

UNIVERSITY OF PUNE
Certificate Course
Introduction to Western Philosophy

1. **Objective:** To introduce basic issues, concepts and problems as discussed in Western Philosophy

2. **Eligibility:** 12 Std. or Equivalent qualification

3. **Assessment :** The final total assessment of the candidates shall be made in terms of an internal assessment for 40 marks and an external assessment for 60 marks

External assessment: The external assessment for 60 marks shall be based on the external written examination to be held at the end of each semester for each course.

4. **Duration:** 3 Months

5. **Faculty :** Minimum Qualification M.A. (Philosophy) NET/SET

Program Structures

- 1) Nature of Philosophy
 - 1.1) Definitions of Philosophy
 - 1.2) Chief branches of Philosophy: Epistemology, Ethics, Logic, Aesthetics
 - 1.3) Relevance to everyday life
- 2) Nature of Knowledge
 - 2.1) Distinction between opinion, belief and knowledge
 - 2.2) Sources of knowledge—sense experience, reason, testimony, intuition, faith, revelation.

3) Theories of knowledge

3.1) Empiricism

3.2) Rationalism

3.3) Skepticism

4) Theories of Reality

4.1) Materialism

4.2) Idealism

4.3) Realism

Reference Books:

1) O'Connor, D.J.: A Critical History Of Western Philosophy, Collier Macmillan Publication, 1964

2) John Hospers: An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis, Allied Publishers Private LTD 1975

3) Titus: Living Issues in Philosophy, Allied Publishers Private LTD 1975