

Post Graduate Syllabus (CBCS)
Department of Philosophy
Gauhati University

Semester-I

- PHI 1016. Core: Theory of Knowledge- Indian
- PHI 1026. Core: Theory of Knowledge- Western
- PHI 1036. Core: Logic- I
- PHI 1046. Core: Phenomenology and Existentialism

Semester-II

- PHI 2016. Core: Theory of Reality-Indian
- PHI 2026. Core: Theory of Reality-Western
- PHI 2036. Core: Analytic Philosophy
- PHI 2046. Core: Comparative Religion

Semester-III

- PHI 3016. Core: Meta-Ethics
- PHI 3026. Core: Logic-II
- PHI 3036. Core: Philosophy of Religion
- PHI 3046. Elective: Descartes
- PHI 3056. Elective: Vedanta philosophy
- PHI 3066. Elective/ Open: Philosophy of Gandhi

Semester-IV

- PHI 4016. Core: Post Modernism
- PHI 4026. Core: Contemporary Indian Philosophy
- PHI 4036. Philosophy of Mind
- PHI 4046. Elective: Kant
- PHI 4056. Elective: Buddhist Philosophy
- PHI 4066. Elective/ Open: Logical Reasoning

PHI. 1016. Theory of Knowledge- Indian (Core)

Unit-I Prama and Aprama

Classification of Jnana
Prama and Aprama
Debate on Memory

Unit-II Pramana. A

Pratyaksa: Kinds (Laukika, Alaukika) and Stages (Savikalpaka, Nirvikalpaka, Pratyabhijna)
Anumana: Constituents and grounds of inference, Classification (Psychological, Causal, Logical)
Sabda: Scriptural and Secular

Unit-III Pramana. B

Upamana, Arthapatti, Anupalabdhi
Svatahpramanyavada
Paratahpramanyavada

Unit-IV Khyativada

Anythakhyati or Viparitakhyati,
Satkhyati, Akhyati,
Atmakhyati, Anirvacaniyakhyati

Books Recommended:

Chatterjee, S.C.: *Nyaya Theory of Knowledge*
Datta, D.M.: *Six Ways of Knowing*
Cowell E.B. & Gough, A.E.: *The Sarvadarsanasamgraha or Review of Different Systems of Hindu Philosophy*, by Madhvacarya, Motilal Benarsidass
Devaraja, N.K.: *Advaita Theory of Knowledge*
Kar, V.: *Indian Theories of Error*

Books of Reference:

Dasgupta, S.N.: *History of Indian Philosophy*
Annambhatta: *Tarkasamgraha* translated by G. N. Bhattacharya
Motilal, B.K.: *Epistemology, Logic and Grammar in Indian Philosophy*

PHI 1026 Theory of Knowledge – Western (Core)

Unit I Knowledge and Belief

Types of Knowledge; Relation of knowledge and belief

JTB Account of Knowledge (Plato, Ayer, Chisholm)

Gettier Problem and Responses

Unit II Scepticism

Philosophical Scepticism and its Possibility

Rationalism as a Reply to Scepticism

Empiricism as a Reply to Scepticism

Unit III Truth

Meaning and Criteria of Truth

Classical Theories of Truth (Correspondence, Coherence, Pragmatic)

Recent Accounts of Truth (Ramsey, Tarski, Austin, Strawson)

Unit IV Epistemic Justification

Foundationalism : Basic Beliefs, [Arguments For and Against Foundationalism](#)

Coherentism: Entailment Coherentism, Explanatory Coherentism and Probability Coherentism, Argument against Coherentism

Reliabilism: Reliable and Unreliable Belief-forming, Objection to Reliabilism

Books Recommended:

Ayer, A.J.: *Problems of Knowledge*, Penguin Books, Print 1984

BonJour, L. and Sosa, E.: *Epistemic Justification: Internalism vs. Externalism, Foundations vs. Virtues*, Malden: Wiley-Blackwell, 2003.

Chisholm, R.: *Theory of Knowledge*, Englewood Cliffs: Prentice Hall, 1966

Chisholm, R.: "A Version of Foundationalism," in *The Foundations of Knowing*, ed. R. Chisholm, Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1982.

