

CC1: Invitation to Philosophy

Topic	Lectures in terms of Weeks
Unit 1: <i>The Nature of Philosophy</i> - The Nature of Philosophical Thinking	1 st -2 nd week
Philosophy as critical Inquiry	2 nd -3 rd Week
Philosophical and Scientific Questions: Differences and Similarities	3 rd -4 th Week
Unit II: <i>Methods in Philosophy</i> - Socratic Method	4 th -5 th Week
Linguistic Analysis	5 th - 6 th Week
Phenomenological Method	6 th -7 th Week
Deconstruction	7 th -8 th Week
Unit III: <i>Fundamental issues in Philosophy</i> - Knowledge and Skepticism	8 th 9 th Week
What is reality? Philosophical Theories of the nature of reality	9 th - 11 th Week
Importance of asking moral questions in everyday Life: Right and wrong, Good life and Happiness	11 th - 13 th Week
Unit IV: <i>Ways of Doing Philosophy in the East</i> - Indian Philosophy	13 th -14 th Week
Chinese Philosophy	14 th -15 th Week
Islamic Philosophy	15 th -16 th Week

CC 2: History of Greek and Medieval Philosophy

Topic	Lectures in terms of Weeks
Unit I: Pre-Socratic Philosophers	1 st to 3 rd Week
Socratic Philosophy	3 rd to 4 th Week
Unit II: Plato: Introduction, Theory of knowledge	4 th to 5 th Week
Plato: Theory of knowledge: Knowledge(episteme), and Opinion(doxa)	5 th to 7 th Week
Plato: Theory of Forms, Soul, Idea of God	7 th to 8 th Week
Unit III: Aristotle: Introduction, Critique of Plato's theory of Forms	8 th to 10 th Week
Aristotle: Theory of Causation	10 th to 11 th Week
Aristotle: Categories, God	11 th to 12 th Week
Unit IV: St. Thomas Aquinas: faith and reason; essence and existence;	12 th to 13 th Week
St. Thomas Aquinas: proofs for the existence of God	13 th to 14 th Week
St. Augustine	14 th to 16 th Week

PHIL 0301: History of Western Epistemology and Metaphysics

Topic	No. of classes in terms of week
Introduction: Debate between Empiricist and Rationalist Philosophers	1 st week
John Locke	2 nd – 4 th week
George Berkeley	5 th – 7 th week
David Hume	8 th – 10 th week
Immanuel Kant	11 th – 13 th week

Suggested Readings:

1. An Essay Concerning Human Understanding by John Locke
2. The British Empiricists by Stephen Priest
3. Berkeley by G. Pitcher
4. An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding: D. Hume, Dr. J. N. Mohanty (ed.)
5. A Treatise on Human Nature by D. Hume.
6. The Fundamental Questions of Philosophy by A. C. Ewing.
7. A Critique of Pure Reason: Kant, N.K. Smith (tr. & ed.).
8. Kant by P.Guyer
9. Kant's Metaphysics of Experience by H.J. Paton vol. I & II.

Book no. 2 is primarily suggested for its remarkably lucid textual content that will provide the students with helpful reading and understanding of the subject.

PHIL 0302: Western Ethics

Topic	Lectures in terms of Weeks
Nature of Ethics; postulates of morality	1 Week
Moral and Non-moral actions	1 Week
Object of Moral Judgement—Motive and Intention.	1 Week
Egoism and Utilitarianism	1 Week
Act-Utilitarianism	1 Week
Rule-utilitarianism	1 Week
Deontological Theories	1 Week
Act-Deontological Theories	1 Week
Rule-Deontological Theories—Kant’s Theory	1 Week
Theories of Punishment	3 Weeks
Justice	2 Weeks
Virtue Ethics	1 Week
Plato - Aristotle	1 Week
Modern views of Virtue Ethics	
Discussion	
Total	16 Weeks

