

FACULTY OF MENTAL MORAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Syllabus for M.A. (Philosophy)
(The course applicable to post-graduate
centers and External students)
Semesters I and II
(From academic year 2009-2010)

University of Pune, Pune-411007

M.A. Philosophy

General Instructions about Course & Pattern of Examination

1. General Structure

The post Graduate (M.A.) course is a full time course of the duration of two years. It is divided into two parts i.e. M.A. Part I (Consisting of two semesters- Semesters I and II) and M.A. Part II (Consisting of two semesters III and IV). Eligibility for the admission to this course is basically graduation in Philosophy but graduates from other faculties are also eligible provided they possess genuine interest and aptitude for studying philosophy at post-graduate level. The course is conducted in the form of lectures, seminars and tutorials. The teaching of semesters I to IV will be sequential. Syllabus for each paper will be discussed in 40 clock hours (approximately) during each semester.

The external students will be admitted to appear for semester exams of semesters I, II, III and IV in sequential order.

2. Pattern of Examination

A Post Graduate student is assessed for his/her performance at a written test of 1600 marks i.e. sixteen papers of 100 marks each. In the existing examination pattern a student is assessed for each paper at the end of each semester. The question paper will be set for 80 marks. The question papers will be set according to the revised pattern.

Internal assessment: The students will also be assessed for their performance in mid-semester test conducted by their center and for overall performance in each semester course for 20 marks. This provision, however, is not applicable to external students. The performance of external students in semester-end examination will be counted as a whole.

3. The revised syllabi are structured in the following way :

Every semester there will be:

- (i) Two Compulsory courses
- (ii) Two Optional courses

At both these levels students are required to study various courses in western and Indian Traditions. The list of Compulsory and Optional courses is given below:

SEMESTER I

Compulsory Courses:

PH - 101 - Problems in Western Metaphysics

PH - 102 - Problems in Indian Epistemology

Optional Courses: (Any **two out of the following)**

PH - 103 - Plato

PH - 104 - Buddhism

PH - 105 - Traditional and Propositional Logic

PH - 106 - Analytic Philosophy (Early Phase)

PH - 107 - Sankhya

SEMESTER II

Compulsory Courses :

PH - 201 - Problems in Western Epistemology

PH - 202 - Problems in Indian Metaphysics

Optional Courses : (Any **two out of the following)**

PH - 203 - Descartes

PH - 204 - Advaita Vedanta

PH - 205 - Gandhian Philosophy

PH - 206 - Philosophy of Religion

PH - 207 - Early Wittgenstein

Outline of the Courses in Semesters III and IV

SEMESTER III

Compulsory Courses:

PH - 301 - Ethics and Meta-ethics

PH - 302 - Indian Philosophies of Life

Optional Courses (Any **Two** out of the following):

- PH - 303 - Aesthetics (Western and Indian)
PH - 304 - Ambedkar
PH - 305 - Yoga
PH - 306 - Phenomenology
PH - 307 - History & Philosophy of Natural Science

SEMESTER IV

Compulsory Courses:

- PH - 401 - Philosophy of Language (Indian and Western)
PH - 402 - Social and Political Philosophy

Optional Courses: (Any **Two** out of the following):

- PH - 403 - Existentialism
PH - 404 - Modern Indian Thinkers
PH - 405 - Kant
PH - 406 - Jainism
PH - 407 - Later Wittgenstein
PH - 408 - Dissertation

Note: 1) All the compulsory papers will be compulsory for external students as well.

2) All the optional courses for internal students will also be available to external students except PH-408: Dissertation. Dissertation will be optional for internal students.

3) Dissertation:

In addition to optional course, the syllabus provides for Dissertation which is applicable only to the internal students.

An internal student can write and submit a Dissertation in the fourth semester.

The topic and the plan of the dissertation is decided in consultation with a **Faculty member and is approved by the Departmental committee** of the P.G. Centre.

The length of the M. A. dissertation should about 60 to 100 pages (i.e., 18000 to 30000 words)

PH 101: Problems in Western Metaphysics

(Objective: To develop systematic and critical understanding of the basic concepts and problems in Western Metaphysics.)