Griffith, A.P. (ed): *Analytic Philosophy*, Oxford university Press, London, Print 1976

Hamlyn, D.W.: *The Theory of Knowledge*, Macmillan, 1970

James, W.: *Pragmatism*, New York, 1907

Lehrer K. *Knowledge*, Oxford: Clarendon Oxford Press, 1974.

Lemos.N. *An Introduction to the Theory of Knowledge*, Cambridge Press.

Pitcher, G.: *Truth*, Prentice Hall, 1964

Ramsey, F.P.: "Facts and Proposition", *Processing Aristotle Society Supp.*Vol.1927

Tarski, A.: "The Semantic Conception of Truth", *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, Vol. IV, 1943-44

Woozley, A.D.: *Theory of Knowledge*, B.I. Publication, Delhi, Print 1982

Books of Reference:

Chakravarty, D.K.: *Fundamental questions of Epistemology and Metaphysics*, Osmons Publication, New Delhi, 2000

Sarkar, T.K.: *Knowledge, Belief and Justification*,

PHI 1036 Logic-I (Core)

Unit-I Truth-Function

Logical Connectives and Truth tables
Valid and Invalid Arguments
Truth Trees

Unit-II Set

Set, Set Membership, Null Set
Operation on Sets
Symbolization of Everyday Sentences by Set Notations

Unit-III Ven-Diagram

Ven-Diagrammatic Representation of Propositions and Arguments
Idea of Existential Import
Testing Validity by Ven-diagram

Unit-IV Boolean Logic

Boolean Expansion
Boolean Algebra of Classes
Rules of Inference

Recommended Books:

Basson and O'Connor: *Introduction to Symbolic Logic*
Jeffery, R.: *Formal Logic its Scope and Limits*
Suppes, P.: *Introduction to Symbolic Logic*

Books of Reference:

Ambrose and Lazerowitz: *Fundamentals of Symbolic Logic*
Copi, I.M.: *Introduction to Symbolic Logic*

PHI 1046 Phenomenology and Existentialism (Core)

Unit- I Husserl

Structure of Intentionality
Phenomenological Reduction
Life-World

Unit-II Heidegger

Being and being
Dasein; being-in-the-world
Care; Temporality

Unit-III Sartre

Being-for-itself, Being-in-itself, Being-for-others;
Nothingness and Existence
Freedom and Bad Faith

Unit-IV Merleau Ponty

Primacy of Perception
Limits of Phenomenological Reduction
Philosophy of Body

Books Recommended:

Husserl. E.: *Ideas : A General Introduction to Pure Phenomenology*, translated by W.R.Boyce Gibson, George Allen and Unwin Ltd. London, 1931.

Heidegger, M.: *Being and Time*, trans. J. Macquarrie and E. Robinson, Basil Blackwell, Oxford, 1978.

Merleau-Ponty, M.: *The Phenomenology of Perception*, trans. C. Smith.

Sartre,J.P.: *Being and Nothingness*, trans. H. Barness, New York: Philosophical Library. 1956.

Books of Reference :

Dreyfus, H.L: *Being-in-the-world A Commentary on Heidegger's Being and Time*, Division I, Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 1991.

Kochelmas.J.J. (ed): *A Companion to Martin Heidegger's Being and Time*, Washington, DC. Catholic University of America Press,1994.

Moran, D.: *Introduction to Phenomenology*, London, Routledge, 2000

Bhardra, M.K.: *A Critical Survey of Phenomenology and Existentialism*, ICPR, New Delhi, 1990.

Smith, D.W.: 'Phenomenology' In the *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, Winter 2003 edition, Edward N.Zalta, ed. URL= [http:// plato](http://plato)

Thoibisana. A.: *Philosophy of Edmund Husserl*, Regency Publication, New Delhi 2016.