PHIL 0303: Indian Epistemology and Metaphysics

Topic	Lectures in terms of Weeks
<p>Sāṃkhya Philosophy: <i>Sāṃkhya</i> Philosophy - Introduction, <i>Satkāryavāda</i>, Nature of <i>Prakṛti</i>, its constituents and proofs for its existence</p>	1-2 Week
<p>Sāṃkhya Philosophy: <i>Sāṃkhya</i> Philosophy - Nature of <i>Puruṣa</i> and proofs for its existence, Doctrine of the plurality of <i>Puruṣas</i>, theory of evolution</p>	2-4 Week
<p>Yoga Philosophy: <i>Yoga</i> Philosophy - Introduction, <i>Citta</i>, <i>Cittavṛtti</i>, <i>Cittabhūmi</i>, Eight fold path of <i>Yoga</i></p>	4-6 Week
<p>Yoga Philosophy: <i>Yoga</i> Philosophy - Importance of God, <i>Yoga</i> Philosophy - Proofs for the existence of God</p>	6-7 Week
<p>Mīmāṃsā Philosophy: <i>Mīmāṃsā</i> (<i>Prābhākara</i> and <i>Bhāṭṭa</i>) Philosophy – Introduction, <i>Arthāpatti</i> and <i>Anupalabdhis</i> sources of knowledge</p>	7-8 Week
<p>Mīmāṃsā Philosophy: <i>Mīmāṃsā</i> Philosophy - <i>Svataḥprāmāṇyavāda</i>, <i>Anuvyavasāya</i>: <i>Triputipratyakṣa</i> or <i>Jñātātāliṅgakānumāṇ</i></p>	8-9 Week
<p>Advaita Vedānta Philosophy: <i>Advaita Vedānta</i> Philosophy – Introduction, <i>Śaṅkara's</i> view of <i>Brahman</i>: <i>Saguṇa</i> and <i>Nirguṇa</i> <i>Brahman</i></p>	9-11 Week
<p>Advaita Vedānta Philosophy: <i>Advaita Vedānta</i> Philosophy - Three grades of <i>Sattā</i>: <i>Prātibhāṣika</i>, <i>Vyavahārika</i> and <i>Pāramārthikasattā</i>, <i>Advaita Vedānta</i> Philosophy - <i>Śaṅkara's</i> view of <i>Māyā</i>, <i>Śaṅkara's</i> view of <i>Jīva</i> and <i>Jagat</i></p>	11-13 Weeks
<p>Viśiṣṭādvaita Vedānta Philosophy: <i>Viśiṣṭādvaita Vedānta</i> Philosophy –</p>	13-14 Weeks

Introduction, <i>Rāmānuja's</i> view of <i>Brahman</i>	
<i>ViśiṣṭādvaitaVedānta</i> Philosophy: <i>ViśiṣṭādvaitaVedānta</i> Philosophy - <i>Rāmānuja's</i> view of <i>Jīva</i> and <i>Jagat</i> , <i>Rāmānuja's</i> Refutation of the doctrine of <i>Māyā</i>	14-16 Weeks

PHIL 0501: Epistemology & Metaphysics (Western)

Topic	Week
Knowledge: <i>Knowledge:</i> introduction, concepts	1-2 Week
<i>Knowledge:</i> Truth, The sources of knowledge	2-3 Week
<i>Knowledge:</i> Some Principals uses of the verb "To Know"	3-4 Week
<i>Knowledge:</i> Conditions of propositional knowledge, strong and weak senses of "Know"	4-5 Week
<i>Knowledge:</i> our knowledge of the physical world, introduction, Realism	5-7 Week
<i>Knowledge:</i> our knowledge of the physical world, Idealism	7-8 Week
<i>Knowledge:</i> our knowledge of the physical world; Phenomenalism	8-9 Week
<i>Some Metaphysical Problems:</i> <i>Some Metaphysical Problems:</i> Introduction, Substance	9-11 Weeks
<i>Some Metaphysical Problems:</i> Universal	11-13 Weeks
<i>Some Metaphysical Problems:</i> Mind and Body	13-15 Weeks
<i>Some Metaphysical Problems:</i> Cause	15-16 Week

