020  
SUBJECT: PHILOSOPHY**

<b>SEMESTER - 3</b>					
<b>COURSE</b>	<b>COURSE CODE</b>	<b>NAME OF THE PAPER</b>	<b>PAPER</b>	<b>CREDIT</b>	<b>MARKS</b>
MAJOR	PHI - 200	LOGIC	1	4	100
MAJOR	PHI - 201	INDIAN PHILOSOPHY - 1	1	4	100
Total Credit*				20	
<b>SEMESTER - 4</b>					
MAJOR	PHI - 250	SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY	1	4	100
MAJOR	PHI - 251	HISTORY OF MODERN WESTERN PHILOSOPHY	1	4	100
MAJOR	PHI - 252	INDIAN PHILOSOPHY - 2	1	4	100
MAJOR	PHI - 253	GREEK AND MEDIEVAL PHILOSOPHY	1	4	100
	VTC 260-269		1	4	
Total Credit			5	20	
<b>SEMESTER - 5</b>					
MAJOR	PHI - 300	EPISTEMOLOGY AND METAPHYSICS	1	4	100
MAJOR	PHI - 301	EXISTENTIALISM	1	4	100
MAJOR	PHI - 302	PHILOSOPHY OF VALUE	1	4/4	100
MAJOR/MINOR	PHI - 303	INT3ERNSHIP APPRENTICE/COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND SERVICE FIELD BASED OR MINOR PROJECT	1	4	100
(Two courses of PHI-302 shall be from two other subject)				20	
<b>SEMESTER - 6</b>					
MAJOR	PHI - 350	PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION	1	4	100
MAJOR	PHI - 351	PHILOSOPHY OF MIND	1	4	100
MAJOR	PHI - 352	APPLIED ETHICS	1	4	100
MAJOR	PHI - 353	CONTEMPORARY INDIAN PHILOSOPHY	1	4	100
PHI 360-369	VTC (Minor)		1	4	

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Total Credit				20	
<b>SEMESTER - 7</b>					
MAJOR	PHI - 400	RESEARCH METHODOLOGY AND PROPOSAL WRITING	1	4	100
MAJOR	PHI - 401	PHILOSOPHY OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE	1	4	100
MAJOR	PHI - 402	PHENOMENOLOGY	1	4	100
MAJOR	PHI - 403	PHILOSOPHY OF UNDERSTANDING OF CULTURE	1	4	100
MINOR	PHI - 404	MINOR COURSE (SAME MINOR WILL CONTINUE FROM PHI-302)PHILOSOPHY OF VALUE	1	4	100
Total Credit				20	
<b>SEMESTER - 8</b>					
MAJOR	PHI - 450	PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE	1	4	100
MAJOR	PHI - 451	CONTEMPORARY CONTINENTAL AND INDIAN PHILOSOPHY	1	4	100
MAJOR	PHI - 452	RESEARCH PROJECT	1	12	300
MAJOR	PHI - 453**	CONTEMPORARY WESTERN PHILOSOPHY	1	4	100
MAJOR	PHI - 454**	CONTEMPORARY PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE	1	4	100
MAJOR	PHI - 455**	CONTEMPORARY EUROPEAN PHILOSOPHY	1	4	100
Total Credit				20	

\*Total Credit 20 taking into account PHI 220(MDC) and others course like AEC 220-29: ACC 230-39: BTC 240-49:.

\*\* PHI-453, 454 and 455 have to be given as alternative to PHI 452.

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**Four Year UG Course**

**Subject: PHILOSOPHY**

**Paper Details(Major/Minor Papers)**

Year	Sem.	Paper Code	Title of the paper	Credits	Contact Hours	Marks
2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sem.	PHI - 200	LOGIC	4	60	100
		PHI - 201	INDIAN PHILOSOPHY - 1	4	60	100
	4 <sup>th</sup> Sem.	PHI - 250	SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY	2	30	50
		PHI - 251	HISTORY OF MODERN WESTERN PHILOSOPHY	4	60	100
		PHI - 252	INDIAN PHILOSOPHY - 2	4	60	100
		PHI - 253	GREEK AND MEDIEVAL PHILOSOPHY	4	60	100
		VTC 260-269		4	60	100
3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	5 <sup>th</sup> Sem.	PHI - 300	EPISTEMOLOGY AND METAPHYSICS	4	60	100
		PHI - 301	EXISTENTIALISM	4	60	100
		PHI - 302	PHILOSOPHY OF VALUE	4	60	100
		PHI - 303	INT3RNSHIP APPRENTICE/COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND SERVICE FIELD BASED OR MINOR PROJECT	4/4	60	100
		(Two courses of PHI-302 shall be from two other subject)	4	60	100	
	6 <sup>th</sup> Sem.	PHI - 350	PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION	4	60	100
		PHI - 351	PHILOSOPHY OF MIND	4	60	100
		PHI - 352	APPLIED ETHICS	4	60	100
		PHI - 353	CONTEMPORARY INDIAN PHILOSOPHY	4	60	100
		VTC (Minor)		4	60	100
			PHI - 400	RESEARCH METHODOLOGY AND PROPOSAL WRITING	4	60
PHI - 401			PHILOSOPHY OF ARTIFICIAL	4	60	100

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4 <sup>th</sup> Year	7 <sup>th</sup> sem.		INTELLIGENCE				
		PHI - 402	PHENOMENOLOGY	4	60	100	
		PHI - 403	PHILOSOPHY OF UNDERSTANDING OF CULTURE	4	60	100	
		PHI - 404	MINOR COURSE (SAME MINOR WILL CONTINUE FROM PHI-302) PHILOSOPHY OF VALUE				
		Total Credit					
	8 <sup>th</sup> Sem.	PHI - 450	PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE	4	60	100	
		PHI - 451	CONTEMPORARY CONTINENTAL AND INDIAN PHILOSOPHY	4	60	100	
		PHI - 452* (RP)	RESEARCH PROJECT	12	180	300	
		PHI - 453* (Major/Adv)	CONTEMPORARY WESTERN PHILOSOPHY	4	60	100	
		PHI - 454** (Major/Adv)	CONTEMPORARY PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE	4	60	100	
		PHI - 455** (Major/Adv)	CONTEMPORARY EUROPEAN PHILOSOPHY	4	60	100	
		Total Credit			4	60	100

- The students who will score 75 percent or more marks in aggregate till seventh semester will be eligible for project work. The students who will not do the project work, will have to study three papers, ie. PHI-453, PHI-454 and PHI-455.