Zahavi, D.: *Husserl's Phenomenology*, Stanford, California: Stanford University Presss 2003

PHI 2016 Theory of Reality- Indian (Core)

Unit-I Atman and Brahman

Brahman and God- Sankara, Ramanuja,
Arguments for existence of God- Nyaya-Vaisesika
Self- Sankara, Ramanuja, Samkhya, Baudha

Unit-II World

World- Advaita; Visistadvaita
Prakriti, Gunas, Evolution- Samkhya
Categories- Vaisesika; Jaina

Unit-III Causality

Satkaryavada
Asatkaryavada
Pratityasamutpada

Unit-III Universals

Nyaya-Vaisesika
Advaita
Buddha

Books Recommended:

Cowell E.B. & Gough, A.E.: *The Sarvadarsanasamgraha or Review of Different Systems of Hindu Philosophy*, by Madhvacarya, Motilal Banarsidass
David, R.R.: *The Problem of Universals in Indian Philosophy*, Motilal Banarsidass
Larson, G.J.: *Classical Samkhya*, Motilal Banarsidass
Nikhilananda, Swami: *Vedanta-Sara*, by Sadananda, Advaita Asrama
Phillips, S.H.: *Classical Indian Metaphysics*, Motilal Banarsidass
Radhakrishnan, S.: *Indian Philosophy*, Vol.I & II, Oxford University Press
Shah, N.: *Jainism, The World of Conquerors*, Vol.II, Motilal Banarsidass
Sinha, J.: *Indian Philosophy*, Vol. I & II, Motilal Banarsidass, New Delhi
Sinha, J.: *Indian Realism*, Motilal Banarsidass
Smart, N.: *Doctrine and Argument in Indian Philosophy*,

Books of Reference:

Frauwallner, E.: *History of Indian Philosophy*, Motilal Banarsidass
Hiriyanna, M.: *Outlines of Indian Philosophy*, Motilal Banarsidass
Potter, K.H.: *Encyclopedia of Indian Philosophy*, Motilal Banarsidass
Sharma, C.D.: *A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy*, Motilal Banarsidass
Dasgupta, S.N.: *A History of Indian Philosophy*, Motilal Banarsidass

PHI 2026 Theory of Reality- Western (Core)

Unit I Realism

Plato: Theory of Forms

Aristotle: Criticism of Plato's Theory of Forms

Aristotle: Theory of form

Unit II Idealism

Berkeley: Subjective Idealism

Kant: Transcendental Idealism

Hegel & Bradley: Absolute Idealism

Unit III Substance

Descartes: God, Mind and Body

Spinoza: Substance, Attributes and Modes

Leibniz: Monadology, Theory of Pre-Established Harmony

Causality

Hume: Theory of Constant Conjunction

Mill: Universal Law of Causation

Reichenbach: Causation and Probability

Books Recommended:

Aristotle: *Metaphysics*, Penguin, Revised Edition 1998

Bradley, F.H.: *Appearance and Reality*, Nabu Press, 2014

Descartes, R.: *Meditations*, Cambridge University Press, Edition 2016

Spinoza, B.: *Ethics*, Penguin, 1996

Hegel, G.W.F.: *Phenomenology of Spirit*, OUP USA, Revised Edition, 1979

Hume, D.: *Treatise of Human Nature*, CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2015

Hume, D.: *Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding*, OUP UK, Edition 2008

Kant, I.: *Critique of Pure Reason*, Dover Publications Inc., Edition 2004

Leibniz, G.W.: *Monadology*, Rarebooksclub.com, 2012

Mill, J.S.: *A System of Logic, Ratiocinative and Inductive*, Nabu Press, 2010

Plato: *Republic*, Penguin, Edition 2007

Reichenbach, H.: *Experience and Prediction*, 1938

--- --- *The Theory of probability*, 1949

--- --- *The Rise of Scientific Philosophy*, 2002

Books for Reference:

Copleston, F.C.: *History of Philosophy*, Continuum International Publishing Group Ltd., 2003

Edward, P. & Floridi, L (ed): *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, Taylor & Francis, 1998

Hamlyn, D.W.: *Metaphysics*, Cambridge University Press; 1st Edition, 1984

Poidevin, R., Simons, P., McGonigal, A., Cameron, R.P. (ed): *The Routledge Companion To Metaphysics*