PHIL 502: Verbal Knowledge - Indian Perspective (*Tarkasaṃgraha*)

Topic	Week
Introduction to the Indian Perspective on Verbal Knowledge: <i>śabda</i> & <i>śābdabodha</i>	1 st - 4 th Week
Definition of <i>śabdapramāṇa</i> , <i>pada</i> and <i>śakti</i> , the nature of <i>śakti</i> : <i>Nyāya-Mīmāṃsā</i> debate	
Debate on <i>vyaktiśaktivāda</i> , <i>jātiśaktivāda</i> and <i>ākṛtiśaktivāda</i>	
Means of knowing direct signifying power or <i>śaktigrahopāya</i>	5 th - 8 th Week
Definition of indirect signifying power or <i>lakṣaṇā</i>	
Classification of <i>lakṣaṇā</i> – <i>jahat</i> , <i>ajahat</i> and <i>jahad-ajahat</i>	
Secondary sense of a term or <i>gauṇīvṛtti</i> ; is it a separate <i>vṛtti</i> ?	
Suggestive power or <i>vyañjanā</i> and its kinds; is it a separate <i>vṛtti</i> ?	9 th - 12 th Week
Occasion for admitting <i>lakṣaṇā</i> of a term is purport-difficulty (<i>tātparyānupapatti</i>)	
Debate regarding what is supplied to an elliptical sentence (<i>adhyāyhāra</i>)	
<i>Yogarūḍhi</i>	
<i>Anvitābhīdhānavāda</i> , <i>Abhihitānvayavāda</i> and <i>Anvitapratipattivāda</i>	13 th - 16 th Week
Conditions for understanding the meaning of a sentence - <i>ākāṅkṣā</i> , <i>yogyatā</i> & <i>sannidhi</i>	
Kinds of verbal sentence – <i>vaidika</i> and <i>laukika</i>	
Whether the scripture (<i>Vedas</i>) has personal origin (<i>pauruṣeyatva</i>)	
Is <i>śabda</i> a distinctive <i>pramāṇa</i> ?	

Suggested Readings:

English:

- Annambhaṭṭa, *Tarkasaṃgraha* with *Dīpikā Ṭikā*, Translated and Annotated in English by Gopinath Bhattacharya, 1983, Progressive Publishers.
- Annambhaṭṭa, *Tarkasaṃgraha* with *Dīpikā Ṭikā* and *Nyāyabodhinī*, Translated and Edited with notes in English by M.R. Bodas & Y.V. Athalye, 1974, Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute.
- Kuppaswami Shastri, *A Primer of Indian Logic*, 1951, Kuppaswami Shastri Research Institute.

Bengali:

- Annambhaṭṭa, *Tarkasaṃgraha* with *Dīpikā Ṭikā*, Translated and Annotated in Bengali by Pancanan Shastri, Sanskrit Pustak Bhandar.
- Annambhaṭṭa, *Tarkasaṃgraha* with *Dīpikā Ṭikā*, Translated and Annotated in Bengali by Narayan Chandra Goswami, Sanskrit Pustak Bhandar.
- Annambhaṭṭa, *Tarkasaṃgraha* with *Dīpikā Ṭikā*, Translated and Annotated in Bengali by Indira Mukhopadhyay, Gopinath Bhattacharya, 1983, Progressive Publishers.

PHIL 0503: Western Logic

Topic	Lectures in terms of Weeks
Introductory Logical notions	1-2 Weeks
<i>Truth-tree method:</i> Significance of Truth-tree method	2-4 Weeks
Practicing Truth-tree Method	4-6 Weeks
Stroke and Dagger	6-8 Weeks
Interaction and Practice	8-9 Weeks
<i>Introducing CP & IP:</i> The Rule of Conditional Proof,	9-11 Weeks
The Rule of Indirect Proof	11-13 Weeks
The Strengthened Rule of Conditional Proof	13-15 Weeks
Interaction and Practice	15-16 Weeks