

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE - (DSE-5) – Philosophy of Swami Vivekananda

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) |
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| | | Lecture | Tutorial | Practical/ Practice | | |
| DSE 5 Philosophy of Swami Vivekananda | 4 | 3 | 1 | Nil | 12th Passed | None |

Learning Objectives

- The aim of this course is to introduce the alternative approaches of contemporary Indian philosophical thought with special focus on Philosophy of Swami Vivekananda.
- This course is an exploration of Advaitic approaches in reconstructing Indian society.
- This course introduces the essential philosophical works of contemporary Indian thinker Swami Vivekananda by discussing the Philosophical method in general and Social- Political philosophy and philosophy of religion of Vivekananda in particular.

Course Learning Outcomes

- Learn Vivekananda's alternative reading of Indian philosophy by interrogating dominant philosophical systems .
- Constructive engagement with social reality conditioned with certain historical cracks in it.
- Learn the democratic potential of philosophy of Vivekananda in reconstructing Indian nation.
- To make responsible citizen by understanding the indigenous democratic philosophical thought.

Unit 1 Philosophical world of Vivekananda

(9 Hours, 3 Weeks)

1. Introduction to Swami Vivekananda
2. Chicago Addresses
3. Philosophical Background

Essential/Recommended readings

Medhananda, Swami (2022). Introduction, *Swami Vivekananda's Vedāntic Cosmopolitanism*. Oxford University Press, pp. 1-16

Addresses at the parliament Of Religion' in 'Complete Works of Swami Vivekananda'.Vol.1.Kolkata,Advaita Ashram.(Pages 1-22)
Vivekananda,Swami. 'The Vedanta Philosophy' Lecture delivered at Harvard University, on March 25, 1896.(Available in Complete Works of Swami Vivekananda'.Vol.1.Kolkata,Advaita AshramA)

**Unit 2 Philosophy of Religion and Dharma
Weeks)**

(12 Hours, 4

1. Universal Religion and Harmony
2. Hinduism and Buddhism

Essential/Recommended Readings

'The way to realisation Of Universal Religion' and 'The Ideal Of Universal Religion', in Complete Works of Swami Vivekananda.Vol.2.Kolkata,AdvaitaAshrama.
'Buddhistic India' in Complete Works of Swami Vivekananda.Vol.3.Kolkata,AdvaitaAshrama.

Unit 3 Social and Political Philosophy

(12 Hours, 4 Weeks)

1. Vedanta and Equality
2. Cultural Nationalism

Essential/Recommended reading

Practical Vedanta part I and II IN 'Complete Works of Swami Vivekananda'Vol.2.Kolkata,Advaita Ashram
Vivekananda,Swami. 'My India The India Eternal' Kolkata: Ramkrishna Mission Publication,1993 (Page 5 to 35)

Unit 4 Contemporary Relevance of Vivekananda

(12 Hours, 4 Weeks)

2. Understanding Hindutva
3. Discourse on Women

Essential/Recommended Readings

Vivekananda, Swami, 'Essentials of Hinduism, Mayavati, Advaita Ashrama, 1937. (Page 7-28)

Vivekananda, Swami. 'Women Of India' Chennai, Ramkrishna math. 2013 (Selected Pages)

Suggestive readings

Medhananda, Swami (2022). *Swami Vivekananda's Vedāntic Cosmopolitanism*. Oxford University Press.

Raghuramaraju, A. (1998). *Debates in Indian Philosophy: Classical, Colonial, and Contemporary*. Delhi, IN: Oxford University Press India.

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE - (DSE-6) – Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi

CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

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| DSE 6 Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi | 4 | 3 | 1 | Nil | 12th Passed | None |
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Learning Objectives

- The aim of this course is to introduce key ideas of Mahatma Gandhi that shaped values and practices of Nationalist movement in India.
- There is a renaissance in reinterpreting Gandhi. This course aims to lay out such reinterpretations.
- This course introduces to key interlocutors of Gandhi in his life time that opens up fault lines in Gandhi's thinking.

Course Learning Outcomes

- Learn Key philosophical reinterpretations of Gandhi .
- Understand at least one approach to key ideas in Gandhi's thinking and its moral potential
- Learn the points of variation and contest of his interlocutors with Gandhi's ideas.
- To make students appreciate Gandhi's contribution to Nationalist Movement and Nation building and its relevance.

Unit 1 Gandhi as Philosopher

(12 Hours, 3 Weeks)