

BA (HONS.) PHILOSOPHY - DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE -1 (DSE-1) – Jainism

CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
DSE 1 Jainism	4	3	1	Nil	12 th Pass	

Learning Objectives.

- This course aims at providing students with a comprehensive understanding of Jain Philosophy.
- This course will bring out the various aspects of Jainism such as the origin of Jainism, their metaphysics, Epistemology and ethics. It will also discuss the doctrine of Ahimsa and aspects of Karma theory.
- This course will also have contain some glimpses into ecology as influenced by Jain thinking

Course Learning Outcomes

1. Students will learn a basic set of concepts and ideas relating to Jainism both from the perspectives of a lay man and monastic.
2. At the end of the course, a student should be able to demonstrate a clear understanding of the Jain philosophy.

3. Students will develop a sound understanding of Jain epistemology, metaphysics, ethics, its practical relevance in today's contemporary scenario and shall be able to go for further research in the subject.

Unit1 Jainism: An overview

(9 hours)

1. Introduction to Jainism & Jain Studies (Film: Frontiers of Peace)
2. Symbols in Jainism and their implications

Essential/ Recommended Readings:

- Jain, J.P. (2005), *Fundamentals of Jainism*, Radiant Publishers, New Delhi, Chapter-1, pp, 1-19.
- Chatterjee, S. & Datta, D.M. (1984), *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy*, 8th ed., University of Calcutta, Calcutta, Chapter-3, pp, 68-70.
- Dasgupta, S.N. (2004), *A History of Indian Philosophy*, Vol.1, Motilal Banarasi Dass Publishers, Delhi, Chapter-4, pp, 169-175

Unit 2: Jain Epistemology

(12 hours)

1. Pramana and Naya
2. Syādvāda

Essential/ Recommended Readings:

- Jain, Veersagar, (2013). *Bharatiye Chintane Syadavada (Syadavada in Indian Thought)*, SHRI LAL BAHADUR SHASTRI RASHTRIYA SANSKRIT VIDYAPEETHA, New Delhi.
- Chatterjee, S. & Datta, D.M. (1984), *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy*, 8th ed., University of Calcutta, Calcutta, Chapter-3, pp, 70-77.
- Dasgupta, S.N. (2004), *A History of Indian Philosophy*, vol.1, Motilal Banarasi Dass Publishers, Delhi, Chapter-4, pp, 175-186.

Unit 3 Jain Metaphysics

(12 hours)

1. Ahimsa and Anekāntavāda
2. Concept of Substance
3. Karma and rebirth

Essential/ Recommended Readings:

- Jaini, Padmanabh (2000). *Collected Papers on Jain Studies*. Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass Publ. [ISBN 81-208-1691-9](#).
- Chatterjee, S. & Datta, D.M. (1984), *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy*, 8th ed., University

of Calcutta, Calcutta, Chapter-3, pp,81-93.

- Dasgupta,S.N.(2004),A History of Indian Philosophy, vol.1,Motilal Banarasi Dass Publishers, Delhi, Chapter-4, pp,187-203.
- Jain,J.P.(2005),Fundamentals of Jainism, Radiant Publishers, New Delhi, Chapter-2, pp,19-52, Chapter-5, pp,113-144 and Chapter-11, pp,265-295.

Unit 4 Jain Ethics

(12 hours)

1. Tiratna and Panchamahavrata
2. Ecology
3. Fear of Food: Jaina Attitudes on Eating

Essential/Recommended Readings:

- ChappleChristopher key. (2006). (ed) , Jainism and Ecology (Non-violence in the Web of Life), "The living earth of Jainism and the new story: rediscovering and reclaiming a functional cosmology", Motilal Banarasidass Pvt Ltd. pp.119 to 140.
- Chatterjee,S.&Datta.D.M.(1984),AnIntroductiontoIndianPhilosophy,8thed., University of Calcutta, Calcutta, Chapter-3, pp,94-103
- Jaini, Padmanabh S. 2000. *Collected Papers on Jaina Studies*. Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass Publ. [ISBN 81-208-1691-9](#). Ch. 16.
- Jain,J.P.(2005),Fundamentals of Jainism,RadiantPublishers,NewDelhi,Chapter-6, pp,145-169, Chapter-7, pp,170-191 and Chapter-8, pp,192-222.
- Mahapragya,Acharya.(2010),Anekanta:Philosophy of Co-Existence,JainVishva Bharti, Ladnun-Rajasthan, Chapter-12, pp,155-172.

Suggestive Readings

- Chatterjee,S.&Datta.D.M.(1984),AnIntroductiontoIndianPhilosophy,8thed., University of Calcutta, Calcutta.
- Dasgupta,S.N.(2004),AHistory of Indian Philosophy, Vol.1,MotilalBanarasiDass Publishers, Delhi.
- Jain,J.P.(2005),Fundamentals of Jainism,RadiantPublishers,NewDelhi.
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