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B.A. (PROGRAMME) CBCS COURSE**

**DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE (DSC)**

Semester I: **DSC 1A/2A: LOGIC**

Semester II: **DSC 1B/2B: ETHICS**

Semester III: **DSC 1C/2C: INDIAN PHILOSOPHY**

Semester IV: **DSC 1D/2D: WESTERN PHILOSOPHY**

**DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE COURSE (DSE)**

**SEMESTER V / VI**

**DSE PAPERS:**

- **AESTHETICS**
- **APPLIED ETHICS**
- **BIO ETHICS**
- **BUDDHISM**
- **JAINISM**
- **VEDIC VALUE SYSTEM**
- **SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY**
- **PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION**
- **GREEK PHILOSOPHY**
- **FEMINISM**

**GENERIC ELECTIVE (GE)**

**GE:**

- **INDUCTIVE LOGIC**
- **FUNDAMENTALS OF INDIAN PHILOSOPHY**
- **TECHNOLOGY AND ETHICS**
- **PHILOSOPHICAL THOUGHT OF AMBEDKAR**

**(ABILITY ENHANCEMENT ELECTIVE COURSE)  
SKILL BASED ELECTIVE COURSE**

**SEC:**

- **ETHICAL DECISION MAKING**
- **CRITICAL THINKING AND DECISION MAKING**
- **YOGA PHILOSOPHY**
- **ART AND FILM APPRECIATION**

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**Semester I: DSC 1A / DSC 2A: LOGIC**

**UNIT I: Basic Logical Concepts**

1. Proposition and Sentence
2. Deductive and Inductive arguments
3. Truth, Validity and Soundness

**UNIT II: Traditional Logic**

**(A)**

1. Terms and Distribution of Terms.
2. Categorical Propositions.
3. Traditional Square of Opposition and Existential Import.
4. Translating Ordinary Language Sentences into Standard Form.
5. Immediate Inference – Conversion, Obversion and Contraposition.

**(B)**

1. Categorical Syllogism: Figure and Mood
2. Syllogistic Rules and Fallacies
3. Venn-Diagram

**UNIT III: Symbolization**

1. Types of Truth Functions (Negation, Conjunction, Disjunction (Alternation), Conditional (Material Implication), Bi-conditional (Material Equivalence)).
2. Statements, Statement forms and Logical Status.
3. Decision Procedures: Truth Table Method and *Reductio ad absurdum*.

**UNIT IV: Informal Fallacies**

(As given in I. M. Copi, 14<sup>th</sup> ed.)

**Prescribed Texts:**

- Basson, A. H. and O'Connor, D. J. (1960) *An Introduction to Symbolic Logic*, Free Press.
- Copi, I. M. (2010) *Introduction to Logic* (14<sup>th</sup> ed) New Delhi: Prentice Hall of India

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**Semester II: DSC 1 B / DSC 2 B: ETHICS**

**UNIT I**

1. The Fundamental Questions of Ethics.
2. The **Is - Ought** Controversy
3. The Ethical Journey (From Convention to Reflection).

**UNIT-II**

1. Consequentialism: J.S. Mill (Utilitarianism).
2. Deontological Ethics: Immanuel Kant (Duty, Categorical Imperative and Good will).

**UNIT- III**

1. Virtue ethics: Aristotle (Well-being and Golden Mean).
2. Puruṣārthas

**UNIT-IV**

1. *Niṣkāmakarma* (*Bhagvadgītā*)
2. Non-violence (M.K. Gandhi)
3. Compassion and Forgiveness. (Buddhism)

**Recommended Readings:**

- Aristotle, (1926) *Nichomachian Ethics*, Harvard University Press.
- Hartmann, N. (1950) *Moral Phenomena*, New Macmillan.
- Kant, Immanuel: *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals*, Trans. H J Paton, as The Moral Law. London.
- Mill, JS (1863): *Utilitarianism*, London, in Mary Warnock. Ed.1962
- Prasad, R. (1989): *Karma, Causation and Retributive Morality*, ICPR, New Delhi.
- Sharma, I.C., (1965) *Ethical Philosophies of India*, London: George Allen and Unwin Ltd.
- Goodman, Charles. (2009), *Consequences of Compassion: An Introduction and Defense of Buddhist Ethics*, New York: Oxford University Press.
- Gowans, Christopher W. (2015), *Buddhist Moral Philosophy: An Introduction*, New York & London, Routledge.
- *Śrīmadbhagvadgītā*.
- The Selected Works of Mahatama Gandhi, (2006) V – Volumes, Ahmedabad: Navjivan.