**3RD Semester**

**PHI-200- LOGIC**

**Credits: 4**

**L-T-P: 30-15-15**

**Learning Objectives:** To equip students with the fundamental principles and techniques of reasoning and argumentation.

**Course Outcome:** Students will develop the ability to argue and reason and to analyse arguments critically and identify fallacies.

**LOGIC**

**Unit – I Basic Concepts**

- (a) What is Logic?
- (b) Sentences, Judgements, Statements and Propositions
- (c) Arguments
- (d) Truth, Validity and Soundness

**Unit – II Definition**

- (a) Kinds of Definition
- (b) Concept of Denotation and Connotation
- (c) Denotative, Connotative and Ostensive Definitions
- (d) Rules for Definition by Genus and Difference

**Unit – III Deduction**

- (a) Classification of Propositions and Square of Opposition
- (b) Categorical Syllogism and its fallacies
- (c) Laws of Thought

**Unit – IV Symbolic Logic**

- (a) Logical Constants and Variables
- (b) Truth Functions: Negation, Conjunction, Disjunction, Implication, Equivalence
- (c) Tautology, Contradictory and Contingent
- (d) Techniques of Symbolization and Construction of Truth Tables

**Suggested Readings:**

1. Irving M. Copi and Carl Cohen, Introduction to Logic (Tenth Edition), Pearson Education Pvt. Ltd., Delhi 2001.
2. L. S. Stebbing, A Modern Introduction to Logic, London, Methuen, (Sixth Edition)

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1984.

3. M. R. Cohen and E Nagel, Introduction to Logic and Scientific Method. Allied Publishers Pvt. Limited, New Delhi, Second Edition, 1972.
4. O' Conner, D. J. and Basson, A. H., Symbolic Logic, Oxford University press, fourth Edition, 1981.
5. M. R. Cohen and E. Nagel, Introduction of Logic, Routledge & Kegan Paul Ltd., London , 1966.
6. Chhanda Chakraborty, Logic: Informal Symbolic and Inductive (2nd edition) Printice-Hall of India Private Limited, New Delhi, 2009.

### 3RD Semester

#### PHI -201- Indian Philosophy - I

Credits: 4

L-T-P: 30-15-15

Learning Objectives: To teach students about the philosophical systems and thoughts of Indian traditions.

Course Outcome: Students will gain a nuanced understanding of the philosophical tenets, principles, etc of different Indian schools of philosophy.

#### Unit – I Introduction

- (a) Meaning of Darshana
- (b) Distinctive Features of Indian Philosophy
- (c) The Orthodox-Hetrodox Distinction

#### Unit –II Cārvaka, Buddhism and Jainism

- (a) Materialism
- (b) Ksanikavāda, Pratityasamutpāda
- (c) Anekantavāda
- (d) Syādvāda

#### Unit – III Sankhya and Yoga

- (a) Prakṛti
- (b) Purusa
- (c) Evolution
- (d) Ashtānga Yoga

#### Unit – IV Nyaya, Vaisesika and Mimāṃsā

- (a) Pratyakṣya and Anumana
- (b) Sabda pramāna
- (c) Karma and Dharma
- (d) Categories (Padārtha)

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### Suggested Readings:

1. M. Hiriyana, Outline of Indian Philosophy, Blackie & Son Publication, Pvt. Ltd., Delhi, 1983.
2. Sharma, C. D., Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy, Motilal Banarasidass, Delhi, 1975.
3. Raju, P.T., Structural Depths of Indian Thought, South Asian Publisher, New Delhi, 1985.
4. Dasgupta, S. N., A History of Indian Philosophy, Vol. I Motilal Banarasidass, Delhi, 1975
5. Madadevan T.M.P., Invitation to Indian Philosophy, Arnold Heinemann Publishers (India) Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi 1974
6. Madhavacharya, Sarvadarsana Samgraha, translated by E B Cowell & A E., Gough, Cosmos Publications, New Delhi, 1976
7. Radhakrishnan, S., Indian Philosophy, Vol.I and Vol.II., Oxford University Press, Delhi, 1989.
8. D. M. Datta & S. Chatterjee, Introduction to Indian Philosophy, University of Calcutta, 1984.

**4th Semester**

**PHI -250- Social and Political Philosophy**

**Credits: 4**

**L-T-P: 30-15-15**

**Learning Objectives:** To introduce to students various key political and social concepts, theories and debates and to enable them to apply philosophical tools in analysing, interpreting and understanding them.

