

Category II

BA (Prog.) with Philosophy as Major

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

CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE (DSC-11) - Analytic Philosophy

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
Analytic Philosophy DSC 11	4	3	1	NIL	12th Passed	None

Learning Objective

- The course aims at exposing students to Analytic Philosophy, a school of thought that has held a dominant position in Western Philosophy since the beginning of the twentieth century.
- As a philosophical tradition it is characterized by an emphasis on, scientific rigor, argumentative precision and logical clarity in the development of thought and concept.
- Its familiar tools are formal logic, conceptual analysis, and, mathematics.

Learning Outcomes

- The students will develop acquaintance with one of the most vital streams of philosophy in contemporary times
- The students will learn to analyze topics in epistemology, metaphysics, philosophy of mind and language through the methods and techniques of analytic philosophy

Unit 1 Metaphysics

(12 Hours, 4 Weeks)

1. Fundamental Problems
2. Appearance and Reality
3. The Reality of Matter

Essential/Recommended Reading

1) The Problems of Philosophy - Bertrand Russell (Chapters 1, 2, and 3) in The Problems of Philosophy, OUP, 1980 reprint

Unit 2 Epistemology

(12 Hours, 4 Weeks)

1. Proof of an external world
2. Knowledge by Acquaintance
3. Knowledge by Description

Essential/Recommended Reading

- 1) Proof of an External World - G. E. Moore, in G. E. Moore Selected Writings, Thomas Baldwin, ed., Routledge, 1993
- 2) Knowledge by Acquaintance & Knowledge by Description - Bertrand Russell, The Problems of Philosophy, Chapter 5

Unit 3 Philosophy of Mind

(12 Hours, 4 Weeks)

1. Can a computer think?
2. Subjective experience

Essential/Recommended Readings

- 1) Can Computers Think? - John R. Searle, Analytic Philosophy: An Anthology, A. P. Martinich & David Sosa, eds., Wiley Blackwell, 4th edn., 2009, Part IV, Chapter 27
- 2) What is it Like to be a Bat? - Thomas Nagel, Analytic Philosophy: An Anthology, Part IV, Chapter 25

Unit 4 Philosophy of Language

(9 Hours, 3 Weeks)

1. Logical Analysis
2. Elimination of Metaphysics

Essential/Recommended Reading

The Elimination of Metaphysics Through Logical Analysis of Language - Rudolph Carnap, 1931, (Translated by Arthur Pap) www.ditext.com/carnap/elimination.html

Suggestive Readings

- Ayer, A. J. *Language, Truth and Logic*. New York: Dover Publications, 2002.
- Beaney, Michael. *Analytic Philosophy: A Very Short Introduction*. Oxford, United Kingdom: Oxford University Press, 2017.
- Martinich, Aloysius, and David Sosa. *The Philosophy of Language*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2012.
- Rorty, Richard M. *The Linguistic Turn: Essays in Philosophical Method*. Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press, 1992.
- Russell, Bertrand. *The Problems of Philosophy*. Bertrand Russell. London: Oxford University Press, 1912.
- Schwartz, Steve. *A Brief History of Analytic Philosophy: From Russell to Rawls*. Chichester: Wiley-Blackwell, 2013
- Glock, Hans-Johann. *What Is Analytic Philosophy?* Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2008.

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE – 10 (DSC-12): Philosophical Understanding of Religion

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		
Philosophical Understanding of Religion DSC 12	4	3	1	NIL	12th Passed	None

Learning Objective

- The course familiarizes the students with basic arguments regarding religion that philosophers have presented
- The course cover topics like the language of religion, cognitive and non-cognitivist theories, key proofs for the existence of God and the ethics of belief
- The course will give students a very important orientation regarding the manner of assessment of arguments and claims made by religion.

Learning Outcomes

- The students will be able to analyze arguments presented in religion
- The students will learn to pay attention to the nuances of the language of religion

- The students will comprehend the complications involved in choosing between faith and reason and will come to have a better appreciation of the religious life.

UNIT 1 Philosophy of Religion: Indian and Western (9 Hours, 3 Weeks)

1. Nature of Religion and its relation to Philosophy of Religion
2. Metaphysical attributes of God
3. Indian Philosophy of Religion

Essential/Recommended Readings

Meister, Chad, *Philosophy of Religion Reader*, Routledge New York, 2008

Brody, Baruch A, *Readings in Philosophy of Religion*, Ed. Vol 1, New Jersey, PHI, 1974.

Ramamurty, A. *Indian Philosophy of Religion*, Decent Books, New Delhi, 2002, pg. 1-13 ("Introduction")

UNIT 2 Evil and Belief (12 Hours, 4 Weeks)

1. Problem of Evil
2. "The Ethics of Belief" - W.K.Clifford

Essential/Recommended Readings

Meister, Chad, *Philosophy of Religion*, Reader, Routledge, New York, 2008.

John H.Hick, *Philosophy of Religion*, New Jersey Prentice Hall, Englewood Cliffs, 1990.

McCloske, Quinn, P.L. and Taliaferro, C. ed., *A Companion to Philosophy of Religion*, UK, Blackwell Publishers, 1997.

McCloskey, H.J. *God and Evil*, Philosophical Quarterly, Vol.10, 1960.

Unit 3 Faith and Reason (12 Hours, 4 Weeks)

1. Faith
2. Reason
3. Revelation

Essential/Recommended Readings

McCloskey, Quinn, P.L. and Taliaferro, C. ed., *A Companion to Philosophy of Religion*, UK, Blackwell Publishers, 1997.

John H.Hick, *Philosophy of Religion*, New Jersey Prentice Hall, Englewood Cliffs, 1990.

UNIT 4 Concepts of Religious Pluralism and Liberation (12 Hours, 4 Weeks)

1. Religious Pluralism
2. Concept of liberation: Nirvana (Buddhism), Moksha (Advaita Vedanta)

Essential/Recommended Readings

Dasgupta, S.N., *History of Indian Philosophy*, Vol.1, London, Cambridge University Press, 1922.

M.Hiriyanna, *Outlines of Indian Philosophy*, London, George Allen and Unwin Ltd. Publishers, 1932.

T.R.V.Murti, *The Central Philosophy of Buddhism: A Study of the Madhyamika System*, London, George Allen and Unwin Ltd. Publishers, 1955.

John H.Hick, *Philosophy of Religion*, New Jersey Prentice Hall, Englewood Cliffs, 1990.

Suggestive readings

- Hinnells, J.R. *The Routledge Companion to the Study of Religion*, Oxon. Routledge, 2005.
- Quinn Philip L, and Talliaferro Charles, *A Companion To Philosophy Of Religion*, Blackwell Publishers, 1997.
- Sinha, Jadunath, *Indian Philosophy* (Vol-I & II), Delhi, MLBD, 2000.
- Peterson, HaskorReichenbeah and Basinger, *Philosophy of Religion : Selected Readings*, OUP, 2001.
- William Lane Craig (ed.), *Philosophy of Religion : A Reader and Guide*, Edinburgh, Edinburgh University Press, 2002.
- Stump and Murray, ed. *Philosophy of Religion : The Big Questions*, Blackwell Publications, 1999
- Verma V. P., *धर्मदर्शनकीमूलसमस्याएं: The Fundamental Problems of the Philosophy of Religion*, Hindi Madhyam, KaryanvayaNideshalaya, 2012.