

## Suggestive Readings

1. Copi, Irving M., Cohen, Carl, and McMahon, Kenneth. Introduction to Logic. 14th ed. Pearson New International Edition, 2014.
2. Cavendish, A. P., and O'Connor, D. J., Introduction to symbolic logic. London: University Tutorial Press, 1959. Additional Resources: Jain, Krishna. A Textbook of Logic. New Delhi: D.K. Printworld, 2018.

### GENERIC ELECTIVES (GE-10):

#### 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	Department offering the course
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/Practice			
Readings in Western Philosophy GE 10	4	3	1	Nil	UG 1 <sup>st</sup> year	None	Philosophy

#### Learning Objectives

- This course will critically examine the basic text of some philosophers.
- This course will introduce students to selected themes in philosophy like existentialism, the value of philosophy, love, self, etc.
- The course will develop the student's curiosity to explore philosophy further in a more fruitful manner

#### Course Learning Outcomes

- After completing this course, the student will understand the central themes on which great philosophers have written
- The student will appreciate the genesis of the enlightenment and its reliance on reason
- The student will be able to connect ancient themes in philosophy with contemporary themes in a seamless way

#### Unit 1: Greek Philosophy

(9 hours)

1. Love
2. Madness

## **Essential/Recommended Reading**

“On Love and madness: *Phaedrus*” 227a-258 (in Plato’s *Phaedrus* translated by Walter Hamilton, Penguin Books, Harmondsworth 1973)

### **Unit 2: Modern Philosophy (9 hours)**

1. The Enlightenment
2. Private and Public Reason

## **Essential/Recommended Reading**

“On Enlightenment” (in Immanuel Kant, *Perpetual Peace and Other Essays*, Hackett, 1983)

### **Unit 3: Post Kantian Theme (9 hours)**

1. Thinking
2. Self and world

#### **Recommended Reading:**

“On Thinking for Oneself” (in Schopenhauer, *Parega and Paralipomena: Short Philosophical Essays*, Vol.2, trans. E.F.J. Payne, Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1974)

### **Unit 4: Contemporary Philosophy (18 hours)**

1. Jean-Paul Sartre
2. Bertrand Russell

#### **Essential/Recommended Readings**

1. “Existentialism is a Humanism” (in Walter Kaufmann, *Existentialism from Dostoevsky to Sartre*, Penguin USA, 1975)
2. “The Value of Philosophy” (in Russell, *The Problems of Philosophy*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, Oxford University Press, 1997)