**Course Outcome:** Students will develop deeper understanding of the various issues in socio-political discourses.

**Unit – I Nature of Social and Political Philosophy**

- (a) Nature and Scope of Social and Political Philosophy
- (b) Social Philosophy and Sociology
- (c) Political Philosophy and Political Science

**Unit – II Major Concepts**

- (a) Individual and Society
- (b) State and Sovereignty
- (c) Nation

**Unit – III Social and Political Ideas**

- (a) Liberty and Equality
- (b) Fraternity
- (c) Justice

**Unit- IV Political Concepts**

- (a) Democracy
- (b) Socialism
- (c) Fascism and Anarchism

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### Suggested Readings:

1. D. D. Raphael, Problem of Political Philosophy, London, MacMillan, 1979.
2. A. Quinton, Political Philosophy, Oxford University Press, 1982.
3. P. Laslett, Philosophy, Politics and Human Society, Oxford, Basil Blackwell, 1972.
4. Bertrand Russell, Authority and Individual, London, Unwin Book Publishers, 1974.
5. M. K. Gandhi, Hind Swaraj or Indian Home Rule, Ahmedabad, Navajivan Publishing House, 1978.
6. Chattopadhyaya, D.P ., Societies and Culture, Bharathia Vindya Bhavan, Chapter-II
7. De-george Richard, T., “The Pradox of Violence”, Ethics and Society, MacMillan, 1968. Article: Marcuse. H., “Ethics and Revolution”.
8. Sujata Miri et.al., Introduction of Social & Political Philosophy, NEHU Publications, 2002.

### 4th Semester

#### PHI -251- History of Modern Western Philosophy

Credits: 4

L-T-P: 30-15-15

**Learning Objectives:** To survey the development and nature of philosophical ideas of the Modern Western Traditions.

**Course Outcome:** Students will learn about the various philosophical ideas and debates within the Modern Western Europe.

#### Unit – I **Descartes, Spinoza and Leibnitz**

- (a) Descarte’s Method of Doubt
- (b) Cogito Ergo Sum
- (c) Spinoza’s Substance, Attributes and Modes
- (d) Leibnitz’s Monadology

#### Unit – II **Locke and Berkeley**

- (a) Simple and Complex Ideas
- (b) Primary and Secondary Qualities
- (c) Esse est Percipi

#### Unit – III **David Hume**

- (a) Impressions and Ideas
- (b) Causality
- (c) Hegel’s Dialectical Method

#### Unit – IV **Immanuel Kant**

- (a) Possibility of Synthetic a priori judgements
- (b) Categories of Understanding

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- (c) Phenomena and Noumena
- (d) Absolute Idealism of Hegel

### Suggested Readings:

1. Copleston, F., S.J A History of Philosophy, Burns and Oates Limited, London, Vol.III(1966), Vol.IV (1971), Vol. V(1968), Vol. VI (1968).
2. O' Connor, D. J., Critical History of Western Philosophy, New York, The Free Press, 1964.
3. Rusell, B., History of Western Philosophy, London, Allen & Unwin 1963.
4. Falckenberg, Richard. History of Modern Philosophy, translated by A C Armstrong. Jr. 'Kosha Publishing' House, Delhi 1989.
5. Benneth Jonathan, Locke, Berkeley, Hume; Central themes, Oxford, 1971.
6. Masih, Y., A Critical History of Western Philosophy, Motilal Banarasidass, Delhi, 1994.
7. Seruton Roger, A Short History of Modern Philosophy, Routledge Classics, London, 1995.
8. Errol Harris, Fundamentals of Philosophy, George Allen & Unwin Ltd., London, 1969.

## 4<sup>th</sup> SEMESTER

### PHI – 252

### Indian Philosophy – II

**Learning Objectives:** To teach students about the philosophical systems and thoughts of Indian traditions.

**Course Outcome:** Students will gain a nuanced understanding of the philosophical tenets, principles, etc of different Indian schools of philosophy.

#### UNIT – I - Sankhya and Yoga

- (a) Prakriti and Purusa
- (b) Evolution
- (c) Ashtanga Yoga

#### UNIT – II - Nyaya

- (a) Pratyaksya
- (b) Anumana
- (c) Sabda

#### UNIT – III - Mimamsa and Vaishiskka

- (a) Karma
- (b) Dharma
- (c) Padartha (Categories)

#### UNIT – IV - Vedata – Shamkara & Ramanuja

- (a) Brahman
- (b) Maya

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- (c) Jagat
- (d) Moksha

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2. Sharma, C D., *Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy*, Motilal Banarasidass, Delhi, 1975.
3. Raju, P. T., *Structural Depths of Indian Thought*, South Asian Publisher, New Delhi, 1985.
4. Dasgupta, S. N., *A History of Indian Philosophy*, Vol. I Motilal Banarasidass, Delhi, 1975.
5. Madadevan T.M.P., *Invitation to Indian Philosophy*, Arnold Heinemann Publisher (India) Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi 19743
6. Madhavacharya, *Sarvadarsana Samgraha*, translated by E B Cowell & A E., Gough, Cosmos Publications, New Delhi 1976.
7. Radhakrishnan, S., *Indian Philosophy*, Vol.I and Vol. II., Oxford University Press, Delhi 1989.
8. D.M. Datta & S. Chatterjee, *Introduction to Indian Philosophy*, University of Calcutta, 1984.

### 4th Semester

#### PHI -253- Greek and Medieval Philosophy

Credits: 4

L-T-P: 30-15-15

**Learning Objectives:** To introduce students to the Greek philosophical tradition as the root of Western Philosophy and to compare with the medieval tradition.

**Course Outcome:** Students will be acquainted with the Greek and medieval philosophy as the main source of the western philosophy.