Sosa, E, Tooley, M. (ed): *Causation*, Oxford university Press, 1993

Walsh, W.H.: *Metaphysics*, Hutchinson, 1963

PHI 2036 Analytic Philosophy (Core)

Unit -I Moore and Russell

Moore: Defence of Commonsense

Russell': Logical Atomism

Russell: Theory Description

Unit-II Wittgenstein

Picture Theory, Fact

Concept of Philosophy

Language Games

Unit- III Ryle and Austin

Ryle: Knowing That and Knowing How; Disposition and Occurrences

Austin: Performative/ Constatative

Austin: Speech Act Theory

Unit-IV Quine and Strawson

Two Dogmas of Empiricism

P.F. Strawson's Concept of Person

Freedom and Resentment (Strawson)

Books recommended:

Ammerman, R.R. (ed): *Classics of Analytic Philosophy*

Austin, J.L.: *How to Do Things with Words*

Gross, B.R.: *Analytic Philosophy*

Kenny, A.: *Wittgenstein*

Moore, G.E.: 'Defence of Common Sense'

Quine, W.V.O.: 'Two Dogmas of Empiricism'

Russell, B.: *Logical Atomism*

Russell, B.: 'On Denoting'

Ryle, G.: *Concept of Mind*

Schlipp, P.A.: *The Philosophy of G.E. Moore*

Searle, J.R.: *Philosophy of Language*

Strawson, P.F.: *Individuals*

Stroll, A.: *Twentieth Century Analytic Philosophy*, Motilal Banarsidass

Urmson, J.O.: *Philosophical Analysis*

Books of Reference:

Banu, B.B.: *Gilbert Ryle: Philosophy of Mind*, Royal Book Publisher, New Delhi

Goswami, S.: *Persons*

Lenka, L.: *Quine's Philosophy*, Northern Book Centre

Pradhan, R.C.: *Recent Developments in Analytic Philosophy*

PHI 2046 Comparative Religion (Core)

Unit-I Hinduism

Varnashrama Dharma and Purusarthas,
Law of Karma and Liberation
Bhakti – Ramanuja and Sankaradeva

Unit-II Islam

Role of Muhammad
Five Pillars of Islam
Islamic Ethics

Unit-III Christianity

Original Sin, Atonement and Redemption
Role of Jesus Christ
Christian Ethics

Unit-IV Buddhism and Jainism

Bauddha- Law of Karma
Bauddha- Morality
Jaina- Triratna, Mahavratas

Books Recommended:

Bouquet, A.C.: *Comparative Religion*
Chatterjee, P.B.: *Studies in Comparative Philosophy*
James: *Comparative Religion*
Zachner, R.C.: *Comparative Religion*
Eliade, M.: *Comparative Religion*

Books of Reference:

Radhakrishnana, S.: *Eastern Religion and Western Thought*
Zachner, R.C.: *Concord and Discord*
Wach, J.: *Comparative Study of Religion*
Hastings (ed): *Encyclopaedia of Living Faith* (relevant Articles)

PHI 3016 Meta-Ethics (Core)

Unit-I Cognitivism:

Cognitivism and Moral Realism

Ethical Naturalism and Descriptivism

Ethical non-naturalism- G.E. Moore's Indefinability of good

Unit- II Non-Cognitivism

Ayer: Emotivism

Stevenson: Emotivism

Hare: Prescriptivism

Unit- III Substantial Theory

Moral Universalism

Moral Relativism

Moral Absolutism

Unit- IV Is-Ought Problem

Is-Ought Controversy

Hume's view and its Interpretations

Question of Derivability of 'Ought' from 'Is'

Books Recommended:

Ayer, A.J.: *Language, Truth and Logic*

Hudson, W.T.: *Introduction to Modern Moral Philosophy*

Hudson, W.T.: *Is-Ought Question*

Moore, G.E.: *Principia Ethica*

Stevenson, C.L.: *Ethics and Language*

Hare, R.M.: *Language of Morals*

Hume, D.: *Treatise of Human Nature*

Edward, P.: *Encyclopedia of Philosophy*

Chakravarty, D.K.: *Problems of Analytic Ethics*

PHI 3026 Logic-II (Core)