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**Semester III: DSC I C / DSC 2 C: INDIAN PHILOSOPHY**

**UNIT I: Indian Philosophy: An Overview:**

1. General Characteristics of Indian Philosophy

**UNIT II: Theory of Knowledge (Nyāya–Vaiśeṣika): The Four Pramāṇas:**

1. Perception (*Pratyakṣa*)
2. Inference (*Anumāna*)
3. Testimony (*Śabda*)
4. Comparison (*Upamāna*)

**UNIT III: Theories of Causation:**

1. Buddhism (*Pratītyasamutpāda*)
2. Nyāya–Vaiśeṣika (*Asatkāryavāda*)
3. Sāṃkhya (*Satkāryavāda*)

**UNIT IV: Theories of Reality:**

1. Buddhism
2. Nyāya–Vaiśeṣika
3. Śaṅkara

**Recommended Readings:**

- Chatterjee, S & Datta. D.M (1984) *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy*, 8<sup>th</sup> ed., University of Calcutta,
- Dasgupta, S.N (2004), *A History of Indian Philosophy, vol.1*, Delhi: MLBD Publishers.
- Datta, D.M., (1972) *The Six Ways of Knowing*, University of Calcutta.
- Hiriyanna, M. (1994) *Outlines of Indian Philosophy*, Delhi: MLBD Publishers.  
(2015) *The Essentials of Indian Philosophy*, Delhi: MLBD Publishers.
- Mohanty, J.N. (1992) *Reason and Tradition in Indian Thought*, Oxford: Caledon Press.  
(2002) *Essays on Indian Philosophy*, (2<sup>nd</sup> ed) ed. by P. Bilimoria, UK: Oxford University Press.
- Murthi, K. S. (1959) *Revelation and Reason in Advaita Vedanta*. Waltair: Andhra University Press.
- Organ, T. W. (1964) *The Self in Indian Philosophy*. London: Mouton & Co.

- Pandey, S. L. (1983) *Pre-Samkara Advaita Philosophy*, ( 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.) Allahabad: Darsan Peeth.
- Radhakrishnan, S. (1929) *Indian Philosophy, Volume 1*. Muirhead Library of Philosophy (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.) London: George Allen and Unwin Ltd.
- Radhakrishnan, S. and Moore, C. A. (1967) *A Sourcebook in Indian Philosophy*, Princeton.
- Raju, P.T. (1985) *Structural Depths of Indian Thought*, Albany, NY: State University of New York Press.
- Sharma, C.D (2000), *A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy*, Motilal Banarasidass,

**Articles:**

- Chatalian, G. (1983) Early Indian Buddhism and the Nature of Philosophy: A Philosophical Investigation, *Journal of Indian Philosophy*, June 1983, Volume 11, Issue 2, pp 167-222
- Gokhale, P, P. (1991) The Logical Structure of Syādvāda, in *The Journal of Indian Council of Philosophical Research*, Vol. 8, No.3.
- Koller, J. M. K. (1977), [Skepticism in Early Indian Thought](#), *Philosophy East and West*, 27(2): 155-164
- Prevos, p. (2002) *The Self in Indian Philosophy: Hindu, Buddhist and Carvaka views*. <http://prevos.net/humanities/philosophy/self/>

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**Semester IV: DSC I D / 2 D: WESTERN PHILOSOPHY**

**UNIT I**

1. **Plato:** Knowledge and Opinion
2. **Descartes:** Cogito Ergo Sum, Mind body Dualism and its critique by Ryle.