#### Unit – I **Early Greek Philosophy**

- (a) Thales and Pythagoras
- (b) Democritus and Anaximander
- (c) Parmenides, Heraclitus and Zeno
- (d) Protagoras and Socrates

#### Unit – II **Plato**

- (a) Theory of Knowledge
- (b) Theory of Forms
- (c) Theory of Soul
- (d) Idea of the Good

#### Unit – III **Aristotle**

- (a) Refutation of Plato's of Ideas

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- (b) Categories
- (c) Causation
- (d) Theory of Soul

### Unit – IV **Medieval Philosophers: St Augustine and St Aquinas**

- (a) Theory of Knowledge
- (b) The Problem of Evil according to St Augustine
- (c) Freedom of the Will according to St Augustine
- (d) Beatitude Philosophy according to Thomas Aquinas

### **Suggested Readings:**

1. F. Copleston, History of Philosophy, Vol.II & IV, Burns and Oates Ltd., London, 1993, Edn.
2. Burnet, J., Greek Philosophy from Thales to Plato, London and New York: MacMillan, 1960.
3. Stace, W.T., A Critical History of Greek Philosophy, London , 1970 Edn.
4. Russell, B., History of Western Philosophy, London : George Allen & Unwin Ltd., 1957.
5. Windleband, History of Philosophy, Harper & raw Publishing, New York,1958.
6. Frank Thilly, A History of Philosophy, Central Publishing House, Allahabad, 1985.

## 5th Semester

### **PHI -300- Epistemology and Metaphysics**

**Credits: 4**

**L-T-P: 30-15-15**

**Learning Objectives:** The course aims to investigate the nature of knowledge, belief, reality, and existence through the exploration of epistemological and metaphysical theories and debates.

**Course Outcomes:** Students will acquire a robust understanding of key epistemological and metaphysical concepts, enhancing their ability to critically analyse and evaluate philosophical theories about knowledge , truth , and the nature of reality.

### Unit – I **Meaning and Method of Philosophy**

- (a) Meaning of Philosophy
- (b) Relation of Philosophy to Science
- (c) Relation of Philosophy to Religion

### Unit – II **Sources of Knowledge**

- (a) Western: Empiricism, Rationalism and Critical Philosophy
- (b) Indian: Perception, Inference and Verbal Testimony

### Unit – III **Theories of Truth**

- (a) Coherence
- (b) Correspondence
- (c) Pragmatism

### Unit – IV **Theories of Reality**

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- (a) Monism, Dualism and Pluralism
- (b) Realism and Idealism

### Unit – V      **Metaphysical Categories**

- (a) Substance and Causality
- (b) Space and Time

### **Suggested Readings:**

1. John Hospers, An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis, Allied Publishers, Delhi, 1980
2. Bertrand Russell, Problems of Philosophy, Oxford University Press, Oxford 1912.
3. M. Hiriyanna, The Essentials of Indian Philosophy, London George Allen & Unwin, 1985.
4. N. K Smith (Trans.) Immanuel Kant's critique of Pure Reason, The Macmillan Press Ltd., London, 1973, pp.41-91.
5. K. Lehrer, Knowledge, Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1974.
6. J .N Mohanty, Classical Indian Philosophy, New York: Rowman and Littlefield, 2000.
7. D. M Datta, Six Ways of Knowing, Calcutta University Press, 1980, Edn.
8. C. D Sharma, Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy, Motilal Banarasidass, Delhi, 1975.
9. D. M Datta & S. Chatterjee, Introduction to Indian Philosophy, University of Calcutta, 1984.
- 10.S. Chatterjee, The Nyaya Theory of Knowledge, University of Calcutta, 1978.
11. Bijayananda Kar, The Theories of Error in Indian Philosophy, Ajanta Publications (India), 1978.
12. Kirkham, R. Theories of Truth. Cambridge: MIT Press, 1997.
13. Richard Rorty, Objectivity, Relativism and Truth. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1991.
14. A. Tarski, "The Semantic Conception of Truth and the Foundations of Semantics" in *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 4, 341-376.
15. Quine, W.V.O. The Pursuit of Truth. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1990.

## **5th Semester**

### **PHI -301- Existentialism**

**Credits: 4**

**L-T-P: 30-15-15**

**Learning Objectives:** To teach students about the existentialist method of philosophising and the issues studied by existentialism.

**Course outcomes:** Students will get appointed with the philosophical issues and methods studies by existentialist philosopher.

### Unit – I      **Salient Features**

- (a) Theistic and Atheistic Existentialism
- (b) Existence Precedes Essence
- (c) Existentialism as a Movement
- (d) Existentialism and Humanism

### Unit – II      **Kierkegaard**

- (a) Faith, Subjectivity and Truth
- (b) Dread
- (c) Stages of Life

### Unit – III      **Heidegger**

- (a) Being
- (b) Dasein: Understanding and Truth

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- (c) Being-in-the-World
- (d) Authenticity

### Unit – IV **Sartre**

- (a) Being-in-Itself and Being-for-Itself
- (b) Freedom
- (c) Authenticity
- (d) Bad Faith

### **Suggested Readings:**

1. Mary Warnock, Existentialism,. Oxford University Press, 1970.
2. Blackman, H. J., Six Existentialist Thinkers, Routledge and Kegan Paul, London, 1952.
3. Soren Kierkegaard, Philosophical Fragments, edited and translated by Howard V. Hong and Edna H. Hong, Princeton University Press, Princeton, New Jersey, 1985.

## 5th Semester

### PHI -302- Philosophy of Value

Credits: 4

L-T-P: 30-15-15

**Learning Objectives:** To learn about the meaning nature and origin of moral, aesthetic and other value, and exploring philosophical theory that under pin our understanding of what is valuable in life.