- Topic I : Problem of being and becoming: Parmenides, Heraclitus and Aristotle.
Nature of Self: Plato- Aristotle debate, Cartesian dualism, No-Self theory of Hume.
- Topic II : Problem of Universals: Realism, Conceptualism, Imagism, Nominalism and Family resemblance.
- Topic III : Problem of Substance- Aristotle, Leibniz, Spinoza, Descartes
- Topic IV : Problem of Substance – Locke, Berkeley and Hume. Problem of Causality – Aristotle, Hume and Kant.

Books for Reading

1. O'Connor D.J. : *A Critical History of Western Philosophy*, Collier MacMillan Publishers, London, 1964.
2. Copleston F.: *History of Philosophy* (Relevant volumes), Image books New York, 1974.
3. Woozley A.D.: *Theory of knowledge : An Introduction* Hutchinson University Library, London, 1969.
4. Hospers, John : *An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis*, Prentice Hall, 1953.
5. Hume, David: *An Essay Concerning Human Understanding* (Book1) (Ed.) P.H. Nidditch Oxford, 1975
6. Mackie J.L.: *The Cement of the Universe* (Chapter 1) Oxford, 1974
7. Russell, Bertrand, *The Problems of Philosophy*, Oxford University Press

Books for Reference

1. Edwards Paul: *The Encyclopedia of Philosophy*. The Macmillan Co. and the Free Press, New York, 1967.
2. Woodhouse, R.S.: *Descartes, Spinoza, Leibniz : The Concept of Substance in 17th Century Metaphysics*. Routledge, London, 1993
3. Scruton, Roger.: *Spinoza*, Past Master Series, Oxford University Press, 1986

PH – 102 : PROBLEMS IN INDIAN EPISTEMOLOGY

(Objective: To develop systematic and critical understanding of the basic concepts and problems in Indian epistemology)

Topic I

- (a) Nyaya view of *Buddhi* / *Jnana* and its kinds. *Pramana* and *Prama*.
- (b) Purvamimamsa approach to nature and classification of *pramana*.
- (c) Buddhist approach to nature and classification of *pramana*.
The debate on *Pramana-vyavastha* and *Pramana-samplava*.

Topic II

- a) *Pratyaksa*: Its nature and kinds according to Nyaya and Buddhism.
- b) *Khyativada*: *Akhyati*, *Anyathakhyati*, *Viparitamkhyati*, *Atmakhyati*, *Asatkhyati*, *Anirvacaniyakhyati*, *Satkhyati*.

Topic III

The Nyaya, Buddhist and Jaina views on the following aspects of *anumana*:

The concept and classification of *Anumana*, The nature of *sad-hetu* and its aspects (*rupas/laksanas*), The nature of argument (*Pararthanumana*) The notion of *Vyapti* the knowledge of *Vyapti*.

Topic IV

Some debates :

- (a) *Pramanya* and *A-Pramanya* : *svatah* and *paratah*, *Utpatti* and *Jnapti*.
- (b) *Savisayatva*, *Sakarata*, *Svaparakasatva*, *Paraprakasatva* of cognitions.
- (c) Other *Pramanas* and the question of their reducibility:
Upamana, *Sabda*, *Arthapatti* and *Anupalabdhi*.

Texts to be used

Annambhatta	Tarkasamgraha
Dharmakirti	Nyayabindu, Hetubindu
Vadidevasuri	Pramananaya-tattvalokialamkara

Prescribed Readings

- 1) Athalye and Bodas (Trans. & Ed.) *Tarkasamgraha of Annambhatta*, BORI, Pune 1963.
- 2) Mohanty J.N.: *Reason and Tradition in Indian Thought*, Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1992 (Relevant chapters)
- 3) Matilal B.K. : *Perception*, Oxford, 1980.
- 4) Bhatt, Govardhan, P.: *The Basic Ways of Knowing (An In-depth Study of Kumarila's Contribution to Indian Epistemology)*, Motilal Barsidass, Delhi, 1989 (Second Ed.)
- 5) Barlingay S.S. : *A Modern Introduction to Indian Logic*, National Publishing House, Delhi 1965.
- 6) Sharma, Ambikadatta, "Pramanasamplava and Pramanavyavastha", *JICPR*, Vol. XIV, No. 2, Jan.-April, 97

Books for Reference

1. Matilal B.K. : *Epistemology, Logic and Grammar in Indian Philosophy*, Monton, 1971.
 2. Dasgupta S.N. : *History of Indian Philosophy*, Cambridge Uni. Press, London (1940) (Relevant Volumes and Chapters)
 3. Kar B.N. :, *Theories of Error in Indian Philosophy*, Ajanta Publications, Delhi, 1978.
 4. Datta D.N. : *Six ways of Knowing*, University of Calcutta, Calcutta, 1960.
 5. Th. Stcherbatsky: *Buddhist Logic*, Vol. Two, Dover Publications, Inc. New York, 1962
1. Jovanovich, San Diego 1988.

