

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELEMENTS (DSE) – Indian Theories of Consciousness

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		
Indian Theories of Consciousness DSE 10	4	3	1	Nil	12th Passed	“Introduction to Indian Philosophy” DSC 3

Learning Objectives

- The aim is to make students familiar with and develop a clear understanding of the major concepts such as the nature of the self (*Atman/Brahman*), *paravidya* and *aparavidya*, No-soul theory, karma and rebirth, etc. within spectrum of Indian theories of consciousness.
- To develop a deeper understanding of the nature of the self which ultimately reveals one's own existence or being.
- The reading of original texts help students to know the fundamental tenants of different schools of Classical Indian thought.
- Exposure to various methodologies, interpretations used in the writing style of ancient Indian philosophers..

Learning outcomes

- Students will have knowledge of the Indian Theories of Consciousness given in *Mandukyopanishad*, *Bhagavadgita*, *Buddhism*, *Charvaka*, *Nyaya* and *Advaita Vedanta*.
- In all four units students will learn to develop scientific, logical and rational inquiry for understanding the Indian Philosophical systems. Students will able to do a comparative analysis of all systems which will further enhance their debating skills.
- This paper helps to enhance students' ratiocinatively abilities and writing skills which are essential for establishing logical conclusions in all aspects of human existence.

UNIT-I Introduction weeks)

(12 Hours, 4

3. Consciousness in Mandukya Upanishad
4. Consciousness in Bhagavad Gita

Essential/Recommended Readings

Mandukyopaniṣad., Tr. and Annotated by Swami Nikhilananda, Advaita Ashram, Calcutta, 2000, PP. 7-85.

Bhagavadgītā: Chapter II, Verses 11-30; The Bhagavadgītā (Text and Translation) by R. C. Zahner, Oxford University Press, New York, 1973.

UNIT-II Buddhist Understanding of Consciousness (9 Hours, 3 Weeks)

Essential/Recommended Readings

1. King Milinda's Questions

The Questions of King Milinda, Book II, Translated from Pali by T. W. Rhys David, Motilal Banarsidas, Delhi, 1965, pp 40-99.

UNIT-III Nyaya theory of Consciousness (12 Hours, 4 Weeks)

1. Jayanta Bhatta's Exposition

Essential/Recommended Readings

Nyāyamañjarī of Jayanta Bhaṭṭa, Dehātma-vāda (Śarīrātma-vādī-cārvāka-mata), Indian Council of Philosophical Research, New Delhi, 1990, pp 109-128

UNIT-IV Advaita Vedanta on Consciousness (12 Hours, 4 Weeks)

1. Sankara's introduction to the Brahmasutra

Sankara's introduction to the Brahmasutra called *Upodghata*, pp.1-4, Brahmasutrasamkarabhashya (edited by Vasudeva Sharma) Published by Tukaram Javaji, Nimaya Sagara, Bombay.

Suggestive Readings

- Hume, R.E. Thirteen Principal Upaniṣads. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1921.
- Radhakrishnan, S. The Principal Upaniṣads. London: George Allen & Unwin, 1974.
- Swami, Gambhirananda, trans. Brahmasūtra-śāṅkara-bhāṣya. Calcutta: Advaita Ashram
- Swami Vireshwarananda, trans. Brahmasūtra-śāṅkara-bhāṣya. Calcutta: Advaita Ashram, 2003, pp 1-16.
- Organ, Troy Wilson. The Self in Indian Philosophy. London: Mouton & Co., 1964.
- Pandey, Sangam Lal. Pre-Samkara Advaita Philosophy, 2nd ed. Allahabad: Darsan Peeth, 1983.
- Paul S. and Anthony J. Tribe. Buddhist Thought: A Complete Introduction to the Indian Tradition. London: Routledge, 2000.
- Stcherbatsky, Theodore. The Soul Theory of Buddhists, 1st ed. Varanasi: Bharatiya Vidya Prakasana, 1970.
- Gupta, Bina, Cit Consciousness. OUP.: New Delhi 2003.