**Course Outcomes:** Students will a acquire comprehensive understanding of the varieties of values and their moral significance

#### Unit-1 **Idea of Value**

- (a) Value as abstract and concrete
- (b) Intrinsic and Extrinsic
- (c) Relation between Value, Norm and Moral life

#### Unit-2 **Theories of Value**

- (a) Kant's theory of value
- (b) Hegel's theory of value
- (c) More theory of Value

#### Unit-3 **Kinds of Values**

- (a) Pluralist and Monist Values
- (b). Non-Standard Value Relations

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(c) Attitudes, Interests and bare differences

### Unit-4 **Owing, Blaming and Judging**

- (a) What we owe to each other
- (b) Nature and Norms of Blameworthiness
- (c) Critique of Judgment

### **Suggested Reading:**

1. Philippa, Foot 1985. "Utilitarianism and the Virtues", *Mind*, 94(2): 196–209.
2. Peter Geach 1956. "Good and Evil", *Analysis*, 17: 33–42.
3. R.M. Hare 1952. *The Language of Morals*, Oxford: Oxford University Press.
4. Conor McHugh, and Jonathan Way, 2016. "Fittingness First", *Ethics*, 126(3): 575–606.
5. John Stuart Mill 1861. *Utilitarianism*, in *Collected Works of John Stuart Mill (Volume 29)*, J. M. Robson (ed.), Toronto: University of Toronto Press, pp. 371–577.
6. G. E. Moore 1993. *Principia Ethica*, revised edn. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
7. Derek Parfit, 2001. "Rationality and Reasons", in Dan Egonsson, et al. (eds.), *Exploring Practical Philosophy*, Aldershot: Ashgate, pp. 17–39.
8. Philip Pettit 1997. "The Consequentialist Perspective", in M. Baron, P. Pettit, and M. Slote, eds., *Three Methods of Ethics*. Oxford: Blackwell, pp. 92–174.
9. T.M. Scanlon 1998. *What We Owe to Each Other*, Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.
10. Samuel Scheffler 1983. *The Rejection of Consequentialism*, Oxford: Oxford University Press.
11. L. Menges 2017, "The Emotion Account of Blame," *Philosophical Studies*, 174: 257–273.
- 12., H. Pickard 2013, "Irrational Blame", *Analysis* 73: 613–626

## 5th Semester

### **PHI -303- Internship/Apprenticeship**

#### **Community Engagement and Field Based service or Minor Project**

**Learning Objective:** It is to acquaint students with various dimensions of practical ways of life in which students immerse themselves through designated/chosen partners in public, social and private sectors.

**Course Outcomes:** With such field based exposure into chosen field, the students will be able to apply philosophy for practical life.

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**6th Semester**

**PHI -350- Philosophy of Religion**

**Credits:4**

**L-T-P: 30-15-15**

**Learning Objectives:** The course aims to investigate the nature, existence, and significance of religious beliefs, practices and experience through philosophical inquiry and critical analysis.

**Course Outcomes:** Students will gain a deep understanding of key philosophical issues in the study of religion, enhancing their ability to critically evaluate and engage with religious beliefs, arguments, and worldviews.

**Unit – I            Introduction**

- (a) Definition of Religion
- (b) Theology and Philosophy of Religion
- (c) Religion and Science

**Unit – II            Foundation of Religious Belief and Proofs for the Existence of God**

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- (a) Reason
- (b) Faith
- (c) Revelation
- (d) Proofs for the Existence of God

### Unit – III      **The Idea of God**

- (a) Christianity
- (b) Hinduism(Isvara) and Buddhism
- (c) Tribal Religions
- (d) Proofs for the Existence of God

### Unit - IV      **The Problem of Suffering and Liberation**

- (a) Christianity
- (b) Hinduism
- (c) Buddhism
- (d) Jainism

### **Suggested Readings:**

1. John Hick., Philosophy of Religion, Englewood Cliffs, N.J., 1983.
2. Nielson, K., An Introduction to Philosophy of Religion, MacMillan,1974.
3. Smart, N., The Religious Experience of Mankind, MacMillan, London,1984
4. S. Miri, “Introduction to the Study of Tribal Religion’, in Mawrie, O., Khasi Melieu, Concept Publishing Company, Delhi , 1983
5. W. D Hudson, A Philosophical Approach to Religion, MacMillan, 1974.
6. R. C. Gandhi, Availability of Religious Ideas, MacMillan, 1976.
7. S. Miri., Suffering, Shimla, AIIS, 1976.
8. T.M.P. Mahadevan, Outline of Hinduism, Chetana Limmited, Bombay, 1956.

### **6<sup>th</sup> Semester**

### **PHI -351- Philosophy of Mind**

Credit: 4

L-T-P: 30-15-15

**Learning Objectives:** The course aims to explore theories and debates concerning the nature of consciousness, mental states, and the mind-body relationship, fostering a deeper understanding of the philosophical implications of cognitive science and neuroscience.

**Course Outcomes:** Students will develop a comprehensive understanding of key concepts and debates in the philosophy of mind, enhancing their ability to critically analyze and evaluate theories about consciousness, cognition, and the nature of mental phenomena.

### **Unit-I Introduction**

- (a) The Problem of Mind
- (b) Philosophy of Mind and Psychology
- (c) Conscious and the Unconscious

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- Unit-II Theories of Mind**  
(a) Mind-Body Dualism  
(b) Behaviourism  
(c) Brain-Mind Identity Theory
- Unit-III Mind and Knowledge**  
(a) Feelings and Sensations  
(b) Emotions and Volitions  
(c) Self-knowledge and Knowledge of Others
- Unit-IV Meaning and States of Consciousness**  
(a) Swapna  
(b) Jagrata  
(c) Susupti  
(d) Turiya

### Suggested Readings:

1. Jerome A Shaffer, Philosophy of Mind, Prentice Hall of Indian Private Limited, New Delhi, 1982.
2. Gilbert Ryle, The Concept of Mind, Penguin Books, Baltimore, 1949.
3. S. Radhakrishnan, Indian Philosophy, Vol. I & II, George Allen & Unwin Ltd., London 1971.
4. P. T Raju, Structural Depths of Indian Thought, South-Asian Publishers, New Delhi, 1985.
5. T. M. P Mahadevan, Invitation to Indian Philosophy, Arnold Heinemann, New Delhi, 1974.
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6<sup>th</sup> Semester  
PHI -352- Applied Ethics  
Credit: 4  
L-T-P: 30-15-15