**UNIT II**

1. **Spinoza:** Concepts of Substance
2. **Leibnitz :** Theory of Monads

**UNIT III**

1. **Berkeley:** Critique of Locke's theory of Material substance
2. **Hume:** Theory of Causation

**UNIT-IV**

1. **Kant:** Classification of Propositions, Possibility of synthetic a priori.

**Recommended Readings:**

- Berkeley, G. (1985), *The Principles of Human Knowledge* G.J. Warnock, (ed). Great Britain: Fontana Press, Part-1, Sections 1-24.
- Descartes, R. (1647), *Meditations Concerning First Philosophy*, Meditation II, Harper Torch Books.
- Locke, J. (1706) *An Essay Concerning Human Understanding*, London,. CH. XXIII
- Moore, B. (2011) *Philosophy: The Power of Ideas*, New Delhi: TMH.
- O'Conor, D. J. (1964) *A Critical History of Western Philosophy*, New York: Macmillan.
- Plato: *Republic* (tr) Lee, penguin England Book VI, 502-501.
- Ryle, G. (1949) *The Concept of Mind*, Hutchinsion, Chapter-I.
- Stegmuller, W. (1969), *Main Currents in Contemporary German, British and American Philosophy*, , Dordrecht: D. Reidel Publishing.
- Thomson, G. (1992) *An Introduction to Modern Philosophy*, California: Wadsworth Publishing.
- Titus, S. and Nalan. (1994) *Living Issues in Philosophy*, London: OUP.

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**SEMESTER V/ VI: DSE: AESTHETICS**

**UNIT I: Nature of Aesthetics**

1. Problems and Questions
2. Definitions of art (Art as Significant Form, Art as Intuition, Art as Communication, Art as Expression)
3. Art and Society

**UNIT II: Identity of a work of art**

1. Art as product and art as process
2. Art and physical medium
3. Art and emotion; Susanne Langer on “art as symbol of human emotion”

**UNIT III: Art and Aesthetic Experience**

1. Immanuel Kant on “Disinterested Delight”
2. John Dewey on “art as experience”
3. Abhinavagupta on “Rasa”; Aesthetic perception and attitude
4. E. Bullough on “Psychical Distance”

**UNIT IV Art, Religion, and Spirituality**

1. Ananda Coomaraswamy
2. Sri Aurobindo
3. Rabindranath Tagore.

**Recommended Books**

- Aldrich, V.C, (1963) *Philosophy of Art*, Prentice Hall.
- Coleman F, X. J (1968) *Contemporary Studies in Aesthetics*, Mcgraw-Hill.
- Ghosh , R. K. (2006) *Great Indian Thinkers on Art: Creativity, Aesthetic Communication, and Freedom*, Delhi: Sundeep Prakashan (Black and White).
- Gnoli,R. (1957)*Aesthetic Experience according to Abhinavagupta*, Artibus Asiae Publishers.
- Hanfling, O. ed. (1992) *Philosophical Aesthetics: An Introduction*, Blackwell.
- Miller, R. M. ed. (1952) *A Modern Book of Esthetics* (Fifth Edition), Holt, Rinehart and Winston.

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**SEMESTER V/ VI: DSE: APPLIED ETHICS**

**UNIT I**

1. An Introduction to Moral Philosophy and Applied Ethics.

**UNIT II: Issues, Rights and Concerns**

1. Issues of life and Death (Euthanasia and Suicide, Theories of Punishment)
2. Right to Dissent (Terrorism)
3. Concerns (Female Feticide, Surrogacy Clonning)

