

Draft Syllabus

Course Title: Schools of Indian Philosophy

Semester III

Credits: 3

Code: UAPHI302

Marks: 100

Total Lectures: 45

The OBJECTIVES of the course on Indian philosophy are:

- a) To acquaint students with the basic philosophical questions that philosophers in India have addressed.
- b) To equip students with argumentative and analytical skills involved in philosophical reasoning.
- c) To encourage a spirit of rationality in philosophizing while appreciating and respecting differing philosophical systems and perspectives.

Unit 1. Introduction and Beginnings (12 lectures)

Vedic Cosmology, Upanishadic philosophy (Brahman, atman and world), various classifications of schools of Indian Philosophy, Introduction to six Darsanas (General features of the Darsanas)

Unit 2 Carvaka Philosophy (11 lectures)

Metaphysics (denial self, liberation and God), Epistemology (perception as the only valid source of knowledge, Rejection of inference and testimony), Ethics (Hedonism)

Unit 3. Jaina philosophy (11 lectures)

Metaphysics (classification of reality), Epistemology (*Syadavada, anekantavada*), Ethics (Triratnas; Anuvrata and Mahavrata)

Unit 4. Buddhist philosophy (11 lectures)

Three signs of reality (impermanence, suffering and non-substantialism), Theory of No-Self (*anatmavada*), Ethics (Four Noble Truths, Eight-fold path)

Semester End Exam Evaluation [100 marks]

References and reading list

- Bishop, Donald (ed.) *Indian Thought: An Introduction* (New Delhi: Wiley Eastern Private Ltd., 1975)
- Chattopadhyay D.P., *Lokayata: A Study in Ancient Indian Materialism* (people's Publishing House; Third edition (2006)
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- Gokhale, Pradeep P *Lokayata/Carvaka* OUP, New Delhi, 2015
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- Srinivasachari, P.N. *Ethical Philosophy of the Gita* (Madras: SriRamakrishna Matt, 2001)

S.Y.B.A. Philosophy Paper III

Course Title: Greek and Medieval Philosophy

Semester IV

Credits: 3

Code: UAPHI402

Marks: 100

Total Lectures: 45

The objectives of the course are:

- a) To acquaint students with the basic philosophical questions that philosophers in the Greek and medieval tradition have addressed.
- b) To equip students with argumentative and analytical skills involved in philosophical reasoning.
- c) To encourage a spirit of rationality in philosophizing while appreciating and respecting differing philosophical systems and perspectives.

Unit- 1 Pre-Socratics and sophists (11 lectures)

Natural philosophers (Thales, Anaximander and Anaximenes), the problem of change (Parmenides and Heraclites), Pluralists (Empedocles, Anaxagoras, Democritus), Sophists (Epistemology and ethics)

Unit- 2.Socrates and Plato (11 lectures)

Socratic Method, Socratic definition, Plato's theory of knowledge, criticisms against sense perception, theory of Forms

Unit- 3 Aristotle and Hellenistic Philosophy (11 lectures)

Aristotle's theory of Causation (reference to the notion of teleology), Form and Matter; actuality and potentiality, Stoicism (Epictetus), Skepticism (Sextus Empiricus)

Unit- 4.Medieval Philosophy (12 lectures)

Peter Abelard (Relationship between reason and faith), Islamic Philosophy (School of reason Mu'tazilites of Ibn Rushd), school of faith (Asharites of Al Ghazali), Moses Maimonides (Philosophy and Theology)

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References and reading list

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- Barnes, Jonathan. *Early Greek Philosophy*,(Penguin; Revised edition 2002)
- Elrouayheb K, Schmidtke S, Oxford handbook of Islamic Philosophy, Oxford University Press, 2017
- G. S. Kirk and J. E. Raven. *The Pre-Socratic Philosophers*. (Cambridge University Press, 1957)
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- Guthrie, W. K. C. 1962, 1965, 1969, *A History of Greek Philosophy*, Vols. I, II, and III, IV, V, VI (Cambridge University Press. 1962, 1965, 1969)
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