PH – 103: PLATO

(Objective : To introduce some basic issues and problems discussed by Plato.)

Topic I

Meno

a) The nature of virtue, (b) whether virtue can be taught, (c) the recollection theory of knowledge, (d) relation between virtue and knowledge and (e) wisdom.

Topic II

Theaetetus

a) nature of knowledge, (b) role of Socrates as intellectual midwife, (c) Protagoras doctrine – ‘Man is the measure of all things’, (d) nature of things vis-à-vis motion and rest, (e) the laws of thought, (f) whole and part.

Topic III

Parmanides

a) All is one, being can't be many, (b) nature of Ideas, (c) the one and many.

Topic IV

The Republic Books V, VI, VII, X

a) Opinion and knowledge, (b) knowledge and truth, philosophy, philosopher, c) The allegory of cave, (d) The idea of Form.

Books of Reading

Hamilton Edith & Cairns Huntington (ed.) *The collected Dialogues of Plato*, Princeton University Press, USA, 1961.

Books of Reference

Moravosik, *Patterns in Plato's Thought*, D. Reidel Dordrecht, 1973.

Vlastos, G.(ed) *Plato : A collection of Critical Essays*, Anchor Books, New York, 1971.

Allen R.E., *Plato's Parmanides : Translation & Analysis*, Basil Blackwell, London, 1983

Sarye, K.M., *Plato's Analytic Method*, University of Chicago Press, Chicago, 1969.

Mathews G., *Plato's Epistemology and Related Problems*, Faber and Faber, London, 1972.

Crombi I.M., *An Examination of Plato's Doctrines*, R.K.P., London, 1963.

Bluck R.S., *Plato's Meno*, Cambridge, London, 1964.

PH 104: Buddhism

(Objective : To introduce to the student the philosophical and religious dimensions of early Buddhism)

- Topic I** : [a] Vedic tradition and Buddha's response to it.
[b] Other contemporary philosophical sects (*Samannaphalasutta*)
[c] The role of faith, experience and reason in Buddha's teaching. Is Buddhism a religion? Three jewels of Buddhism.
[d] *Avyakṛta prasnas* and Buddha's silence.
- Topic II** : [a] *Dharma-cakra-pravartana*. The four noble truths, their nature and meaning.
[b] *Trilaksana* : *Anitya*, *Anatma* and *Duhkha*. Kinds of *Duhkha*, *Duhkhata*
[c] Diagnosis of *Duhkha*, *Avidya*, *Trsna* and *Sat kayadrsti*, *Akusala* and *Akusalamula*.
[d] *Pratityasamutpada* and *Dvadasanidana*.
- Topic III** : [a] *Duhkha-Nirodha* - *Nirvana* - *Sopadisesa* and *Nirupadisesa*
[b] The path towards *Nirvana* : *Madhyama Pratipat*, *Astangika Marga*,
[c] *Trisiksa* (*Sila-Samadhi-Prajna*) Insight meditation (*Vipassana*), *Satipatthana*
- Topic IV** : [a] Schools of Buddhism: (Introduction only)
(i) Sautrantika
(ii) Vaibhasika
(iii) Yogacara
(iv) Madhyamika
[b] Doctrines of Buddhism:
(i) Anatmavada
(ii) Anityata – Ksanikata
(iii) Sunyavada

Books for Reading :

1. *Early Buddhism in its origins* by V.P.Varma, Munshiram Manoharlal.
2. *The Buddha and his Teachings* by Narada, Buddhist Missionary Society Malasia.
3. *The Three Jewels*, Bhiksu Sangharakshita (Sthavira) London, Wind horse Publications, 1977

4. Sangharaksita, *A survey of Buddhism (Its doctrines and methods through the ages)*, Tharpa publication, London, 1987 (sixth edition)
5. Schumann, *Buddhism and Outlines of its Teachings and Schools*, Reidel and Co., London, 1973
6. Chatterjee, A.K., *The Yogacara Idealism*, Delhi, Motilal Banarsidass Publishers Pvt. Ltd, 1986
7. Murti, T.R.V., *The Central Philosophy of Buddhism*, New Delhi, Harper Collins, 1998