**UNIT III: Environmental Ethics**

1. Nature as Means or End.
2. Respect to animals and ecology

**UNIT IV: Media Ethics- Print and Cyber Media**

1. Media Ethics- Print and Cyber Media

**Recommended Readings:**

- Andrew, L. and Rolston, H. eds. (2007) *Environmental Ethics: An Anthology*. MA, U.S.A.: Blackwell Publishing.
- Dower, N. (2007) *World Ethics: The New Agenda*. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press.
- Jecker, N. S., Jonsen, A. R., and Pearlman, R. A. eds. (2010) *Bioethics: An Introduction to the History, Method and Practice*. New Delhi: Jones and Bartlett.
- Motilal, S. ed. (2010) *Applied Ethics and Human Rights: Conceptual Analysis and Contextual Applications*. London: Anthem Press: London, 2010.
- Rachel, J. (2011) *The Elements of Moral Philosophy*. Oxford: Oxford University Press:
- Singer, P. (1986) *Applied Ethics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Yogi, M. M. (2007) *Euthanasia: Its Moral Implication*, Delhi: Pratibha Prakashan.

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**SEMESTER V / VI: DSE: BIOETHICS**

**UNIT I: Introduction to Bio-ethics**

1. Understanding ethics and bioethics
2. Human dignity and human rights
3. Principles of benefit and harm

**UNIT II: Autonomy, Consent and Privacy**

1. Autonomy and individual responsibility
2. Consent
3. Persons without the capacity to consent
4. Respect for human vulnerability and personal integrity
5. Privacy and confidentiality

**UNIT III: Justice, Diversity and Co-operation**

1. Equality, justice and equity
2. Non-discrimination and non-stigmatization
3. Respect for cultural diversity and pluralism
4. Solidarity and cooperation

**UNIT IV: Health, and Responsibility**

1. Social responsibility and health
2. Sharing of benefits
3. Protecting future generations
4. Protection of the environment, the biosphere and biodiversity

**Recommended Readings:**

- URL <http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0016/001636/163613e.pdf>
- [Barilan](#), Yechiel M. (2014) [Human Dignity, Human Rights, and Responsibility](#) - *The New Language of Global Bioethics and Biolaw*, U.S.A.: MIT.
- Kuhse, H. and Singer, P. (2008) *Bioethics: An Anthology*, 2nd Ed. Blackwell.
- Singer, Peter A. and Viens, A. M. (2008) *The Cambridge Textbook of Bioethics*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Vaughn, L. (2012) *Bioethics: Principles, Issues and Cases*, Oxford: Oxford University Press.

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**SEMESTER V/ VI: DSE: BUDDHISM**

**UNIT I:**

1. Origin and Nature of Buddhism
2. Classification of Buddhism

**UNIT II:**

1. *Pañcśīla*
2. Four Noble Truth
3. Eight Fold Path

**UNIT III:**

1. *Pāramitās*
2. *Brahma Vihāras*

**UNIT-IV:**

1. Karma and Rebirth
2. *Nirvāna*
3. *Anātmavāda* (No Soul theory)

**Recommended Readings:**

- Halbfars, W., 'Karma, Apūrva and "Nature" causes: observation on the growth and limits of the theory of Samsars, 'in O' Flabearty, 1999.
- Harvey, Peter, *An Introduction of Buddhist Ethics*, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press.
- Kamla, J. (1983) *The Concept of Pañcśīla in Indian Thought*, P. V. Institute: Varanasi.
- Keown, D. (1992) *The Nature of Buddhist Ethics*, London: Macmillan.  
“Karma, Character and Consequentialism” in *Journal of Religious Ethics* 24 (2):329 - 350 (1996)
- Bhatta, J. *Nyāyamañjarī* ed. S.N. Shukla, (1971) Varanasi: Chowkhamba Vidyabhavan.  
[https://archive.org/details/The\\_Nyāyamañjarī\\_Of\\_Jayanta\\_Bhatta\\_Edited\\_By\\_Surya\\_Narayana\\_Sukla](https://archive.org/details/The_Nyāyamañjarī_Of_Jayanta_Bhatta_Edited_By_Surya_Narayana_Sukla)
- O' Flaheaty, W. D. (1999) *Karma and Rebirth in Classical Indian Traditions*, Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass.
- Saddhatissa, H. (1970) *Buddhist Ethics*, London: George Allen and Unwin.