Unit-I History of the Development of Logic

Aristotelian logic

Development of Symbolic Logic: Leibniz, De Morgan, Boole,

Development of Symbolic Logic: Frege, Russell, Whitehead

Unit-II Argument and Argument Form

Concepts of Argument and Argument Form

Truth and Validity, Justification and Implication

Formal Proofs of Validity

Unit-III Quantification

Singular and General Propositions

Quantifier- Universal and Existential

Arguments involving quantifier

Unit-IV Logic of Relations

Symbolizing Relations

Arguments involving Relations

Attributes of Relation

Books Recommended:

Bochenski, I.M.: *Ancient Formal Logic*, North Holland Publishing Company, Amsterdam

Dumitriu: *History of Logic*, Vol.I, translated by Z. Duiliu and others, Abacus Press, England, 1977

Kneale, W and Kneale, M: *The Development of Symbolic Logic*, Oxford University Press, London, 1968

Lukasiewicz, J.: *Aristotle's Syllogistic*, Oxford at the Clarendon Press

Copi, I.M.: *Symbolic Logic* (Fifth Edition)

Chakraborti, C.: *Logic: Informal, Symbolic and Inductive*, PHI, New Delhi, 2009

PHI 3036 Philosophy of Religion (Core)

Unit-I Religious Concepts

Faith and Revelation

Idea of the Holy

Soul and Immortality

Unit-II Challenges to religious Belief

Problem of Evil

Logical Positivism

Marxist Criticism of Religion

Unit- III Arguments for Existence of God

Ontological

Cosmological

Teleological; Moral

Unit- IV Theories of Religion

Deism

Monotheism

Pantheism

Recommended Books:

Edward, M.: *An Introduction to Philosophy of Religion*

Hick, J.: *Classical and Contemporary Readings in the Philosophy of Religion*

Lotze: *Philosophy of Religion*

Mitchell: *Philosophy of Religion*

Otto, R.: *The Idea of the Holy*

Books of Reference:

Hick, J.: *The Evil and the God of Love*

Smart: *Religion and Faith*

Sarma, S.: *Religious Philosophy of Rudolf Otto*

Tilich, P.: *Systematic Theology*

Galloway: *The Philosophy of Religion*

Hastings (ed): *Encyclopaedia of Religion and Ethics* (Relevant Articles)

PHI 3046 Descartes (Elective)

Unit I Cartesian Method

Methodological Scepticism

Intuition and Deduction

Criticism of Cartesian Method

Unit II Cogito Ergo Sum -Interpretations

A.J. Ayer

B. Williams

J. Hintikka

Unit III Substance

Cartesian Concept of Substance- Primary and Secondary

Ontological argument

Criticism: Plantinga

Unit IV Mind body Dualism

Cartesian Interactionism

Critical Evaluation: Ryle

Critical Evaluation: Searle

Books Recommended:

Ayer, A.J.: *Problem of Philosophy*.

Descartes. R.: *Discourse on Method*, Oxford World's Classics.2009.

Descartes. R.: *Meditations on First Philosophy*, Oxford World's Classics, 2008.

Dimitriu: *History of Logic*, Vol.I, translated by Z. Duiliu and others, Abacus Press, England

Hintikka. J.: 'Cogito, Ergo Sum: Inference or Performance', *The Philosophical Review*, Vol 71., No.1.

Jan.1962 pp. 3-32.retrived from <http://www.jstor.org/stable.2183678> doc:1

Malcolm. N.: 'Dreaming and Skepticism', *The Philosophical Review*, Vol.65. No. 1 Jan. 1956, pp.14-37.

Plantinga, A.: *Faith and Rationality: Reason and Belief in God*, University of Notre Dame Press, 1983.

Ryle, G.: *The Concept o Mind*, University of Chicago Press, 2000.

Searle, J. R.: *Mind: A Brief Introduction*, Oxford and New York, Oxford University Press, 2004

William, B.: *Descartes: The Project of Pure Inquiry*, Penguin, 1978.

Books of Reference :

Cottingham.J.: *The Cambridge Companion to Descartes*, Cambridge University Press,1992.