Books for Reference :

(A) Dialogues of the Buddha : The following dialogues may be referred to :

Topic I : *Kalamasutta, Kutadantasutta, Tevijjasutta, Assalayanasutta, Samannaphalasutta.*

Topic II : *Dhammacakkappavattanasutta, Anattalakkhanasutta, Bharasutta, Mahanidanasutta.*

Topic III : *Itivuttaka 44.; Mahasatipatthanasutta.*

(B) *Dhammapada*
Milindapanho
Visuddhimagga

(C)

(1) Conze, Edward, *Buddhist Thought in India*, London, George Allen & Unwin, 1983

(2) Pande, G.C.; *Bauddhadharmake Vikasaka Itihasa*, Hindisamiti Granthamala, U.P. 1976

(3) Upadhyay B.; *Bauddha Darsana Mimamsa*; Chowkhamba Vidya Bhavan, Benaras, 1954

(4) Chinchore M.R.; *Anatta-Anatmata: An Analysis of Buddhist Antisubstantialist Crusade*, Indian Book Centre, Delhi, 1995

(5) Chinchore M. R., *Aniccata/Anityata: An Analysis of the Buddhist Opposition to Permanence/Stability and Alternative Foundation of Ontology and/or Anthropology*, Indian Books Centre, Delhi, 1995

PH – 105 TRADITIONAL AND PROPOSITIONAL LOGIC

(Objective: To introduce the elements of Aristotelean and the modern logic.

Note: Only Students having no background in Traditional and Propositional Logic are allowed to opt for this course.)

Topic I

Nature of logic, place of logic in philosophy
Nature, structure and classification of propositions.
Terms, propositions and judgements.
Laws of Thought, Immediate Inference
Opposition

Topic II

Mediate Inference.
Eduction, Obversion, Conversion.
Deduction and Syllogism. Theory of Syllogism.
Figures, Moods,

Topic III

Simple and compound of propositions. Truth and validity
Statement and statement-forms; argument and argument forms.
Decision procedures-Truth-table, Shorter truth-table, Truth-tree

Topic IV

Formal proof of validity -Direct, Conditional and Indirect proofs.
Demonstration of invalidity of invalid arguments

Books for Reading

Copi I.M., *Introduction to Logic*, MacMillan Co. New York

Copi I.M., *Symbolic Logic* 6th ed. Mac Millan Co. New York 1995

Singh Arindam and Goswami Chinmoy, *Fundamentals of Logic* ICPR, New Delhi, 1998

Books for reference

Terrell D.B., *Logic : A Modern Introduction to Deductive Reasoning*.

Hughes G.E. & Londey D.G., *The Elements of Formal Logic*, Delhi, 1966

PH – 106: ANALYTIC PHILOSOPHY (EARLY PHASE)

(Objective: To introduce the main issues and trends in early Analytic Philosophy.)

Topic I

Gotlob Frege: Sense and Reference.
B. Russell: On Denoting.

Topic II

G.E. Moore: Refutation of Idealism, Defense of Common sense.

Topic III

Ludwig Wittgenstein: Analysis of facts, propositions and their interrelation
A.J. Ayer: Logical Positivism – ‘Elimination of Metaphysics and the principle of verification’.

Topic IV

Philosophy and ordinary language: G. Ryle: ‘Systematically Misleading Expressions’.
P.F. Strawson: On Referring.

Prescribed Readings

1. *Classics of Analytic Philosophy*, Ed. R. R. Ammerman, Tata McGraw-Hill Publishing Co. Ltd., 1965.
2. *Philosophy of Language* by Alexander Miller, Indian Edition Rupa New Delhi 2004
3. *Philosophical Papers* by G.E.Moore, Routledge,
4. *Sense and Nominatum* by Frege: in *Contemporary Readings in Logical Theory* Ed. I.M.Copi and J.A.Gould The Macmillan Company, New York, 1971

Books for Reference

1. *Central Questions of Philosophy* A. J. Ayer, The McMillan Company of Indian Ltd, 1979
2. *Linguistic Turn* Richard Rorty, *Phoenix Books, The University of Chicago Press*, 1970

PH 107 : Samkhya

(Objectives : To give a fairly exhaustive knowledge of the basic issues, concepts and doctrines of Sankhyadarsana with reference to *Sankhyakarika* and its two commentaries *Gaudapadabhasya* and *Samkhyatattvakaumudi*)

Topic I : [a] Early Samkhya as found in the *Upanisads*, *Gita* and *Carakasamhita*.