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**SEMESTER V/ VI: DSE: JAINISM**

**UNIT I: Unit I: Jainism: An overview**

1. The Jain symbol
2. The 24 Tirthankaras
3. The sects: Digambar and Shvetambar

**UNIT II: Jain Metaphysics & Epistemology**

1. Nature of Reality
2. *Pramāṇa* and *Nyāya*
3. Types of Knowledge

**UNIT III: Manyness, Manifoldness and Probability**

1. *Anekāntavāda*
2. *Syādvāda*

**UNIT IV: Jain Ethics**

1. The vows
2. The triratna
3. Practical Application of Jain Ethics

**Recommended Readings:**

- Jain, K. (1983) *The Concept of Pañcśīla in Indian Thought*, Varanasi: P V Institute.  
(1998) *Aparigraha- The Humane Solution*, Varanasi: P V Institute.
- [Jaini](#), J. L. (2014) *Outlines of Jainism* - Primary Source Edition by [F. W. Thomas](#).
- Jain, J. P. (2006) *Art and Science of Self Realization*, New Delhi: Radiant Publishers.
- Sharma, I C. (1965) *Ethical Philosophies of India*, USA: Harper and Row.
- Setia, T.(2004) *Ahimsā, Anekāntavāda and Aparigrah*. New Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass.

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**SEMESTER V/VI: DSE: VEDIC VALUE SYSTEM**

**UNIT I**

1. Vedic System of Values
2. Concept of Man and Humanity

**UNIT II**

1. The value of the organizations of Personal Life (*Āśrama*)
2. The Social organization of Humanity in Smrtis
3. The *Varṇa* Theory

**UNIT III**

1. The hieratical types of values (*puruṣārthas*)
2. Nature of *Svadharmā*
3. Evaluation of the Indian ethical concepts

**UNIT IV**

1. Three ways to attain moksa according to *Bhagvad gītā's* (*Jñāna mārga*, *Karma mārga*, *Bhakti Mārga*)
2. *Niṣkāma Karma* and *Bhakti*

**Recommended Readings**

- Chatterjee, S. Chandra, *The Fundamentals of Hinduism*, Calcutta: University of Calcutta, 1970.
- Chennakesavan, Sarswati, *A Critical Study of Hinduism*, Delhi, Motilal Banarsidas, 1980.
- Dasgupta, S. N., *A History of Indian Philosophy*, Delhi, Motilal Banarsidass, 1975.
- Devraja, N. K., *Hinduism and Modern Age*, New Delhi, Jamia Nagar, 1975.
- Hiriyana, M., *Outlines of Indian Philosophy*, London: George Allen and Unwin, 1952.
- Jingran, Saral, *Aspects of Hindu Morality*, Delhi, Motilal Banarsidas, 1999.
- Krishna, Yuvraj, *The Doctrine of Karma*, Delhi, Motilal Banarsidas, 1997.
- O' Flaherty, Wendy Doneger, *Karma and Rebirth in Classical Indian Traditions*, Delhi, Motilal Banarsidass, 1999.
- Potter, Karl H., *Presuppositions of Indian Philosophy*, New Delhi, Princeton Hall of India, 1965
- Prasad, H.S. *The Centrality of Ethics in Buddhism*, Exploratory Essays, MLBD, 2007.
- Prasad, Rajendra, *Varṇādharmā, Niṣkāma karma and Practical Morality*, A Critical essay on Applied Ethics. D. K. Print world (P) Ltd. New Delhi, 1999.
- Radhakrishnan, S., *Indian Philosophy*, Vol – I & II, New York: The Macmilan Company, 1956.
- *Śrīmadbhagvadgītā*, Gorakhpur: Gita Press.
- *The Hindu view of life*, London, Unwin books, 1960.