**Learning Objectives (LO):** To learn about how ethics can be applied in particle life.

**Course Outcomes (CO):** Students will aware of the significance the particle life

## Unit-I Nature and Scope of Applied Ethics

- (a) Theoretical Approach: Consequentialism and Non-Consequentialism
- (b) Value of life: Human and Non-human
- (c) The Private and Public Morality

## Unit-II Life and Death

- (a) Pre-natal Sex Determination
- (b) Abortion
- (c) Euthanasia
- (d) Suicide

## Unit-III War and Peace

- (a) Pacifism, Activism and Slacktivism
- (b) Conventional War, Nuclear War, Nuclear Deterrence
- (c) Revolution and Counter-Revolution

## Unit-IV Professional Ethics

- (a) Medical Ethics
- (b) Business Ethics
- (c) Media Ethics

## Suggested Readings:

1. Andrew, Altman, "Pragmatism and Applied Ethics", *American Philosophical Quarterly*, 20 (April,1983), 227.
2. Bernard Gert, "Licensing Profession", *Business and Professional Ethics journal*, 1 (Summer, 1982), p.51.
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7. Jane English, "Abortion and the Concept of a Person", *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, Vol.2, October, 1975: 235.
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9. Richard A. Wassertro, M, "On the Morality of War: A Preliminary Enquiry", *Stanford Law Review*, 1969.
10. Peter Winch, *Applied Ethics*, Oxford University Press, 1986.
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12. Beauchamp, Tom, "On Eliminating the Distinction Between Applied Ethics and Ethical Theory", *The Monist*, Vol.67, October, 1984, pp.514.

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### 6th SEMESTER

### PHI – 353

### Contemporary Indian Philosophy

**Learning Objectives:** The course aims to explore the major philosophical trends, debates, and thinkers in contemporary Indian philosophy, highlighting its relevance and contributions to global philosophical discourse.

**Course Outcomes (OC):** Students will gain a deep understanding of the key philosophical concepts, theories, and debates in contemporary Indian philosophy, enhancing their ability to critically engage with its ideas and their broader implications.

#### UNIT – I

- a) Debate between Universalism & relativism in Contemporary Indian Philosophy
- b) Transcendence vs Phenomenal and everyday world
- c) Daya Krishna's critique of concept of schools in Indian Philosophy

#### UNIT – II

Swami Vivekananda

- a) Neo-Vedanta
- b) Concept of Brahman and Man
- c) Synthesis of Four types of Yoga

#### UNIT – III

- a) Rabindranath Tagore's idea of surplus
- b) Iqbal's concept of selfhood
- c) Raimondo Pannikar's Pluralism

#### UNIT – IV

IV M. K Gandhi

- a) Truth and God
- b) Satyagraha
- c) Sarvodaya

#### Suggested Readings:

1. Tagore, RN., "Sadhana: The Realization of Life", The MacMillan Company Canada ,Ltd. Toronto 1913.
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9. Vivekananda, S., *Raja yoga*, Published 1896.
10. R. Panikar, "Religious Pluralism : The Metaphysical Challenge", in *Religious Pluralism*, ed Leroy, S Rouner (Notre Dam Press, 1984, pp.97-115.
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7<sup>th</sup> Semester

PHI: 400

Research Methodology and Proposal Writing

L-T-P:30-20-10

**Learning Objective:** To earn proper knowledge about and how to write research proposals systematically and to prepare them for research.

**Course Outcome:** Students will be able to understand research techniques and to prepare research proposals.

### Unit – I      **Methods**

- a) Positivist
- b) Hermeneutic
- c) Ethnographic
- d) Experimental Designs

### Unit – II      **Philosophical Research**

- a) Conceptual Analysis
- b) Phenomenological Analysis
- c) Arguments: Instuitive, Heuristic, Computational, Linguistic
- d) Case studies: Social, Moral, Aesthetic, Political etc.

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### Unit – III Textual Research

- a) Preparation of Research Bibliography
- b) Use of digital and physical archives and data bases
- c) Reading and selection from Texts
- d) Deconstruction and reconstruction of texts

### Unit – IV Proposal Writing

- a) Main Questions
- b) Statement
- c) Objectives
- d) Outcome

### Suggested Readings:

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2. Michael Shaffer (2020), "S. Necessary and Sufficient conditions". *Introduction to Philosophy: Logic*. Rebus Foundation.
3. Sebastian Luft (2021). "Hermann Cohen: the Transcendental Method and Philosophy as a Foundational Science (Grundlegungswissenschaft) of Culture". *The Space of Culture*, Oxford University Press.
4. Gelan, Victor Eugen (2020). *Husserl's Idea of Rigorous Science and Its Relevance for the Human and Social Sciences*". *The Subject(s) of Phenomenology: Rereading Husserl*. Contributions to Phenomenology.vol.108. Springer International Publishing.
5. Norbert Paulo (2020). ""Moral Intuitions Between Higher-Order Evidence and Wishful Thinking"". *Higher-Order Evidence and Moral Epistemology*. Routledge.
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7. Morten S. Thaning (2016).*The Problem of Objectivity in Gadamer's Hermeneutics in Light of McDowell's Empiricism*. Frankfurt: Springer.
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**7<sup>th</sup> Semester**

**PHI - 401**

**Philosophy of Artificial Intelligence**

**Credits: 4**

**L-T-P: 30-15-15**

**Learning Objective:** To learn about the philosophical issues related to AI and to understand how philosophy and AI can be related.

**Course Outcome:** Students will acquire some idea about how philosophy of Artificial Intelligence in an integral part of philosophical discourse.

