



AP STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION
Minor
PHILOSOPHY

Semester	Paper	Hours	Credits
II	1. Indian Philosophy	4	4
III	2. Western Philosophy	4	4
	3. Contemporary Indian Philosophy	4	4
IV	4. Contemporary Western Philosophy	4	4
V	5. Logic & Scientific Method	4	4
	6. Applied Ethics	4	4

1. INDIAN PHILOSOPHY

Unit-1:

Definition of Philosophy - Branches of Philosophy, The Nature and Characteristics of Indian Philosophy, Philosophical Speculations of Vedas and Upanishads

Unit-2 :

The Central Doctrines of Heterodox Systems

- (A) Charvaka School – Epistemology and Metaphysics.
- (B) Jainism - Nature and Destiny of Jiva(Soul) Syadvada.
- (C) Buddhism: Four Noble Truths, Nairatmavada, Pratitya Samutpada, Niravana -- Arya Astanga Marga, Branches of Buddhism

Unit-3 :

Central Doctrines of Orthodox Systems.

- (A) Nyaya - Pramanas and Concept of God -
- (B) Vaisheshika - Theory of Seven Categories - Atomism

Unit-4 :

- (A) Sankhya - Prakriti and Purusha – Satkaryavada and Theory of Evolution -
- (B) Yoga - Patanjali's Astanga Yoga, and God -

Unit-5 :

- (A) Purva Mimamsa - Concept of Karma, Apurva and Dharma -
- (B) Advaita - Nirguna Brahman - Relation between Brahman and Atman – Mayavada and Moksha -
- (C) Visistadvaita – Dvaita – Introduction

Readings:

- N. Ram Mohan Rao – Bharatiya Darsanam in Telugu
- F. Max Muller – The Six Systems of Indian Philosophy
- M. Hiriyanna – Outlines of Indian Philosophy
- S Radhakrishnan – History of Indian Philosophy

2. WESTERN PHILOSOPHY

Unit -1:

Ancient Greek Thought: The problems of substance and change in pre Socratic Philosophy The age of Sophists - Socrates: Problem and Realistic method-

Unit-2 :

Plato: Doctrine of Ideas - Concept of Immortality of Soul, theory of Epistemology.
Aristotle: Criticism of Plato's doctrine of Ideas - His theory of causation
Classical logic, matter and forms, Criticism of Idealism

Unit-3:

Rationalism: Descartes Problem and epistemology (cogito ergo sum) Body - Mind Relation, Proofs for the existence of God.
Spinoza: Concept of substance – Solution to Mind - Body Problem - Monism
Leibnitz: Pre-established Harmony - Doctrines of Monods, Concept of God

Unit-4:

Empiricism: John Locke: Refutation of the Doctrine of Innate Ideas - Origin Validity and Limits of Knowledge
Berkeley: Subjective Idealism, Berkeley's view on Abstract Ideas
David Hume: Skepticism - Substance and Theory of Causation

Unit-5:

German Idealism: Kant Transcendental Idealism - Theory of knowledge and Phenomena and Neumina
Logical Positivism: Rejection of Metaphysics - Principle of Verifiability
Existentialism: Concept of Man and Freedom, Humanism

Readings:

Bertrand Russel – A History of Western Philosophy
Frank Thilly – A History of Western Philosophy
Will Durant – The Story of Philosophy
N. Ram Mohan Rao – Viswadarsanam in Telugu

3. CONTEMPORARY INDIAN PHILOSOPHY

Unit-1:

Vivekananda – His Life and Ideals – Practical Vedanta - Humanism
Rabindranath Tagore – Nature of God, Reality and Beauty – Humanism

Unit-2:

Mahatma Gandhi: Satyagraha – Ahimsa – Religion and Morality – Swaraj
Sri Aurobindo: The Super Mind – The Divine and Human Unity – The Superman

Unit-3:

M. N. Roy – Indian Society - Radical Humanism
BR Ambedkar – Society – Rights of Dalits – Constitutional Guarantees

Unit- 4 :

Jyotirao Phule – Social Equality – Lower Castes – Women’s Education
Narayana Guru – Fight against Social Discrimination – God and Devotion

Unit-5 :

SN Dasgupta – Three Dogmas of Indian Philosophy
Dayakrishna – Counter Perspectives
Debiprasad Chattopadhyaya – What is Living and What is Dead in Indian Philosophy

