

COMMON POOL OF GENERIC ELECTIVE COURSES

Offered by Department of Philosophy

Category –IV

GENERIC ELECTIVES (GE-1): Ethics in Public Domain

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			
Ethics in Public Domain GE 1	4	3	1	0	Passed XII class	Nil	Philosophy

Learning Objectives

- The course aims to develop an ethical perspective on socio-political and even economic issues where the public discourses and debates are often bereft of ethical/moral considerations and are often plagued with objectivism and materialism.
- Through theoretical understanding of ethics and its practical application in daily life, it generates ethical awareness/sensitivity necessary for overall wellbeing and inspires the readers to contribute voluntarily to the society as a responsible member.

Learning Outcomes

- To equip the students with tools and techniques for handling socio political issues that affect them on individual / collective basis.
- Larger awareness of public issues and empathy with marginalised issues in society.
- Inculcate a sense of ethical responsibility and a vision to challenge the existing norms in need of change.

Unit I: Introduction to Ethics

12

Hours

1.Morality

*Rachel, James. "What is Morality?" In The Elements of Moral Philosophy. 1-14. McGraw-Hill, 2012.

2.Cultural Relativism

*Rachel, James. "The Challenge of Cultural Relativism." In The Elements of Moral Philosophy. 15-34. McGraw- Hill, 2012.

Unit II Structures of Inequality

16 Hours

1.Caste

*Ambedkar, B. R. "Castes in India: Their Mechanism, Genesis and Development." Paper presented at an Anthology Seminar, Columbia University, 1916.

2. Gender

*Beauvoir, Simone de. "The Married Woman." In *Second Sex*, vol. II, part two, chapter 5. USA: Vintage, 2011.

Unit III Freedom and Morality

16 Hours

*Sen, Amartya. "Freedom, Agency and Wellbeing." In *Inequality Re-examined*, 56-72. USA: First Harvard University Press, 1992.

Archard, David. "Privacy, the public interest and a prurient public. In *Media Ethics* edited Matthew Kieran, 82-96. USA; Canada: Routledge. 2014

Unit IV Animal Ethics

16 Hours

*Singer, Peter. "All Animals Are Equal." In *Ethics in Practice: An Anthology* edited by Hugh LaFollette, 107-115. USA; UK; Australia: Blackwell, 2004.

Essential/Recommended Readings

Frey, R. G. & Wellman, Christopher Heath (eds.) (2003). *A Companion to Applied Ethics*. Wiley-Blackwell.

Note: Examination scheme and mode shall be as prescribed by the Examination Branch, University of Delhi, from time to time.

GENERIC ELECTIVES (GE-2: Technology and Ethics)

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Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course	Department offering the course
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice			
Technology and Ethics GE 2	4	3	1	0	Passed XII class	Nil	Philosophy

Learning Objectives

- To enable students to ethically analyse the technological advancements which is a challenge for human kind in the light of ethical evaluation and implications of actions in the digital space.
- The studies aim to guide students to use technology responsibly. They will understand the development of technology and the importance of its ethical usage so that they become ethical citizens in a digital world.

Learning Outcomes

- Students' enhanced ability to analyse the impact of technology on social, political, economic and legal issues from an ethical point of view.