

**DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE (DSE) - Introduction to Indian Philosophy**

**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		
Texts of Indian Philosophy DSE 9	4	3	1	Nil	12th Passed	"Introduction to Indian Philosophy" DSC 3

**Learning Objectives**

- This course will introduce students to Indian knowledge systems and values. Stress will be laid in making the student understand notions like *Rta*, *Satya* and *dharma*
- This course will make students aware of their intellectual heritage
- This course will give the necessary instruction so that a student can go and further research in Indian thought and culture

**Learning Outcomes**

- The students will learn about an aspect of Indian intellectual and cultural heritage
- The students will understand the richness of Indian intellectual heritage and will have a better idea of the basis of Indian thought and culture
- The student will learn to analyze the ancient Indian texts from a scholarly angle and will appreciate their meanings in a better and informed way

**UNIT 1 Vedic Values**

**(12 Hours, 4 Weeks)**

1. Prithvi Sutaka (Rg Veda) hymns 47 to 60
2. The concept of *Rta*, *Satya* and *dharma*.

**Essential/Recommended Readings:**

1. Pannikar, R. (2001), *The Vedic Experience, Mantramanjari: An anthology of the Vedas for modern man and contemporary Celebrations*. Motilal Banarsidass Publishers, pp.120-122; 126-129
2. Wezler, A., 'Dharma in the Veda and Dharmasastras', *DHARMA* (ed. Patrick Olivelle), MLBD, 2009, pg.207 – 231.

**UNIT 2. Basic Characteristics of Upaniṣad**

**(12 Hours, 4 Weeks)**

1. What are the Upaniṣads and what do they mean
2. Characteristics of the Upaniṣads

#### **Essential/Recommended Readings**

Swami Krishnananda, Lessons on the Upanishads , The Divine Life Society, pp.06-59.  
www.swami-krishnananda.org  
Radhakrishnan, S. (1951) The Principal Upaniṣad, Harper Collins, pp 15-26.

#### **UNIT 3 Kena Upaniṣad**

**(9 Hours, 3 Weeks)**

1. Poetry in Kena Upaniṣad
2. Interpretation of the Poetry

#### **Essential/Recommended Readings**

Chapter 1 and 2 (poetry) of Kena Upaniṣad

#### **UNIT 4. Kena Upaniṣad**

**(12 Hours, 4 Weeks)**

1. Prose in Kena Upaniṣad
2. Interpretation of Prose

#### **Recommended Readings**

Chapter 3 and 4 (Prose) of Kena Upaniṣad

#### **Suggestive Readings**

- Kane, P.V. (1973). History of Dharmaśāstra, Vol.III, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Poona: Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute.
- Radhakrishnan, S. (1951) The Principal Upaniṣad, Harper Collins, pp579-592.
- Raju, P.T. Structural Depths of Indian Philosophy, pp.25-40.