[b] The problem of *Duhkha* and its solution.

[c] Twenty five *tattvas* and their classification

Topic II : [a] Samkhya theory of knowledge; means of knowledge
[b] *Vyakta*, *Avyakta* and *Jna* (Similarities and differences)
[c] Theory of causation.
[d] The theory of *Trigunas*

Topic III : [a] Evolution of *Tattvas*
[b] The relation between *Prakrti* and *Purusa* and their role in creation and destruction of the world
[c] *Antahkarana*, Eight forms of *Buddhi*, *Pratyaya-Sarga*

Topic IV : [a] Bondage and Liberation, *Kevalajnana* and *Kaivalya*
[b] Samkhya Atheism
[c] Relation between Samkhya and Yoga
[d] Relation between Samkhya and Vedanta

Books for Reading :

1. Hardatta Sharma (Ed. & Tr.) *Samkhyakarika with Gaudapadabhasya*
2. Bhattacharya Ramashankar : *Samkhyatattvakaumudi*, Motilal Banarasidas, Delhi 1964
3. Gerald Larson : *Classical Samkhya* : Motilal Banarasidass, Delhi, 1979.

Books for Reference:

Anima Sengupta : *Classical Samkhya : A Critical study*, Manoranjana sen Gaur Ashram, Lucknow 1969.

PH 201: Problems in Western Epistemology

(Objective: To develop systematic and critical understanding of the basic concepts and problems in Western Epistemology.)

Topic I : Nature and definition of knowledge, Knowledge and belief (Plato)
Challenge of scepticism to the possibility of knowledge, Gettier problem
and responses to it .

Topic II : Justification of knowledge claims: Foundational (knowledge as
correspondence) and non-foundational (Coherentism and Reliabilism)
approaches to the nature and analysis of knowledge. Theories of truth –
correspondence, coherence, pragmatic and semantic.

Topic III : (a) Problems of Perception - Direct realism, Representative realism,
Phenomenalism
(b) Rationalist, Empiricist and Kantian approach to knowledge
(analytic-synthetic distinction and synthetic a priori)

Topic IV : Problem of Meaning
Denotative, connotative and use theory of meaning.
A priori knowledge

Books for Reading :

1. Lehrer Keith, *Theory of Knowledge*, Claremont fress,1972
2. O' Connor D.J. and Caar B. *Introduction to Theory of Knowledge*,
Harvestor Press Ltd. (Sussex) 1982.
3. Canfield and Donnell (eds) *Readings in the Theory of Knowledge*,
Appleton Century – Crofts, USA,1964 .
4. Dancy Jonathan, *An Introduction to Contemporary Epistemology*, Basil
Blackwell.

Books for reference :

1. G.S. Pappas and Swain (eds)., *Essays on Knowledge and Justification*, Cornell University Press Ithaca, New York 1978.
2. Copleston F., *History of Philosophy (Relevant Volumes)* Image Books, New York, 1997.
3. Ayer A.J., *Central Questions of Philosophy* Holt, Rinechart and Winston, New York, 1979.
4. Armstrong., *Belief, Truth and Knowledge*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1973.
5. Ayer A.J., *The Problem of Knowledge*, Pelican Books, London, 1971.
6. Yolton J.W. *Theory of Knowledge*, Collier MacMillan, New York, 1965.
7. Alston W.P. *The Philosophy of Language*, Prentice Hall, 1964

PH – 202 : Problems in Indian Metaphysics

(Objective :To introduce basic issues and problems of metaphysics as discussed in Indian traditions.)

Topic I

Sat

- 1) Sat as eternal reality, Kutasthanitya and Parinamanitya : Vedanta and Samkhya.
- 2) Sat as both eternal and non-eternal : Jainism.
- 3) Sat as non-eternal, momentary : Buddhism.
- 4) Vaisesika View on the nature and classification of Padarthas.

The status of universals in general and that of existence in particular in the above perspectives would also be discussed.

Topic II

Atman Mind and Person

Perspectives of the following systems.

- 1) Nyaya Vaisesika (2) Samkhya, Yoga (3) Advaita – Vedanta
- 4) Buddhism (5) Carvaka

The relevance of the above conceptions in the respective systems to the problem of bondage, rebirth and emancipation should be discussed.

