

Ba (Prog) with Philosophy as Major

Category II

(Courses for Undergraduate Programme of study with Philosophy discipline as one of the Core Disciplines)

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE (DSC-5): Ethics

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		
DSC 5 Ethics	4	3	1	Nil	Class XII	NIL

Learning Objectives

- The course is designed to grasp the traditional ethical (Western and Indian) theories
- This course will also ensure that students will be able to apply ethics on the practical front.
- It is a curriculum which enables students to develop ability for moral reasoning and act with ethical deliberations.

Course Learning Outcomes

- The student will be able to understand and analyse ethical theories
- The student will appreciate the role of reasoning in ethics
- The student will be able to evaluate different theories of ethics
- The student will be able to apply ethical theories in practical situations

UNIT 1: Introduction to Ethics

(9 hours)

1. Domain of Ethics
2. Conventional and Reflective Morality

Essential/Recommended Readings:

- 1) Mackenzie, J.S., (1977), A Manual of Ethics, Oxford University Press Bombay, Chapter-1, "Scope of Ethics", pp.1-14.
- 2) Sinha, Jadunath, (2004), A Manual of Ethics, New Central Book Agency, Chapter-1, pp.1-13,

UNIT 2: Theories of Ethics

(12 hours)

1. Virtue Ethics with especial reference to Aristotle's Eudemonia
2. Teleological Ethics with especial reference to Mill's Utilitarianism
3. Deontological Ethics with especial reference to Kant's Categorical Imperatives

Essential/Recommended Readings

1. Aristotle, (1926) Nicomachean Ethics, Harvard University Press.
2. Mill, J.S. (1863): Utilitarianism, London, in Mary Warnock. Ed.1962.
3. Kant, Immanuel: Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals, Trans. H J Paton, as The Moral Law. London

UNIT 3 : Ethical Issues

(12 hours)

1. I) Nature of Free-will and Responsibility
2. II) Deterrent and Retributive Punishment

Essential/Recommended Readings

1. Thiroux, J. ETHICS: Theory and Practice, Chapter 6 pp.131-142
2. Thiroux, J. ETHICS: Theory and Practice, Chapter 5, pp.101-114

UNIT 4 : INDIAN ETHICS

(12 hours)

1. Ethics of Gita
2. Buddhist Ethics

Recommended Readings

1. Sharma, I.C. (1965) Ethical Philosophies of India, George Allen & Unwin LTD. Chapter XII, and Chapter VII'
2. Keown, D. (2005). Buddhist Ethics: A very short introduction, OUP, Chapter 1 (Buddhist Morality)

Suggestive Readings

3. Mackenzie, J.S., (1977), A Manual of Ethics, Oxford University Press.
4. Lillie, W. [1948], An Introduction to Ethics, Methuen & Co. Ltd. London.
5. Nuttall Jon, Moral Questions: An Introduction to Ethics, Polity Press, 1993
6. Sharma, Bhanu (2019) The Conceptual Analysis of Karma, Kohenoor Publications, Chapter 7, pp.223-248.

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE – 6 (DSC-6):

Credit distribution, Eligibility and Prerequisites 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		
Social and Political Philosophy DSC 6	4	3	1	Nil	Class XII	NIL

Learning Objective

- This course aims to provide the students with an understanding of the basic concepts of social and political philosophy, and their underpinnings.
- The course will introduce the students to some thinkers in both the Indian and western traditions, who have played a key role in setting the discourse for contemporary thought.

Course Learning Outcomes

- The student will understand the philosophical origin, and nature of some of the fundamental concepts used in contemporary political discourse.
- The student will be able to analyze political discourse by using concepts in both western and Indian traditions
- The student will appreciate the concepts and ideas of western and Indian political thought.

UNIT-I: BASIC CONCEPTS IN POLITICAL THOUGHT (15 hours)

1. Social Contract
2. Liberty
3. Justice

Essential/Recommended Readings

Locke, J. (1960). Of the State of Nature. In Laslett, P. *Two Treatises of Government*. (sections. 4-15) Cambridge University Press.

Locke, J. (1960). Of the Beginning of Political Societies. In Laslett, P. *Two Treatises of Government*. (sections 95-104) Cambridge University Press.

Berlin, I. (1969). Two Concepts of Liberty. In *Four Essays on Liberty*. (pp. 118-172) Oxford University Press.

Rawls, J. (2001). Fundamental Ideas. In Kelly, E. (Ed.). *Justice as Fairness: A*

Restatement. (pp. 1-38). Harvard University Press.

UNIT-II: INDIAN POLITICAL THOUGHT

(15 hours)

1. Critique of Nationalism.
2. Critique of Modern Western Civilisation.
3. Democracy and Annihilation of Caste.
4. Radical Humanism.

Essential/Recommended Readings

Tagore, R. (2005). Nationalism in the West. in *Nationalism*. (Chapter 1) Rupa & Co.

Gandhi, M. K. (1997). Hind Swaraj. In Parel, A. (Ed.). (Chapter 6-13). Cambridge University Press.

Ambedkar, B.R. (2002). Caste, Class and Democracy. In Rodrigues, V. (Ed.). *The Essential Writings of B.R. Ambedkar*. (pp. 132-148). Oxford University Press.

Ambedkar, B.R. (2014). Annihilation of Caste. In Anand, S. (Ed.). *Annihilation of Caste: The Annotated Critical Edition*. (Sections 14.1-14.7). Verso.

Roy, M.N. (1981). A New Political Philosophy. In *A New Humanism: A Manifesto*. (Chapter 6, pp. 34-37). Ajanta Publications.

UNIT-III: SOME CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL ISSUES

(15 hours)

1. Communitarianism
2. Feminism

Essential/Recommended Readings:

Abbey, R., & Taylor, C. (1996). Communitarianism, Taylor-Made: An Interview with Charles Taylor. *The Australian Quarterly*, 68(1), 1–10. <https://doi.org/10.2307/20634713>

hooks, b. (1984). Feminism: A Movement to End Sexist Oppression. *Feminist Theory: From Margin to Centre*. (pp. 17-31) South End Press.

Suggestive Readings

- Raphael, D D. *Problems of Political Philosophy*, New York : Palgrave, 2009.
- Miller, D. *Political Philosophy - A Very Short Introduction*, New Delhi : Oxford University Press, 2006 .
- Ghoshal, U.N. A History of Indian Political Ideas, Oxford University Press, 1950.
- Benn, S. I., Peters, R. S. *Social Principles and The Democratic State*, London: George Allen and Unwin LTD.