

# UNIVERSITY OF LADAKH



**SYLLABUS  
OF  
THE INTER-DISCIPLINARY COURSE  
OF**

**PHILOSOPHY**

**(UNDER NEP - 2020)**

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

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## SYLLABUS OF THE INTER-DISCIPLINARY COURSE IN PHILOSOPHY UNDER NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY - 2020 (Session 2023-2024)

**SEMESTER: I**

**Course Title: Introduction to Philosophy**

**Course Code: ART-PL-101-G**

**Semester – I**

**Credit – 3**

**Max Marks – 75**

### **Objective:**

This course is designed to acquaint the students with the origin and development of philosophical issues in the West. It introduces the areas of philosophy and its relation with other disciplines. It discusses the counter position of realism and idealism and dualism and monism in the theory of reality.

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

1.1: The Origins and Development of Philosophy

1.2: Nature and Definition of Philosophy

### **Unit – 2: The Branches of Philosophy**

2.1: Metaphysics

2.2: Epistemology

2.3: Axiology

2.4: Social and Political Philosophy

### **Unit – 3: Relation of Philosophy with Other Subjects**

3.1: Relation of Philosophy with Religion

3.2: Relation of Philosophy with Science

3.3: Relation of Philosophy with Psychology

### **Unit – 4: Introduction to basic Theory of Reality**

4.1: Realism

4.2: Idealism

4.3: Dualism

4.4: Monism

### **Essential Readings –**

“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

“Introduction” (pp, 1-10 ) by Bertrand Russell, *History of Western Philosophy*, RKP,

### **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. Falkenberg, *History of Modern Philosophy*, USA, Jefferson Publications, 2015
5. Moore, Bruder, *Philosophy: The Power of Ideas*, New Delhi, Tata McGraw Hill, 2011.
6. O'Connor, D.J. *A Critical History of western Philosophy*, USA, MacMillan, 1964
7. Philosophy, Dordrecht; D. Riedel Publishing, 1969
8. Garrett, Thomson, *An Introduction to Modern Philosophy*, California: Wadsworth Publishing, 1993.
9. J.N. Sinha, *Introduction to Philosophy*, New Central Book Agency, New Delhi, Reprinted 2014.

## UNDERGRADUATE INTER-DISCIPLINARY COURSE IN PHILOSOPHY (NEP-2020)

**Course Title: Introduction to Ethics**

**Course Code: ART-PL-101-G**

**Semester – III**

**Credit – 3**

**Max Marks – 75**

### **Objective:**

This course is designed to develop an ethical perspective on both Indian and Western philosophy. The aim of the course is also to introduce the key areas of ethics and basic theory of ethics in both India and Western philosophy.

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

- 1.1: Nature and Definition of Ethics
- 1.2: Method of Ethics

### **Unit – 2: The Branches of Ethics**

- 2.1: Meta-Ethics
- 2.2: Normative Ethics
- 2.3: Applied Ethics.
- 2.4: Relation of Ethics with Politics

### **Unit – 3: Ethical Concepts**

- 3.1: Utilitarianism: J. Bentham
- 3.2: Utilitarianis : J.S. Mill
- 3.3: Immanuel Kant: Categorical Imperative
- 3.4: Nietzsche: Ethics of Will to Power

### **Unit – 4: Introduction to Indian Ethics**

- 4.1: Basic concepts in Indian Ethics
- 4.2: Jiana's Ethics: Non Violence (*ahimsa*)
- 4.3: Buddhist Ethics: Compassion and Forgiveness

### **Essential Readings –**

1. Lillie, W., (1948), *An Introduction to Ethics*, Methuen & Co. Ltd. London.
2. Rachel, J., (2003), *The Elements of Moral Philosophy*, Mc Graw-Hill.
3. Bilimoria, Purushottama ed., Indian *Ethics: Classical traditions and contemporary challenges*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2007.

### **Suggested Reading:**

1. Kant, Immanuel: *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals*, Trans. H J Paton, as The Moral Law. London.
2. Mill, JS (1863): *Utilitarianism*, London, in Mary Warnock. Ed.1962
3. Goodman, Charles. (2009), *Consequences of Compassion: An Introduction and Defense of Buddhist Ethics*, New York: Oxford University Press
4. H.S. Prasad, *The Centrality of Ethics in Buddhism*, Expletory Essays, MLBD, 2007.
5. *Dalai Lama, Beyond Religion: Ethics for a Whole World*, Mariner Publisher, United State, 2011.
6. Mill, J.S., Utilitarianism, London, in Mary Warnock *Utilitarianism and On Liberty*, Ed.1962, Wiley Blackwell, 1863.