

# UNIVERSITY OF LADAKH



**SYLLABUS  
OF  
THE FOUNDATION COURSE  
OF**

**PHILOSOPHY**

**(UNDER NEP – 2020)**

**(Implemented w.e.f Academic Session 2023-24)**

# UNIVERSITY OF LADAKH

## SYLLABUS OF THE FOUNDATION/INTRODUCTORY COURSE IN PHILOSOPHY

UNDER NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY - 2020  
(Session 2023-2024)

Semester – I

Credit – 4

Max Marks – 100

Course Title: Introduction to Greek Philosophy

Theory: 70

Course Code: ART-PL-101-M

Internal Assessment: 30

### Objective:

This course is designed to impart knowledge about basic concepts in Greek Philosophy. It will help the students to understand the origin of western philosophical issues and ideas tracing back to Ionic philosophers. It aims to educate the students that Greek philosophers sought to understand the fundamental nature of reality and the universe. It discusses the concepts of being and becoming pertaining to reality then moves to philosophical issues in Plato and Aristotelian thought.

### **Unit – 1: Philosophy and its Kinds**

- 1.1: Origin and Development of Greek Philosophy
- 1.2: Nature and Meaning of Philosophy
- 1.3: Definition of Philosophy
- 1.4 The Branches of Philosophy

### **Unit – 2: Ionic Philosophers (Cosmology)**

- 2.1: Thales
- 2.2: Anaximander
- 2.3: Anaximenes
- 2.4: Other Ionic thinkers

### **Unit – 3: Concept of Being and Becoming**

- 3.1: Pythagoras: Number Theory
- 3.2: Heraclitus: Concept of Becoming
- 3.3: Parmenides: Concept of Being

### **Unit – 4: Classical Greek Philosophers**

- 4.1: Socrates: Philosophical Method
- 4.2: Plato: Theory of Ideas
- 4.3: Aristotle: Theory of Causation

### **Essential Readings –**

1. W. T. Stace, *A Critical History of Greek Philosophy*, Surjeet Publication, New Delhi, Reprinted 2016.
2. "What is Philosophy" (pp. 1-5), "Divisions of Philosophy", (pp. 13-15, in Moore, Brooke Noel and Bruder, Kenneth (2010). *Philosophy: The Power of Ideas*. McGraw-Hill

### **Suggested Reading:**

1. Will Durant, *The Story of Philosophy: The Lives and Opinions of the Greater Philosophers*, Simon & Schuster publisher, United States, 1926.

2. Bertrand Russell, ***A History of Western Philosophy***, Simon & Schuster publisher, United States, 1945.
3. Weber and Perry, ***History of Philosophy***, Translated by Frank Thilly, Surjeet Publication, New Delhi, Reprinted 2007.
4. *Frederick Copleston, A History of Philosophy, Vol-I Greece and Rome*, Continuum International Publishing Group, United Kingdom, 1946.
5. Falkenberg. ***History of Modern Philosophy***, USA, Jefferson Publications, 2015
6. 3 Moore, Bruder, ***Philosophy: The Power of Ideas***, New Delhi, Tata McGraw Hill, 2011
7. 4 O'Connor, D.J. ***A Critical History of western Philosophy***, USA, MacMillan, 1964
8. 5 Steg Muller, W. ***Main Currents in Contemporary German***, British and American Philosophy, Dordrecht; D. Riedel Publishing, 1969
9. 6 Garrett, Thomson, ***An Introduction to Modern Philosophy***, California: Wadsworth Publishing, 1993

## SYLLABUS OF THE FOUNDATION COURSE OF PHILOSOPHY UNDER FYUGP-NEP 2020

Semester – II

Credit – 4

Max Marks – 100

Course Title: Introduction to Indian Philosophy

Theory: 70

Course Code: ART-PL-201-M

Internal Assessment: 30

### Objective:

This course aims to impart the knowledge about the origins of philosophy in the India. It is to acquaint the students with basic concept of Indian philosophy and various systems of Indian philosophical tradition. This is also designed to familiarize students with the theory of causation and theory of reality in Indian traditional theories.

### **Unit – 1: Meaning and Nature of Dharshana**

1.1: Meaning of Dharshana

1.2: Main Features of Indian Philosophy

### **Unit – 2: The Division of Indian Philosophy**

2.1: Orthodox and Heterodox Distinction

2.2: Orthodox: Its Origin and Literatures

2.3: Heterodox: Its Origin and Literatures

### **Unit – 3: Theory of Causation**

3.1: *Asatkāryavāda*

3.2: *Satkāryavāda*

### **Unit – 4: Theory of Reality**

4.1: Buddhism – Anatmavāda

4.2: Jainism – Anekāntavāda.

4.3: Advaita Vedānta - Śaṅkara's Nature of Brahman

### **Essential Readings –**

1. A.K.Warder, *A Course in Indian Philosophy*, Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass Publishers, 2018, pp.4-
2. "General Introduction" (1-12) in Ramakrishna Puligandla's *Fundamentals of Indian Philosophy*, DK Printworld, 2008

### **Suggested Reading:**

1. S. Radha Krishna, *Indian Philosophy*, New Delhi, Rajpal and Sons, 1964.
2. Hiriyanna, M, *Outlines of Indian Philosophy*, London: Allen & Unwin (1951),
3. Dasgupta, S.N. *A History of Indian Philosophy*, Vol. 1, Motilal Banarasi Das Publications, Delhi, 2004
4. M.N.Roy, *Materialism in Indian Philosophy*, Delhi: Critical Quest, 2017, Pp1-22 (Selections from *Materialism: An Outline of the History of Scientific Thought*)
5. Bhattacharya, Ramkrishna. "*Materialism in India: A Synoptic View.*" Retrieved 27 July 2012. <http://www.carvaka4india.com/2011/08/materialism-in-india-synoptic-view.html>
6. Radhakrishnan, S. Moore, (CA), *A Sourcebook in Indian Philosophy*, Princeton, 1967.
7. Raju, P.T. *Structural Depths of Indian Thought*, NY Albany: State University of New York Press, 1985.
8. Chatterjee, S.C. & D.M. Datta, *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy*, reprint, University of Calcutta. (1984),
9. C.D, Sharma, *A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy*, Motilal Banarasi Dass, New Delhi, Reprinted 2009.
10. J.N.Mohanty, *Classical Indian Philosophy*, Lanham: Rowman and Littlefield, 1999, pp.1-10.