Topic III

Physical World

- 1) World as Vyavaharika Sat : Advaita Vedanta view.
- 2) World as the manifestation/evolution of Prakrti – Samkhya – view.
- 3) World as an aspect of God : Ramanuja's view.
- 4) World as a product of atoms and as produced by God : The Nyaya-Vaisesika view.

Topic IV

Causation

- 1) The Vaisesika definition and classification of cause
- 2) Satkaryavada of Samkhya.
- 3) Asatkaryavada and Arambhavada of Vaisesikas.
- 4) Pratityasamutpada : The Buddhist doctrine.
- 5) The Advaita Vedanta doctrines of Vivartavada, Abhasavada, Pratibimbavada, Avacchedavada.

Books for Reading

Dasgupta, S.N., *History of Indian Philosophy*, Cambridge University Press, London, 1940 (Relevant volumes and chapters)

Hiriana, M; *Outlines of Indian Philosophy*, George Allen and Unwin, London 1918.

Mohanty J.N. : *Reason and Tradition in Indian Thought*, Clarendon Press, Oxford 1992. (Relevant sections only)

Athalye V.Y. and Bodas M.R. (Trans and Ed.) *Tarka Samgraha of Annambhatta* (Relevant Sections) BORI, Pune 1963.

Books for Reference

Dravid, R.R. : *The Problem of Universals in Indian Philosophy*, Motilal Banaridass, Delhi, 1972.

Murti, T.R.V. : *The Central Philosophy of Buddhism*, George Allen and Unwin, London 1955.

JJC Ninian Smart : *Doctrine and Arguments in Indian Philosophy*, George Allen and Unwin, London, 1964.

Misra S. (Tr.) *Vedanta Paribhasa*, Jaya Krishna Das Hari Das Gupta, Benares 1937.

PH-203: DESCARTES

(Objective: To introduce students to the major aspects of Descartes' Philosophy.)

Topic I:

Descartes and Modern philosophy. Epistemological shift. Knowledge as a tree. Rationalism and scientific method. Rules for the direction of mind.

Topic II:

Method of doubt. Cogito Ergo Sum. Primacy of subject. Doctrine of innate ideas. Clearness and distinctness of ideas.

Topic III:

Theory of Knowledge: Views on perception. Natural light of reason. Truth and possibility of error. Charge of circularity. Arguments for the existence of God.

Topic IV:

Notion of substance. Corporeal and incorporeal substance. Problem of mind-body-dualism.

Prescribed Readings:

1. Rene Descartes; Discourse on Method and Meditations. Trans. with an Intro; Laurence J Lafleur, the Liberal Arts Press, New York, 1960.
2. Descartes' Rules for the Direction of the Mind by the late H. H. Joachim Reconstructed From Notes taken by his Pupils Ed. Erol E. Haris George Allen Union LTD London, 1957.

Books of Reference:

1. Cottingham, John (Ed.), *Philosophical Writings of Descartes*, Cambridge University Press.
2. Doney Wills (Ed.), *Descartes: A Collection of Critical Essays*, Garden City, New York, 1969.
3. Smith N. K., *Descartes' Philosophical Writings*, Macmillan, 1952. Keeling, S. V. (1968). *Descartes*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. ISBN.
4. Boyer, Carl (1985). *A History of Mathematics*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press
5. Clarke, Desmond (2006). *Descartes: A Biography*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
6. Farrell, John. "Demons of Descartes and Hobbes." *Paranoia and Modernity: Cervantes to Rousseau* (Cornell UP, 2006), chapter seven.
7. Sorrell, Tom (1987). *Descartes*. Oxford: Oxford University Press...
8. Costabel, Pierre (1987). *René Descartes - Exercices pour les éléments des solides*. Paris: Presses Universitaires de France..
9. Cottingham, John (1992). *The Cambridge Companion to Descartes*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press..