Doney.W. (ed): *Descartes: A Collection of Critical Essays*, Macmillan, 1967.

Smith N.K.: *Descartes's Philosophical Writings*, Macmillan, 1952.

PHI 3056 Vedanta (Elective)

Unit-I Advaita Vedanta (Sankara)

Brahman and Atman
Maya and Avidya
Liberation

Unit-II Visistadvaita (Ramanuja)

Brahman/Isvara, Cit, Acit
Arguments against Maya
Liberation

Unit-III Bhedabheda (Bhaskara) and Dvaitadvaita (Nimbarka)

Bhedabheda: Brahman, God, Modification of Brahman into world, Self,
Bhedabheda: Criticism of Sankara and Bauddha
Dvaitadvaita: Brahman, Jiva, Acit

Unit-IV Dvaita (Madva) and Suddhadvaita (Vallabha)

Dvaita: Visesa, Reality of Difference, Categories
Dvaita: Brahman/God, Prakṛti, Jiva
Suddhadvaita: Brahman, World, Jiva, Divine Grace

Recommended Books:

Balasubramaniam, R.: *The Traditions of Advaita*, Munshiram Manoharlal
Mahadevan, T.M.P.: *Invitation to Indian Philosophy*,
Mahadevan, T.M.P.: *The Philosophy of Advaita*, Bharatiya Kala Prakashan
Mrudula, I.M.: *The Philosophy of Vallabhacarya*, Munshiram Manoharlal Publishers Pvt Ltd
Nikhilananda, Swami: *Vedanta-Sara*, by Sadananda Yogindra, Advaita Asrama
Radhakrishnana, S.: *Indian Philosophy*, Vol.II, Oxford India
Sinha, J.: *Indian Philosophy*, Vol. II, III, Motilal Banarsidass
Srnivasachari, P.N.: *The Philosophy of Bhedabheda*, Nabu Press
Srnivasachari, P.N.: *The Philosophy of Visistadvaita*, Orient Book Distribution
Srnivasacari, S.M.: *Advaita and Visistadvaita*, Motilal Benarsidass
Tapasyananda, Swami.: *Bhakti Schools of Vedanta*, Ishi Press International
Thibault, G.: *Vedantasutras with Commentaries of Sankara and Ramanuja*

Books for Reference:

Cowell E.B. & Gough, A.E.: *The Sarvadarsanasamgraha* or Review of Different Systems of Hindu
Philosophy, by Madhvacharya, Motilal Benarsidass
Potter, K.H.: *Encyclopedia of Indian Phiosophy*, Motilala Benarsidass
Radhakrishnana, S.: *Brahmasutra*, George Allen and Unwin, London

PHI 3066 Philosophy of Gandhi (Elective/Open)

Unit I: Religion and Morality

Gandhi's Concept of Religion,
God, Truth, Non Violence
Morality, Ends and Means

Unit II: Political Philosophy

Swaraj, Satyagraha, Non-cooperation,
Gandhi's Concept of Democracy
World Peace

Unit III Economic Philosophy

Concept of Equality, Bread labour
Decentralisation, Cottage and Small-Scale Industry, Khadi, Critique of Industrialization
Trusteeship

Unit IV: Social Philosophy

Sarvodaya and Swadeshi
Critique of Untouchability
Concept of Education

Books Recommended:

Bose N.K.: *Selections from Gandhi*
Gandhi: *Collected Works* (Relevant Articles)
Gandhi: *Hind Swaraj* (Textual Study)
Patil.V.T (ed): *Studies on Gandhi*

Books for Reference:

Barua, M.: *Religion and Gandhian Philosophy*
Bihar B.: *Gandhi's Economic philosophy.*
Gandhi M.K.: *My Religion*
Ganguly B.N.: *Gandhi's Social Philosophy*
Kher V.B (ed): *In Search of the Supreme*, Vol. I, II and III.
Mashrula K.G.: *Gandhi and Marx*
Parekh Bhikhu.: *Gandhi's Political Philosophy*
Singh R.: *Relevance of Gandhi's Philosophy*

PHI 4016 Postmodernism (Core)

