



ANDHRA PRADESH STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Multidisciplinary Course

w.e.f. AY 2025-26

SEMESTER-IV

INDIAN PHILOSOPHY

Credits: 2

2 hrs/week

Learning Objectives:

The student should understand and appreciate the diverse philosophical theories of ancient India. The student should develop rational perspectives on pertinent questions of the world and human life, as viewed by ancient thinkers. The student should comprehend the intellectual heritage and legacy of free thinking in India.

Learning Outcomes: On successful completion of the course, the student

1. Understands what Philosophy is and its significance in human life.
2. Gains knowledge of Indian philosophical tradition and intellectual heritage.
3. Develops a critical understanding of philosophical theories of ancient systems.
4. Examines the rational character of Indian theories of knowledge.
5. Appreciates the ethical insights of ancient thinkers.

Unit-I

Introduction to Philosophy – Metaphysics, Epistemology and Ethics - Indian Philosophical Tradition – Vedas – Philosophical Speculations of Upanishads – Darsanas – Orthodox and Unorthodox Systems of Philosophy – Metaphysical Diversity – Overview.

Unit -II

Indian Epistemology – Knowledge – Sources of Knowledge (Pramanas) – Perception (Pratyaksha) – Inference (Anumana) – Sabda (Testimony) – Other Pramanas – Theories of Error – Nyaya Philosophy

Unit –III

Ethics – Morality and Ethics – Significance of Ethics in Indian Philosophy - Rita – Hedonism of Materialists - Dharma – Karma – Moksha - Ethics of Renunciation – Nirvana – Pamcha Vratas – Purusharthas - Duties of a Student - Varna and Asrama - Ethics of Bhagavad-Gita – Nishkama Karma – Sthithaprajna

Activities:

Group Discussions

Debates

Assignments

Essay Writing

PPT Presentation

Charts/Poster presentation

Reference Books:

- An Introduction to Indian Philosophy by Satishchandra Chatterjee and DM Dutta, Motilal Banarsidass Publishers, 2016
- The Essentials of Indian philosophy by M. Hiriyanna, Motilal Banarsidass Publishers, 1995
- A Source Book in Indian Philosophy by Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, Princeton University Press, 2014
- A History of Indian Philosophy by Surendranath Dasgupta, the University of California, 1922
- A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy by Chandradhar Sarma, Motilal Banarsidass Publishers, 2000.
- The Six Ways of Knowing by D. M. Datta, Open Source, 1960