10. *Garber, Daniel (1992). Descartes's Metaphysical Physics. Chicago: University of Chicago Press..*
11. *Gaukroger, Stephen (1995). Descartes: An Intellectual Biography. Oxford: Oxford University Press..*
12. *Garber, Daniel; Michael Ayers (1998). The Cambridge History of Seventeenth-Century Philosophy. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press..*
13. *Melchert, Norman (2002). The Great Conversation: A Historical Introduction to Philosophy. New York: McGraw Hill..*
14. *Grayling, A.C. (2005). Descartes: The Life and times of a Genius. New York: Walker Publishing Co., Inc..*

PH 204: Advaita Vedanta

**(Objectives:1. To introduce the original formation of Advaitic philosophy.
2. To introduce the basic issues discussed in the Pre-Samkara and Samkara Vedanta)**

Gaudapada:

Topic I:

- 1 *Pranava* as a symbol of *Brahman*. Nature of knowledge. Unity of Knower as *Visva, Taijasa* and *Prajna*.
- 2 Three states of experience: waking, dream and deep sleep.
- 3 *Turiya* as non-dual reality.
- 4 Nature of *Vaitathya*.

Topic II:

Ajativada, Asparsayoga, and Moksa, Gaudapada's dialectical method

Shankaracarya:

Topic III:

Dharmajijnasa and Brahmajijnasa; Nature of Adyasa, Brahman, Jagat, Jiva, and Moksa

Topic IV:

Sankaracarya's criticism of other schools of Indian Philosophy (Vaisesika, Sankhya and Buddhism) with reference to *Tarkpada*

Books for Reading:

1. Karmarkar R.D.(Tran) *Gaudapada; Gaudapad karika* Government oriental series , class 13, no 9.1938.
2. Bhattacharya Vidhushekhar(ed and trans and noted) ;*Agamasastra of Gaudapada*, , University of Calcutta,culcutta, 1943.
3. George Thibute (Tran) ;*Brahma Sutra with commentary of Sankaracharya*, Vols. I&II Bharatiya Vidya Prakashan, Delhi -2004.
4. Dr..Rao Srinivas M (Tran) ; *Mandukya Upanisad with Gaudapada's karika and Sankara's commentary*, The Vedanta kesari, Madras vols XVIII– XXI1931-35.
4. Swami Nikhilananda (Tran and annotated) ;*Mandukakya Upanisad with Gaudapada's karika and Sankara's commentary*; Sari Ramkesishna Ashrams ;Mysore1939.
5. Shastri. Satynarayana S.S and C. Kunhan Raja(Tran); *The Bhamati ; Catussutri*, Theosophical publishing House, Adyar ,Madras, India 1933.
6. AbhyankarV.K (Tran); *Brahma Sutra Shankara Bhasya I- IV* Published byDeccan Education Society ,Poona,1911 –1957.
7. Bhanu C.G. (Tran); *Catussutri*, Yashvant Prakashan Pune -1912

Books of Reference:

1. Dnyanesh V.H.; *Vedanta Explained*, Book Sellers publishing Co, Bombay 1954.
2. Pandey S.L.; *Pre- Sankara Advaita Philosophy*; Darshana Pitha, Alahabad 1991.
3. Mahadevan T M P; *The Philosophy of Advaita*; Ganesh and Co. Madras 1969.
4. Sharma C.D; *Advaita Tradition in Indian Philosophy*, Motilal Banarasisdass
Delhi 1996

PH – 205: GANDHIAN PHILOSOPHY

(Objective : To acquaint the student with major aspects of Gandhian thought.)

Topic I

Religion and Ethics

Truth and God, Relation between Truth and Non Violence, Equality of all religions (*Sarva-dharma-sama-bhava*), *Anasaktiyoga*.

Topic II

Social Thought

Doctrine of *Sanatanadharma*, *Varnasramadharma*, Approach to *Varna*, *Jati* and untouchability – The status and role of women, conception of ideal society (*Ramarajya*) – the doctrine of *Sarvodaya*, Critique of modern civilization.

Topic III

Political Thought

The doctrine of *Satyagraha*: scope and application, limits and significance of *Satyagraha*, Civil Disobedience, the doctrine of *Swaraj* (Self-rule) – Politics & Ethics – Political Ideal.

Topic IV

a) Economic and educational thought

The doctrine of Bread labour, Trusteeship and socialism, The doctrine of *Swadeshi* (self-reliance), Economics and Ethics, Gandhi's views on education

B) Controversies of Gandhi: Tilak-Gandhi controversy on interpretation of Bhagavad-Gita, Tagore-Gandhi controversy on nationalism and modernity, Ambedkar-Gandhi controversy on *Varna* and caste.

Books for Readings (Relevant sections only)

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PH – 206: PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

(Objective : To acquaint the student with various issues that arise regarding the nature and structure of religion, religious beliefs and its postulates.)