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**SEMESTER V/ VI: DSE: SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY (INDIAN AND WESTERN)**

**UNIT I:**

1. Ashoka, 13 Major Rock Edicts
2. *Dhammapada* (Selections)

**UNIT II: *Mānavdharmasāstra***

1. *Strīdharmā*
2. Rules for time of adversity
3. Fruits of action

**UNIT III: John Locke:**

1. The Second Treatise of Civil Government (1690).

**UNIT IV:**

1. The Communist Manifesto: Marx and Engels

**Recommended Readings**

- *Dhammapada* trans Daw Mya Tin, Central Institute of Higher Tibetan studies, Varanasi, 1990, verses and stories from chapter 8,9,10,12,14,16,18,19 and 20.
- John Locke's *The Second Treatise of Civil Government* (1690).
- Rupert Gethin, 'He who sees Dhamma sees Dhammas' in *Dharma*, ed. Patrick Olivelle Motilal Banarsidas, Delhi, 2009, pp 91-120.
- Manu's Code of Law: A Critical Edition and Translation of the *Mānava-Dharma'sāstra* by Patrick Olivelle Chapter 5 'Law with Respect to Women;' Chapter 9 Chapter 10, Chapter 12, Oxford University Press, New York, 2005.
- Karl Marx and Friedrich: The Communist Manifesto: (Penguin Classics Deluxe Edition)

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**Semester V/ VI: DSE: PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION**

**UNIT I: Religion and Philosophy of Religion**

1. Nature of Religion
2. Its relation to Philosophy of Religion.

**UNIT II: Conceptions and Attributes of God**

1. Theism, Deism and Pantheism
2. Omnipresence, Omnipotence and Omniscience

**UNIT III: Faith, Prayer and Soul**

1. Faith, reason and revelation
2. The concept of Prayer
3. Immortality of the soul.

**UNIT IV: Liberation and Religious Pluralism**

1. The concept of liberation: Indian perspective
2. Religious Pluralism

**Recommended Readings:**

- Brody, B. A. ed. (1974) *Reading in Philosophy of Religion*, New Jersey: PHI Publication. (Part 1, 1.17 pp. 168-186).
- George Galloway, G. (1914) *The Philosophy of Religion*, New York: C. Scribner's Sons.
- Hick, J. (1988) *Philosophy of Religion*, New Delhi: PHI Publication.  
(1992) *Philosophy of Religion*, Delhi: Prentice Hall of India.
- Meister, C. ed. (2008) *Philosophy of Religion Reader*, Routledge: New York.
- Plato: *Euthyphro*, Trans. C. J. Emlyn-Jones, (1991) Briston Classical Press.
- Quinn, P. L. and Taliaferro, C. ed. (1999) *A Companion to Philosophy of Religion*, USA: Blackwell Publishers.
- Singh, R. K. (1994) *Dharma Darshana*, New Delhi: PHI. (Hindi Translation of *Philosophy of Religion*, by John Hick).
- Verma, V. P. (1991) *Dharma Darshan Ke Mool Siddhant*, New Delhi: Hindi Madhyam Karyanvaya Nideshalaya.

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**SEMESTER V/ VI: DSE: GREEK PHILOSOPHY**

**UNIT I: Socrates and the Sophists**

1. Care of the self and moral relativism.
2. Virtue
3. Law and freedom

**UNIT II: Plato and Moral psychology**

1. Metaphysics
2. The ideal state
3. Critique of Democracy

**UNIT III: Aristotle**

1. Political Naturalism
2. Human nature and the nature of the state
3. Justice

**UNIT IV: Epicurus and the Stoics**

1. Pleasure and happiness
2. Living according to nature
3. On suicide

**Recommended Readings**

- Annas, J. (1993) *The Morality of Happiness*, Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- *Epicurus, Letter to Menoecus*, Trans. by Robert Drew Hicks  
(E Text: <http://classics.mit.edu/Epicurus/menoec.html>)
- Kerferd, G. B. (1981) *The Sophistic Movement*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Keyt, D. and Miller (Jr.), F. D. (eds.) (1991) *A Companion to Aristotle's Politics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Long, A. A. (1986) *Hellenistic Philosophy*, 2nd ed. California: University of California Press.
- Plato, *Apology and Crito, Protagoras, Republic Book IV*  
(E texts: <http://onlinebooks.library.upenn.edu/webbin/book/lookupname?key=Plato>)
- Rist, J. M. (1972) *Epicurus*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Schofield, M. (2006) *Plato: Political Philosophy*, Oxford: University Press.

