

Philosophy Hons and Programme

Semester VIII

BA Honours Philosophy

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CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

Course title & Code	Cred its	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibilit y criteria	Pre- requisite of the course (if any)
		Lectu re	Tutori al	Practical / Practice		
Metaphilosophy	4	3	1	Nil	None	None

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Course Objectives

1. To acquaint students with meta level inquiry into philosophy
2. To reflect rationally on questions like what is philosophy, is there anything like philosophical knowledge, does philosophy make progress, etc.
3. To enable students to be self reflective about the nature of their subject
4. To empower students with knowledge of contemporary meta-philosophical debates

Course Learning Outcomes

1. The student will learn about recent advances in meta-philosophy
2. The student will come to appreciate the endeavor of philosophy better
3. The student will be able to analyze fundamental issues related to Metaphilosophy
4. The student will be able to identify problems and methods of addressing philosophical questions

Course Structure

Unit 1: Philosophical methods (4 weeks, 12 Hours)

1. The use of intuition in philosophy
2. Thought experiments
3. Experimental philosophy

Recommended readings

Goldman, Alvin I. (2007). Philosophical intuitions: Their target, their source, and their epistemic status. *Grazer Philosophische Studien* 74 (1):1-26.

Horvath, Joachim & Koch, Steffen (2021). Experimental philosophy and the method of cases. *Philosophy Compass* 16 (1): 1 - 13

Unit 2: Progress in Philosophy (3 weeks, 9 Hours)

1. Progress in philosophy
2. Barriers to Progress

Essential/Recommended Readings

Stoljar, Daniel (2017). Is there Progress in Philosophy? A Brief Case for Optimism. In Russell Blackford & Damien Broderick (eds.), *Philosophy's Future: The Problem of Philosophical Progress*. New Jersey, USA pp. 107-118

Wilson, Jessica (2017). Three Barriers to Philosophical Progress. In Russell Blackford & Damien Broderick (eds.), *Philosophy's Future: The Problem of Philosophical Progress*. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley Blackwell. pp. 91-104.

Prescribed Text: Russell Blackford & Damien Broderick (eds.), *Philosophy's Future: The Problem of Philosophical Progress*. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley Blackwell, 2017

Unit 3: Philosophical Knowledge and Disagreement**(4 weeks, 12 Hours)**

1. Philosophical Knowledge
2. Methods to resolve disagreement

Essential/Recommended Readings

Kornblith, Hilary (2013). Is Philosophical Knowledge Possible? In Diego E. Machuca (ed.), *Disagreement and Skepticism*. Routledge. pp. 260-276

Goldberg, Sanford (2013). Defending Philosophy in the Face of Systematic Disagreement. In Diego E. Machuca (ed.), *Disagreement and Skepticism*. Routledge. pp. 277-294.

Prescribed text: Diego E. Machuca (ed.), *Disagreement and Skepticism*. Routledge, 2013

Unit 4: Locating Indian Philosophy: Tradition and Modern Reflections **(4 weeks, 12 Hours)**

1. Reason and Indian Philosophy
2. Traditions in Indian Philosophy
3. Modern Reflections on Indian Philosophy

Essential/Recommended Readings

Chakrabarti, A (1999). "Rationality in Indian Philosophy", In Deutsch, Eliot & Bontekoe, Ron (eds.) (1999). *A Companion to World Philosophies*. Wiley-Blackwell, 259-278

Krishna, Daya (1965). Three conceptions of Indian philosophy. *Philosophy East and West* 15 (1):37-51.

Suggestive Readings

Chatterjee, Satischandra (1963). *Classical Indian philosophies*. [Calcutta]: University of Calcutta.

Pappu, Rama Rao ; S., S. & Puligandla, R. (eds.) (1982). *Indian philosophy: past and future*. Delhi: Motila Banarsi das.

Perrett, Roy W. (ed.) (2000). *Metaphysics: Indian Philosophy*. New York: Routledge.

Perrett, Roy W. (2016). *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy*. Cambridge, United Kingdom: Cambridge University Press.

Feldman, Richard & Warfield, Ted (eds.) (2010). *Disagreement*. Oxford University Press.

Overgaard, Søren; Gilbert, Paul & Burwood, Stephen (2013). *An Introduction to Metaphilosophy*. Cambridge University Press.

Pritchard, Duncan (ed.) (2015). *What is This Thing Called Philosophy?*. Routledge.

Stoljar, Daniel (2017). *Philosophical Progress: In Defence of a Reasonable Optimism*. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.

Strawson, Peter (1992). *Analysis and Metaphysics: An Introduction to Philosophy*. Oxford University Press.

Keywords

Disagreement, Progress, Intuition, Thought Experiment, Experimental Philosophy, The place of reason in Indian philosophy, conceptions of Indian philosophy.

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