

BA MAJOR (PHILOSOPHY)

SEMESTER VIII

Credit Distribution, Eligibility and Pre-Requisite of the Course

Course title, Code & Semester	Credits	Credit distribution of the Course			Eligibility Criteria	Pre- requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical		
Theories of Cognition DSC -14	4	3	1	0	None	Nil

Course Objectives

1. This course familiarizes the student with the Indian and western theories of knowledge and cognition.
2. It discusses the background of theory of cognition
3. It will inform the students about the theories of error in Philosophy
4. It will make students aware of the rich tradition of epistemology in India.

Learning Outcomes

After taking this course, the students will be

1. Encouraged to think and develop their knowledge about the Indian and Western theories of cognition
2. Able to critically analyze that Indian theories of cognition along with their western counterparts
3. Able to understand and think in terms of Indian terminology used in theories of cognition
4. Appreciate and apply the concepts of Indian theories to contemporary problems of cognition

Unit 1: Introduction to Indian Theory of Cognition

(3 weeks, 9 Hours)

1. Introduction
2. Nyāya theory of cognition

Essential/Recommended Reading:

Chatterjee Satishchandra (2015). *The Nyāya Theory of Knowledge-*, Chapter 2, p. 9-33.

Suggested Readings:

Annambhaṭṭa, (1983). *Tarkasūgraha–Dīpikā* (tr.) Gopinath Bhattacharya, Progressive Publishers, Calcutta, p.143-145; 347-350.

Dasgupta, Surendranath. (2018). *A History of Indian Philosophy*, Rupa Publications, India, ISBN: 978-93-5304-108-3.

Radhakrishnan, S. (1983). *Indian Philosophy*, London: George Allen & Unwin Ltd. ISBN: 978-7223-898-8.

Unit 2: Khyātivāda (The Theories of Error in Indian Philosophy) (4 weeks, 12 Hours)

1. *YathārthaKhyāti / SatKhyāti* (Viśiṣṭādvaita School)

2. *AnirvacanīyaKhyāti* (Advaita School)

Essential/Recommended Reading:

Kar, B. (1978). *The Theories of Error in Indian Philosophy*, India: Ajantha Publication, Chapter 1, p.16-32 and Chapter 5, p.102-120.

Suggestive Readings:

Dey, D. (2016). *Theories of Illusion in Indian Philosophy*, D.K. Printworld,

Mohanty, J. N. (2000). *Classical Indian Philosophy*. UK: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers.

Sharma, C. D. (2003). *A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy*. Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass Publishers Private Limited.

UNIT 3 Error and Cognition (3 weeks, 9 Hours)

1. Knowledge, Error, and probable Opinion.

2. The Limits of Philosophical Knowledge.

Essential/Recommended Reading

Russell, B. (1986). *The Problems of Philosophy* (Chapters 12-14). Oxford University Press.

Suggestive Reading:

Schilpp, P. A. (Ed.). (1944). *The Library of Living Philosophers Volume- V The philosophy of Bertrand Russell*. Cambridge University Press, London.

UNIT 4: Phenomenological Theory of Cognition (5 weeks, 15 Hours)

1. Phenomenology and Indian Philosophy

2. Husserl's Theory

Essential/Recommended Reading

Chattopadhyaya, D.P., Embree, Mohanty (ed) (1992). *Phenomenology and Indian Philosophy*. Indian Council of Philosophical Research, New Delhi in association with Motilal Banarsidass Publishers Private Limited, ISBN: 81-208-0770-7, Chapter 1, p.8-19.

Zahavi, Dan.(2003) *Husserl's Phenomenology*, Stanford University Press, California. Chapter-2, p. 43- 77.

Suggestive Readings:

Bhadra, Mrinal Kanti (1990). *A Critical Survey of Phenomenology and Existentialism*, Indian Council of Philosophical Research, New Delhi, ISBN: 81-7023-282-1.

Krishna, Daya. (2009). *The Nature of Philosophy*, Indian Council of Philosophical Research, New Delhi, ISBN: 978-81-89963-06-4, p. 202-228.

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