



Department of Sanskrit

University of Delhi

Under Graduate Course for Sanskrit

B.A. (Hons.) Under UGCF-22

GE-7: Fundamentals of Indian Philosophy

Credit distribution, Eligibility and Pre-requisites of the Course

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the Course			Eligibility criteria	Prerequisite of the course
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/Practice		
Fundamentals of Indian Philosophy	04	3	1	0	Semester II Passed	Working Knowledge of Sanskrit

Learning Objectives

The primary objective of this course is to familiarise the students with the basic issues in Indian Philosophy. The course will give a hand on knowledge of various Fundamental concepts and Theories to enable them to learn the higher concepts and Theories of different Philosophical schools of Indian Philosophy

Learning outcomes

Indian Philosophy teaches critical thinking, close reading, clear writing, and logical analysis. It develops the tools of logic and reason to analyse the ways in which the individual experiences the Universe. It guides the student to understand the language we use to describe the world, and our place within it. Different areas of philosophy are distinguished by the questions they ask. The most important reason to study philosophy is that it is of enormous and enduring interest. Philosophy is important, but it is also enormously enjoyable in which students are provided with the tools and the opportunity to develop and express their own philosophical views.

Detailed Syllabus

Unit I: Fundamentals of Philosophy **10Hrs**
Darśana - concept and aims, Classification of Indian Philosophical schools, Fundamental issues in Indian Philosophy- Epistemology: Pramanas

Unit: II Metaphysics: **10Hrs**
Satkaryavada, Asatkaryavada, Parinamavada, Vivartavada, Svabhavavada, Consciousness and matter, theories of self
Ethics: Karma & Punarjanma theory, Liberation

Unit: III Schools of Indian Philosophy **10Hrs.**
Heterodox Schools - **Cārvāka** - General introduction with emphasis on Challenge to Veda, Rejection of Transcendental Entities, Ethics



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Jainism: General Introduction with emphasis on Anekantavāda, Syadvāda, Saptabhanginyaya.

Buddhism- General introduction with emphasis on Four Noble Truths

Unit : IV Orthodox Schools

15Hrs.

Samkhya- General Introduction with emphasis on Prakṛti, three Gunas & Puruṣa (Based on Samkhyakārikā)

Yoga – Eight-fold path of Yoga

Nyaya Vaisesika - General Introduction Seven Padrathas (overview only) Mimamsa - Svataḥ Prāmāṇyavāda

Advaita Vedanta - General Introduction with emphasis on Brahman, Māyā, Jīva and Jagat

Essential/recommended readings

1. मिश्र, पंकज कुमार, तर्कसंग्रह तन्वी व्याख्या, परिमल पब्लिकेशन्स, शक्ति नगर, दिल्ली-7, 2013
2. मिश्र, पंकज कुमार, चार्चाक, शिवालिक प्रकाशन, 27/16, शक्ति नगर, दिल्ली-7, 2019
3. शर्मा, चन्द्रधर, भारतीय दर्शन, मोतीलाल बनारसीदास, जवाहर नगर, दिल्ली
4. Bhartiya, Mahesh Bharatiya Darśana Ki Pramukha Samasyaem, Ghaziabad, 1999.
5. Chatterjee, S. C. & D. M. Datta - Introduction to Indian Calcutta University, Calcutta, 1968 (Hindi Translation also).
6. Hiriyanne, M.- Outline of Indian Philosophy, London, 1956 (also Hindi Translation).
7. Shastri, Kuppuswami, A Primer of Indian Logic, 1951 (only introduction).
8. Bhartiya, Mahesh - Causation in Indian Philosophy, Ghaziabad, 1975.
9. Pandey, Ram Chandra - Panorama of Indian Philosophy (also Hindi version), M.L.B.D., Delhi, 1966.
10. Raja, Kuhnhan - Some Fundamental Problems in Indian Philosophy, MLBD, Delhi, 1974.
11. Rishi, Uma Shankar (Ed.), Sarva-Darshana_Samgraha, Chowkhamba Vidyabhawan, Varansi, 1984.

Additional Resources:

1. Hiriyanne, M. - Outline of Indian Philosophy, London, 1956 (also Hindi Translation).
2. Shastri, Kuppuswami, A Primer of Indian Logic, 1951 (only introduction).
3. Bhartiya, Mahesh - Causation in Indian Philosophy, Ghaziabad, 1975.
4. Radhakrishnan, S. Indian Philosophy, Oxford University Press, Delhi, 1990.
5. Pandey, Ram Chandra Panorama of Indian Philosophy (also Hindi version), M.L.B.D.,
6. Raja, Kuhnhan - Some Fundamental Problems in Indian Philosophy, MLBD, Delhi, 1974.
7. Chatterjee, S. C.- The Nyaya Theory of Knowledge, Calcutta, 1968.

**Examination scheme and mode: Subject to directions from the
Examination Branch/University of Delhi from time to time**