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**SEMESTER V/ VI: DSE: FEMINISM**

**UNIT I: The Sex/Gender Debate: Masculinity and Feminity.**

4. Gender
5. Patriarchy

**UNIT II: Gender and Society**

1. Family Kinship and Marriage in India
2. Reproduction – Female Feticide and Infanticide

**UNIT III: Embodiment**

**UNIT IV: Gender Politics**

**Essential Readings:**

**UNIT I**

- Linda Nicholans, 'Gender' in Alison M Jaggard and Iris Marion Young, *A Comparison to Feminist Philosophy*, Blackwell Companion to Philosophy. (Oxford, Blackwell Publishers, 1998)
- Kamla Bhasin, *What is Patricarchy? Kali for Women*, New Delhi, 1993.
- V. Geeta, *Gender*, Stree, Calutta, 2002

**UNIT II**

- Patricia Oberoi, "Family Kinship and Marriage in India", in Student's Encyclopedia, New Delhi, 2000. Pp. 145-155
- S. H. Venkataramani, 'Female Infanticide: Born to Die', in Jill Radford and Diana Russell (ed.) *Femicide – The Politics of Women Killing* (New York, Twayne Publishers, 1992)
- Laura Shanner, Procreation in Alison M Jaggard and Iris Marion Young, *A Comparison to Feminist Philosophy*, Blackwell Companion to Philosophy. (Oxford, Blackwell Publishers, 1998)

**UNIT III**

- Naomi Wolf – *The Beauty Myth*, (New York, Harper Collins, 1991) (selective readings)



- Sandra Lee Bartrey, “Body Politics” in Alison M Jaggar and Iris Marion Young, *A Companion to Feminist Philosophy*, Blackwell Companion to Philosophy. (Oxford, Blackwell Publishers, 1998)
- Anita Silvers, “Disability” in Alison M. Feminist Philosophy, *A Companion to Feminist Philosophy*, Blackwell Companion to Philosophy. (Oxford, Blackwell Publishers, 1998)

#### UNIT IV

- Virginia Held, “Rights”, in Alison M Jaggar and Iris Marion Young, *A Companion to Feminist Philosophy*, Blackwell Companion to Philosophy. (Oxford, Blackwell Publishers, 1998)
- Elizabeth Kiss, “Justice”, in Alison M. Jaggar and Iris Marion Young, *A Companion to Feminist Philosophy*, Blackwell Companion to Philosophy. (Oxford, Blackwell Publishers, 1998)
- Prof. Poonam Saxena, *Succession laws and Gender Justice* ed., Parashar and Dhanda 2006.

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**GE PH 01: INDUCTIVE LOGIC**

**UNIT I: Introduction to Inductive Logic**

1. Subject matter of Inductive Logic
2. Significance of Probability in Inductive Reasoning
3. Probability and the Scientific Method
4. The Philosophical Problem of Induction

**UNIT II: Kinds of induction**

1. Perfect induction
2. Imperfect induction
3. Scientific inductive methods its stages
4. Non-scientific methods of inquiry ( Intuitive method, Method of Tenacity, Method of authority)

**UNIT III: Postulates of Induction**

1. Definitions of Postulates
2. Law of uniformity – Kinds of uniformity (Uniformity of Succession, Uniformity of Co-existence)
3. The law of universal causation - Definition of Cause, Plurality of Cause
4. The law of unity of nature

**UNIT IV: Mill's Experimental Methods**

1. Method of agreement
2. Method of difference
3. Joint method of Agreement & difference
4. Method of Concomitant variation
5. Method of Residues.

**UNIT IV: Hypothesis**

1. Definition of Hypothesis with examples
2. Kinds of Hypothesis (Explanatory Hypothesis, Descriptive Hypotheses)
3. Conditions of a good Hypotheses
4. Verification of a Hypothesis.