Readings:

Basant Kumar Lal – Contemporary Indian Philosophy
SC Chatterjee & DM Dutta – Introduction to Indian Philosophy
Will Kymlicka – Contemporary Political Philosophy – An Introduction
Emanuel Nahar - BR Ambedkar’s Philosophy in Contemporary India
N. Sharma – 20th Century Indian Philosophy

4. CONTEMPORARY WESTERN PHILOSOPHY

Unit-1:

Characteristics of Contemporary Western Philosophy

Nietzsche – Criticism of Western Philosophy – Will to Power

Unit-2:

WITTGENSTEIN : Language and Reality – Picture Theory – Language Games

Bertrand Russell: Logical Atomism – Philosophy of Sense Data

Unit-3:

G.E. Moore: Ordinary Language – Defense of Common Sense

Gilbert Ryle: Concept of Mind – Systematically misleading expressions

Unit-4:

Existentialism: The Problem of Existence and Essence – Freedom and Responsibility – Dread and Anguish - Karl Jaspers, Keirkegaard, Martin Heidegger, Sartre

Unit-5:

Phenomenology: Hegel – Nature of Subjective Spirit, Brentano – Intentionality – Empirical Psychology, Husserl – Transcendental Phenomenology

Readings:

Western Philosophy-Published by Telugu Academy

Viswa Darasanam by N. Rama Mohan Rao

Stace W.T.-A Critical Survey of Greek Philosophy

Frank Thilly: History of Philosophy

Will Durant – The Story of Philosophy

5. LOGIC AND SCIENTIFIC METHOD

Unit-1 :

Logic – Definition, Nature and Scope of the Logic – Fundamental Laws of Thought – Law of Identity – Law of Non-contradiction – Law of Excluded Middle – Law of Sufficient Reason

Unit-2:

Traditional Logic – Aristotle – Classification of Propositions – Quantity and Quality – Categorical Syllogism – Rules of Validity – Fallacies

Unit-3:

Boolean Interpretation of Propositions – Venn Diagrams representing Propositions – Figures and Moods of Categorical Syllogism

Unit-4:

Modern Classification of Propositions – Basic Truth Tables – Symbolic Logic – Rules of Inference – Formal Deduction
Indian Logic – Pramanas – Anumana

Unit-5:

Hypothesis and Scientific Method – Analogy- Observation – The Method Of Experimental Inquiry.

Readings:

Irving M. Copi – Introduction to Logic

Irving M. Copi – Symbolic Logic

A. N. Prior – Formal logic

A. Singh and C. Goswamy – Fundamentals of Logic.

6. APPLIED ETHICS

Unit 1:

Applied Ethics – Principles of Ethics applied to Specific Fields – Varied Professions – Universal Principles and Ethical Context - Nature and Scope

Unit 2:

Business Ethics – Ethics and Corporate Activities – Personal Conduct in Business – Corporate Social Responsibility - Consumer Rights – Assurance of Quality and Quantity -

Unit 3:

Ethics of Governance – Public Welfare – Ethics and Public Policy – Welfare State – Populist Politics

Unit -4:

Human Rights and Indian Context - Political Toleration – Multiplicity – Discrimination – Violation of Human Rights – Social and Religious Violence – Honour Deaths

Unit-5:

Environmental Ethics – Climate Change – Global Warming – Fossil fuels – Carbon Emissions – Sustainable Development

Readings:

1. Peter Singer (Ed): Applied Ethics in the Oxford Reading in Philosophy series
2. Prasad Rajendra. (2010) Applying Ethics: Modes, Motives and Levels of Commitment. In *Applied Ethics and Human Rights: Conceptual Analysis and Contextual Applications* London: Anthem Press, pp 3-32.
3. Crawford Cromwell. (2005) The Goals of Medicine - Setting New Priorities: A *Hindu Perspective*. In Dharma: The Categorical Imperative New Delhi: D.K. Printworld
4. Motilal Shashi. (2015) *Can Ethical Theory be Opposed to Moral Practice*, Journal of Indian Council of Philosophical Research, Volume 32, Issue 3, pp. 289 – 299.
5. Shiva, V. (2015) Excerpt from Soil Not Oil: Environmental Justice in an Age of Climate Crisis in *Alternative Journal* 35: 3,