Unit-1            **Philosophical Foundations of Artificial Intelligence**

- a. Can a machine think? Turing Test
- b. Introducing basic concepts of Machine Learning, Natural Language Processing and

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Connectionist Neural Networks

c. Intentionality- Searle's Chinese Room Argument

### Unit-2 **Objections against AI and Philosophical Responses**

- a. Computationalism and its Incompleteness
- b. 'Brittleness' of Rule Bound Machine Behaviour and Lack of Feeling Objection
- c. Subjectivity based objections- freewill and agency, Qualia and Consciousness

### Unit-3 **Advances in AI**

- a. Deep Learning and Large Language Models (LLMs)
- b. Are LLMs sentient?
- c. J.R.Lucas and Roger Penrose's (Lucas-Penrose) idea of non-computability of Brain states and its application in AI systems

### Unit-4 **Ethical and Design Issues**

- a. Kinds of Risks of violation of ethical principles in AI designs
- b. Principles like non-maleficence, autonomy and justice as basis for AI Ethics
- c. Regulations covering Algorithmic Biases, Open Source and Privacy of information

### **Suggested Readings:**

- 1) Luciano Floridi 2023. The Ethics of Artificial Intelligence. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2) Carissa Véliz 2024. Oxford Handbook of Digital Ethics. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 3) David J. Chalmers 2023. "Could a Large Language Model be Conscious?", <https://philpapers.org/archive/CHACAL-3.pdf>.
- 4) Sandro Skansi (ed.) 2020. Guide to Deep Learning Basics: Logical, Historical and Philosophical Perspectives. New York and Berlin: Springer Verlag.

## 7th Semester

### **PHI - 402 - Phenomenology**

**Credits: 4**

**L-T-P: 30-15-15**

**Learning Objective:** This course will introduce students to a new way of philosophizing and to have a comprehensive understanding of philosophical methods in philosophy.

**Course Outcome:** students will learn the development and importance of phenomenology and how it can be applied in various aspects of study.

### Unit-1 **Phenomenology and Reduction**

- a. Phenomenology as a method
- b. Phenomenological reduction
- c. Transcendental ego
- d. Being-in-itself and Being-for-itself

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### Unit-2 **Perception and Consciousness**

- a. Constituting-constituted relationship in perception
- b. Intentionality
- c. Nature of Consciousness
- d. Being

### Unit 3 **Life-World(s) and Sociality**

- a. Conceptions of Life-World
- b. Sociality
- c. Collective Intentionality
- d. Difference and Différance

### Unit-4 **Applications of Phenomenology**

- a. Narrative
- b. Digital, Virtual and Augmented Reality
- c. Art, Music and Literature
- d. Artificial Intelligence

### **Suggested Readings:**

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2. Dermot Moran 1999. *Introduction to Phenomenology*. London and New York: Routledge
3. Edmund Husserl 1988. *Aufsätze und Vorträge. 1922-1937. (Essays and lectures.)* Edited by T. Nenon H.R. Sepp. The Hague, Netherlands: Kluwer Academic Publishers.
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5. Marvin Farber 1943. *The Foundation of Phenomenology: Edmund Husserl and the Quest for a Rigorous Science of Philosophy*. 3rd ed. Albany, NY: State University of New York Press.
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  15. Gilles Deleuze (Author) Paul Patton (Translator) 1995. Difference and Repetition. New York: Columbia University Press. Chapter1, 4 and 5.
  16. Robert Rosenberger , Peter-Paul Verbeek (eds.)2017. Postphenomenological Investigations: Essays on Human–Technology Relations. London: Lexington Books. Chapters 1,7,8,16.
  17. Roman Ingarden1974. The Cognition of the Literary Work of Art (Hardcover). Evanston: Northwestern University Press
  18. Daniel O’Shiel 2024. The Phenomenology of Virtual Technology : Perception and Imagination in a Digital Age. London: Bloomsbury Academic.

### PHI-403-Philosophical Understanding of Culture

Credits: 4

L-T-P: 30-15-15

**Learning Objective:** The course aims to explore philosophical prospective on culture by using philosophical tools to explore on the concepts and component culture.

**Course Outcome:** Students will develop announced understanding of culture through philosophical analyst interpretation

UNIT – I : **Problem of Culture**

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- (a) Philosophy of Culture and Cultural Anthropology
- (b) Nature and Culture
- (c) Cultural Identity

### UNIT – II : **Theories of Culture**

- (a) Structuralism and Functionalism
- (b) Culture as Superstructure
- (c) Psychoanalysis

### UNIT – III : **Critique of Traditional Theories**

- (a) Culture as Text (Narrative and Hermeneutics)
- (b) Post-Modern Concept of Culture
- (c) Post-Structural Critical Theory

### UNIT – IV : **Tribal Epistemology**

- (a) Concept of Tribe and Ethnicity
- (b) Distinctiveness of a Tribal Culture: Frazer, Malinowski and Geertz
- (c) Tribal World View : Rationality, Identity and Relationality

### **Suggested Readings:**

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2. Simon Clarke, Foundations of Structuralism, The Harvester Press, Sussex, 1981.
3. Terry Eagleton, The Idea of Culture, Blackwell, Oxford, 2001.
4. Levi-Strauss, C., Structural Anthropology, Basic Books Paul, 1970.
5. Jeet Uberoi, Science and Culture, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 1978.
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2. James F. Dawns, Culture in Crisis, USA, 1971.
3. Martin Holis (Ed), Rationality and Relativism, Blackwell, 1993.
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**PHI -450-Philosophy of Science**

**Credits:4**

**L-T-P: 30-15-15**

**Learning Objective:** To teach students about the relationship of science and philosophy of science and to introduce to them debate between science and philosophy.

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**Course Outcome:** Students will be able to know the debates between science and philosophy and how to explore them in today's science.