Unit-I Introduction and Background

Modernism- The Enlightenment Project

Postmodernism- Characteristics: Rejection of Meta-narratives, Foundationalism, Objectivism

Structuralism and Post-Structuralism

Unit-II Lacan

Psychoanalysis

Idea of Subject

Language and Metaphor

Unit-III Foucault

Concept of Archaeology of Knowledge

Idea of Power

Self

Unit-IV Derrida

Idea of Grammatology

Critique of Metaphysics of Presence and Logocentrism

Idea of Deconstruction

Books Recommended:

Bowie, M.: *Lacan*, Fontana Press

Merquior, J.G.: *Foucault*, Fontana Press

Murphy, J.: *Postmodernism*, Anu Books, Meerut, 1994.

Norris, C.: *Truth about Postmodernism*, Oxford, Blackwell. 1994.

Norris, C.: *Derrida*, Fontana Press

Patricia W.: *Postmodernism: A Reader*, Edward. A. London, 1992.

Turner, B.: *Theories of Modernity and Post-Modernity*, Sage publications, London, 1992

Books for Reference:

Bauman, Z.: *Postmodernity and its Discontents*, New York: New York University Press, 1997.

Bertens, H.: *The Idea of the Postmodern: A History*, London: Routledge, 1995.

Caputo, J.: *Deconstruction in a Nutshell*, New York: Fordham University Press, 1997

Malpas, S and Paul W. (eds): *The Postmodern*, Routledge, Abingdon: Routledge, 2004

Zalta, E. N. (ed): *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, <http://plato.stanford.edu/> (relevant articles)

PHI 4026 Contemporary Indian (Core)

Unit-I K.C. Bhattacharya and M. Iqbal

K.C. Bhattacharya: The Absolute and Its alternative Forms

K.C. Bhattacharya: Concept of Philosophy

M. Iqbal: Self

Unit-II J.Krishnamurti and D.P. Chattopadhyaya

J.Krishnamurti: Self and Self-knowledge

J.Krishnamurti: Freedom

D.P. Chattopadhyaya: Interpretation of Lokayata

Unit-III Dayakrishna and J.N. Mohanty

Dayakrishna: New Perspectives in Indian Philosophy

J.N. Mohanty: Epistemology

J.N. Mohanty: Metaphysics

Unit-IV M.N. Roy and B.R. Ambedkar

M.N. Roy: Radical Humanism

B.R. Ambedkar: Democracy

B.R. Ambedkar: Social Justice

Books Recommended:

Ambedkar, B.R.: *Writings and Speeches*

Bhattacharya, K.C.: *Studies in Philosophy*, Vol. II, Motilal Banarsidass

Chattopadhyaya, D.P.: *Indian Philosophy A popular Introduction*

Chattopadhyaya, D.P.: *Lokayata*

Daya Krishna: *Indian Philosophy: A Counter Perspective*

Daya Krishna: *New Perspectives in Indian Philosophy*

Iqbal, M.: *The Secrets of Self*

Iqbal, M.: *The Mysteries of Selflessness*

Iqbal, M.: *Reconstruction of Religious Thought in Islam*

Innaiah N. (ed.): *M.N. Roy: Radical Humanist: Selected Writings*, Prometheus Books

Keer, D.: *Dr. Ambedkar, Life and Mission*

Krishnamurti, J: *Freedom from the Known*, KFI, Chennai

Krishnamurti, J: *On Freedom*, KFI, Chennai

Krishnamurti, J: *On Self-Knowledge*, KFI, Chennai

Krishnamurti, J: *Reflections on the Self*, KFI, Chennai

Lokhande, G.S.: *B.R. Ambedkar: A study in Social Democracy*

Mohanty, J.N.: *Classical Indian Philosophy- An Introductory Text*

Ramendra: *M. N. Roy's New Humanism and Materialism*, Patna: Buddhiwadi Foundation, 2001.