Topic I

Religion and Philosophy of Religion. Classification of religions Religion as a social projection, social and non-social dimensions of religious life, universal and prophetic dimensions in religion.

Inter-relationship between religious faith and reason.

Topic II

Methods in scientific and religious inquiry – Pervasive and persuasive characteristics of paradigms, objectivity and involvement – observer involvement in religion and science.

Scientific and religious logic – Causes and meanings, differing kinds of logic

Nature, structure and dynamics of religious experience. (mysticism)

Freudian analysis of religious experience.

Inter-relationship between religion and morality.

Topic III

Arguments for the existence of God-- Teleological, Ontological, Cosmological. Problem of Evil.

Inter religious dialogue.

Topic IV

Concept of Divine Grace. Doctrine of Karma and fatalism.

Marxian critique of religion.

Books for Reading

- 1) Hick John, *Philosophy of Religion*, Prentice Hall, 1963.
- 2) Cahn S.M. and Shatz David ed., *Contemporary Philosophy of Religion*, Oxford University Press.
- 3) Rolston Holmes III, *Science and Religion A Critical Survey*, Harcourt Brace Custom Publishers.1997
- 4) Freud S., *Future of an Illusion*, tr by W.D. Robson-Scott, Hoqarth Press Ltd. London, 1949 .

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- 1) Paul Edwards, *Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, Macmillan and Co, The Free Press, New York, 1967
- 2) James William, *Varieties of Religious Experience :A Study in Human Nature*, Longmans Green, London 1928
- 3) Hubert John Richards, *The Philosophy of Religion*, Heinemann Publication 1998
- 4) Wainwright William ed., *The Oxford handbook of Philosophy of Religion*, Oxford University Press.
- 5) Matilal, B. K., *Logical and Ethical Issues in Religious Belief*, Oxford University Press

PH-207: Early Wittgenstein

(Objective: To acquaint the student with major philosophical aspects of Wittgenstein's *Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus*)

Topic I: The Background and the central idea of *Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus*

(A) Some possible influences on *Tractatus*

- 1) Russell's rejection of Traditional Logic and his thesis of Propositional logic.

His

theory of 'logical atomism'.

- 2) Frege's notions of 'Sense' - 'Reference' and 'Function' - 'Argument'
- 3) The Transcendental roots: Kant and Schopenhauer

(B) The Tractarian Project: A Textual Study of the Preface of the *Tractatus*.

Topic II: A textual study of the *Tractatus*, (Issues in Philosophical logic)

- a. Neologisms of Wittgenstein: 'names', 'objects', 'facts', 'world', 'propositions', 'language', 'sense', 'nonsense', 'senseless'.
- b. Picture theory of meaning- Logical Form, Pictorial Form and Representational Form.
- c. Saying-Showing dichotomy.
- d. Truth- Function theory.

Topic III: A textual study of the *Tractatus*, (Allied Issues)

- a. Distinction between Philosophy and Science.
- b. The status of the *Tractatus* itself (Proposition 6.54).
- c. The status of 'value- propositions' - The 'Mystical in the *Tractatus*.
- b. The status of the Metaphysical-Self and solipsism.

Topic IV: Critical assessment of the philosophy of *Tractatus* by Later Wittgenstein

- a. 'Essence' v/s 'Family resemblance'
- b. 'Word-object correlation' v/s 'words as tools'
- c. The critical assessment of the Tractarian 'Picture theory' of propositions

Prescribed Readings:

- a. Ludwig Wittgenstein, *Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus*, (trans., D.F. Pears and B.F. McGuinness), Routledge and Kegan Paul Ltd., (revised edition), 1974.
- b. Ludwig Wittgenstein, *Philosophical Investigations*, -(Passages 1-133), (English text with index), (trans., G.E.M. Anscombe), Basil Blackwell Publication, 1968.
- c. G.E.M. Anscombe, *An Introduction to Wittgenstein's Tractatus*, Huntington and Co., London, 1959.
- d. Erik Stenius, 'Wittgenstein's *Tractatus*: A critical Exposition of its main lines of thought', Basil Blackwell, 1960.

- e. Donald Peterson, *Wittgenstein's Early Philosophy- 'Three Sides of the Mirror'*, BPCC, Wheaton Ltd, 1990
- f. K.T. Fann, *Wittgenstein's Conception of Philosophy*, Basil Blackwell, 1969.

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