### Unit - 1 **Science and Philosophy of Science**

- a. Natural Sciences (NS) as Deterministic Worldview
- b. Social Sciences (SS) as Human Sciences (HS)
- c. Convergences and Divergences between NS, SS and HS

### Unit - 2 **Quantum, Gene and Microtubule**

- a. Schrodinger's Cat Experiment and idea of superposition
- b. Genes and the Mind
- c. Penrose and Hameroff's collapse experiments in microtubules within human brains

### Unit - 3 **Dialogues among Sciences**

- a. Dialogues concerning two chief solar system in Copernicus and Ptolemy
- b. David Bohm and Jiddu Krishnamurti dialogues on nature of Reality
- c. Tagore-Einstein Dialogue on nature of Cosmos

### Unit – 4 **Critical debates**

- a. Insider versus Outsider point of view in HS
- b. Observer dependence and anti-realist epistemology in NS and HS
- c. Fact-Value distinction.

### **Suggested Readings:**

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**8<sup>th</sup> Semester**

**PHI -451**

**Contemporary Continental and Indian Philosophy**

**Credits:4**

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### L-T-P: 30-15-15

**Learning Objective:** To teach students the contemporary thoughts that have emerged in these two traditions and their interface.

**Course Outcome:** Students know the kind of debates and thoughts that have emerged in contemporary philosophical circles.

UNIT-1:

- a) Derrida's notion of Writing
- b) Maurice Blanchot's critique of Realism
- c) Deleuze and Guattari on Schizophrenia

UNIT-2:

- a) Subject as Freedom: K.C. Bhattacharya and Hegel
- b) Emotions and Reasons: Daya Krishna and Jacques Ranciere
- c) Categories and Senses: Jonardon Ganeri and Jean-Luc Nancy

Unit-3:

- a) Collective Intentionality and Social Imagination
- b) Hans Kelsen and Critique of Legal Theories
- c) Decolonial Epistemology

Unit-4:

- a) Care, Privacy and Mahakaruna
- b) Social Ontology of Meaning and Action, Karmavada
- c) Heidegger and End of Metaphysics.

### Suggested Readings:

- Cutrofello, Andrew, ed., Continental Philosophy: a Contemporary Introduction, (NY: Routledge, 2005).
- Kearney, Richard, ed., Debates in Continental Philosophy, (NY: Fordham University, 2004).
- D&#39;Amico, Robert, ed., Contemporary Continental Philosophy, (Boulder: Westview Press, 1999).
- Kearney, Richard and Mara Rainwater, eds., The Continental Philosophy Reader, (NY: Routledge, 1996).
- Critchley, Simon and William Schroeder, eds., A Companion to Continental Philosophy, (Oxford: Blackwell, 1998).
- Kearney, Richard, ed., Continental Philosophy in the Twentieth Century, (NY: Routledge, 1994).
- May, Todd, ed., Twentieth Century Continental Philosophy, (NJ: PrenticeHall, 1997).
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- Shail Mayaram (ed.) Daya Krishna and Ramchandra Gandhi, SAGE, 2013
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### Additional Reading:

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3. H.J. Silverman (ed.), Philosophy and Non-Philosophy Since Merleau-Ponty (Routledge 1988).
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**Research Project**

- a) Field immersion
- b) Literature survey/Data collection
- c) Research Internship
- d) Preparation of report

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8th Semester

PHI-453-Contemporary Western Philosophy

Credits: 4

L-T-P: 30-15-15

## Unit-1 **Basic and Advanced Concepts**

- (a) Subjectivity, objectivity and intersubjectivity
- (b) Evolutionary epistemology
- (c) Social epistemology

## Unit-2 **Data and Models**

- (a) Link between Data and Models: Patrick Suppes
- (b) Data, Image and Coding
- (c) Data and Theories of representation

## Unit-3 **Probability and Knowledge**

- (a ) Theories of probability: apriori, relative frequency, subjectivist
- (b) Probability calculus: conjunction method, disjunction method and negation method
- (c ) Bayesianism and its application in hypothesis testing.

## Unit-4 **Belief revision**

- (a) Belief and Revisability of Beliefs
- (b) Ways of world making
- (c) Counterfactuals

## **Suggested Readings:**

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2. Renzi, Barbara G. and Napolitano Giulio, 2011, Evolutionary Analogies: Is the Process of Scientific Change Analogous to the Organic Change?, Newcastle: Cambridge Scholars Publishing.
3. Zagzebski, L. 2012. Epistemic Authority: A Theory of Trust, Authority, and Autonomy in Belief. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
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**8th Semester**

**PHI-454-Contemporary Philosophy of Language**

**Credits:4**

**L-T-P: 30-15-15**

**Unit-1- Nativism**

- (a) Face recognition
- (b) Linguistic nativism
- (c) Perceptual Symbol System

**Unit-2- Perception**

- (a) Conceptual and Non-conceptual perception
- (b) Colour and Colour Perception
- (c) Phenomenal and access consciousness

**Unit-3- Consciousness**

- (a) Consciousness and neuroscience
- (b) Cognition and Imagery
- (c) Molyneux's problem

**Unit-4- Brain and Mind**

- (a) Mental states and Brain states
- (b) Neural correlates of consciousness
- (c) Hard Problem of Consciousness

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**8th Semester**

**PHI-455-Contemporary European Philosophy**

**Credits:4**

**L-T-P: 30-15-15**

**Unit-1- Ethical Singularity**

- (a) Alain Badiou' s ethics of transformation
- (b) Francoise Laruelle's everyday ethics
- (c) Martin Heidegger's authenticity

**Unit-2- Being-towards-sense**

- (a) Jean-Luc Nancy's notion of sense
- (b) Jean-Luc Marion's ethics of love
- (c) Jean Paul Sartre's ethics of practico-inert.

**Unit-3- Temporality**

- (a) Ethics and politics of Temporality
- (b) Tactics
- (c) Plurality

**Unit-4- Alterity**

- (a) Otherness and othering
- (b) Alternatives
- (c) Relationality

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