Books for Reference:

Bagchi, K: *The Philosophy of K. C. Bhattacharya*

Chandel, B. and Sharma, K.L.: *The Philosophy of Daya Krishna*, Indian Council of Philosophical Research, 1996

Shakuntala: *Rethinking Philosophy of J. Krishnamurti*, Aalibaat Publication, Guwahati

PHI 4036 Philosophy of Mind (Core)

Unit-I Personal Identity

Problem of Personal Identity, Criteria, Puzzle Cases
Physicalistic Theories of Personal Identity
Psychological Theories Personal Identity

Unit-II Problem of Other Minds

Problem: Epistemological, Conceptual
Argument from Analogy
Critique of Argument from Analogy by Wittgenstein and Strawson

Unit-III Externalism and Internalism

Externalism: Hilary Putnam
Internalism: Jerry Fodor
Internalism: Brian Loar and David Chalmers

Unit-IV Qualia

Arguments for Existence of Qualia
Critics of Qualia
Proponents of Qualia

Books Recommended:

Vassey, G.: *Personal Identity*
Williams, B.: *Problems of the Self*
Hamlyn, D.W.: *Theory of Knowledge*
Gustafson: *Essays in Philosophical Psychology*
Fesser, E.: *Philosophy of Mind*
Cooney, B.: *The Place of Mind*

Books of Reference:

Chisholm, R.M.: *Person and Object*
Martin, R. and Barresi, J. (ed): *Personal Identity*, Oxford Blackwell, 2003
McGinn, C.: *The Character of Mind*, Oxford University Press, 1996
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Unit-I Transcendental Aesthetic

Problem: Possibility of Synthetic Apriori

Theory of Space

Theory of Time

Unit-II Transcendental Analytic

Categories of Understanding

Metaphysical Deduction of Categories

Transcendental Deduction of Categories

Unit-III Ontology. A

Rational Cosmology

Self and Self-consciousness

Freedom and Determinism

Unit-IV Ontology. B

Noumena and Phenomena

Transcendental Method of Kant

Is existence a Predicate- Kantian Answer

Books Recommended:

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Weldon, T.D.: *Introduction to Kant's Critique of Pure Reason*

PHI 4056 Buddhist Philosophy (Elective)

Unit-I

Four Noble Truths and Brahma Viharas

Suffering: Kinds of suffering; Reasons for suffering; Pratityasamutpada

Nirvana: Nature and kind- Sopadhisesa and Nirupadhisesa; Way to Nirvana: Eightfold path, Middle Way

Four Brahma Viharas

Unit-II Theravada, Sarvastivada and Sautrantika

Theravada: Sankhara, Process of Apperception, Psychological Factors

Sarvastivada: Doctrine of 'everything exists'; Doctrine of Time

Sautrantika: Theory of Momentariness; Skandhamatras and Transference of Skandhamatras

Unit-III

Madhyamaka

Dialectic: The tetralemma (Catuskoti); Relativity of opposing terms

Highest Wisdom: Knowledge without distinction; Intuitive Nature of wisdom; Wisdom is freedom

Absolute and Phenomena; Highest and Conventional truths

Unit-IV

Yogacara

Criticism of Madhyamaka

Doctrine of vijnaptimatratra; Doctrine of alayavijnana;

Doctrine of three svabhava (parinispanna, paratantra, parikalpita)

Recommended Books:

Chatterjee, A.K.: *The Yogacara Idealism*, Motilala Banarsidass, New Delhi

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PHI 4066 Logical Reasoning (Elective/Open)

Unit I Introduction to Logic

Introduction to Logic and Reasoning

Reasoning in Everyday Life; Working out Exercises

Laws of Thought: Identity, Contradiction and excluded Middle

Unit II Informal Logic

Arguments: Characteristics and Structure

Concepts of Validity and Truth

Deduction and Induction, Formal and Informal Arguments

Unit III Fallacies

Fallacies in Informal Logic

Fallacies in deductive Logic

Fallacies in Inductive Logic

Unit IV Symbolic Logic

Propositional Logic- Simple and Compound Statements,

Truth-Function

Truth Table

Books Recommended:

Chakraborty, C.: *Logic, Informal, Symbolic and Inductive*

Copi, I.M.: *Introduction to Symbolic Logic*

Copi, and Cohen.: *Introduction to Logic*