**Recommended Readings:**

- [Chakraborti, C.](#) (2007) *Logic: Informal, Symbolic and Inductive*, New Delhi: Prentice Hall of India.

- Copi, I. M. (2013) *Introduction to Logic*, New Delhi: Pearson.
- [Hacking, I.](#) (2001) *An Introduction to Probability and Inductive Logic*, Cambridge University Press.
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3. Types of Pramana.

**UNIT III: Metaphysics**

1. Self
2. Causality

**UNIT IV: Moral Philosophy**

- The Ethical Theory of Bhagvad Gita.

**Prescribed Reading:** Mohanty, J. N. (2000) *Classical Indian Philosophy*, U.S.A.: Rowman and Littlefield Publisher.

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1. Critique of Caste system and Hindu social order
2. Critical views on Philosophy of Hinduism and its religious texts

**UNIT III: Moral and Political Philosophy**

1. Human Dignity and Social Justice
2. Moral community
3. Constitutional morality

**UNIT IV: Ambedkar and Buddhism**

1. Celebration of Self respect and Religious conversion
2. Construction of rational, moral and humanistic religion

**UNIT V: Contemporary Relevance of Ambedkar**

- Ambedkarism
- Casteless society and Dalit Movement

**Essential Writings**

- B.R. Ambedkar Introduction, Rodrigues, Valerian(ed). *The Essential Writings of B.R. Ambedkar* New Delhi: Oxford Press, 2002, p.10-40
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- B.R. Ambedkar , Basic Features of Indian constitution, Rodrigues, Valerian(Ed.). *The Essential Writings of B.R. Ambedkar*New Delhi: Oxford Press, 2002, pp.473-495
- B.R. Ambedkar , ‘What the Buddha Taught,’ from Buddha and His Dhamma, *Dr. BabasahebAmbedkar Writings and Speeches* Vol.11, Education Department, Government of Maharashtra,1979.

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1. Computer Ethics
2. Digital Divide

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1. GM foods
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3. Stem cell culture

**UNIT IV: Nano Ethics**

1. Social and Economic Implication
2. Concerns of Public

**UNIT V: Democratization of Technology**

1. Rights
2. Justice
3. Public Evaluation of Science and Technology

**Essential Readings:**

- Debiprasad Chattopadhyaya, *Science, Philosophy and Society*, New Delhi: Critical Quest, 2007
- Carl Mitcham Introduction Mitcham C.(Ed.) *Encyclopedia of Science, Technology and Ethics*, Mac Millan Reference USA:2005, pp. xi-xvii
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**READINGS:-**

1. Hurley,Patrick J.(2007) *Introduction to Logic*, Wadsworth, Cengage learning.
2. Kam Chun Aik, and Stephen Edmonds, *Critical Thinking*, Longman
3. Dewey,John. (1933) *How to Think: A Restatement of the Relation of Reflective Thinking to the Educative Process*. revised edition. Boston: Heath
4. Noisich, Gerald M. (2002) *Learning to Think things through: A Guide to Critical Thinking*, Prentice Hall.

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2. Steps to ethical decision-making
3. Case studies and Situational role plays

**Recommended Readings:**

- Blanchard, K., & Peale, N.V. (1988) *The Power of Ethical Management*, New York: William Morrow and Co. pp. 20-24.  
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2. Patanjali's Astangik Yoga Marga

**Recommended Readings:**

- Abhishiktananda, Swami: (1974) *Guru and Disciple*, London: Society for the Promotion of Christiana Knowledge,
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1. Life art interface
2. Film and Cultural representation

**UNIT IV: Art and Communication in and through Films**

**Recommended Readings:**

- Harold Osborne. (1976) *Aesthetics*, OUP.
- John Hospers. (1969) *Introduction Readings in Aesthetics*, Free Press.
- Christopher Falzon, *Philosophy goes to the Movies*, Routledge.
- Vijaya Mishra. (2009) *Specters of Sensibility: The Bollywood Film*. Routledge.
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