

UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS
M.A. DEGREE PROGRAMME IN PHILOSOPHY
SYLLABUS WITH EFFECT FROM 2023-2024

Subject Code	Subject Name	Category	L	T	P	S	Credits	Inst. Hours	Marks		
									CIA	External	Total
407C1C	CLASSICAL WESTERN PHILOSOPHY	Core - III	Y	-	-	-	4	6	25	75	100
Learning Objective											
1	Enable the student to understand the main philosophical beliefs of Western thinkers										
2	The course enables the student to understand the fundamental problems concerning human existence through the eyes of our Western Philosophers										
3	To make the student to understand the way we think.										
4	To make him understand the universe and ourselves										
5	To develop the capacity to interpret, analyse and understand challenging texts										
UNIT	Details										
1	Pre-Socratic to Socrates 1.1 Thales - Parmenides - Heraclitus - 1.2 Socratic approach to philosophy - critical methods of Socrates										
2	Plato 2.1 Epistemology 2.2 Concept of Soul 2.3 Ideas or forms										
3	Aristotle 3.1 Epistemology 3.2 Metaphysic - form and matter										
4	St. Augustine 4.1 Human knowledge 4.2 Doctrine of Illumination 4.3 Created World										
5	St. Anslem Proof for the Existence of God										
Course Outcomes											
CO	On completion of this course, students will										
1	Students got introduced to the main philosophical beliefs of Western thinkers										
2	The students understand the fundamental problems concerning human existence through the eyes of our Western Philosophers.										
3	The students understand the way we think and why we think so										
4	He understands the universe										
5	He gets the capacity to interpret, analyse and understand the texts										

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Text Book	
1	Frederick Copleston, <u>History of Philosophy</u>
2	Stumpf, <u>Socrates to Sartre</u>
3	Frank Thilly, <u>A History of Philosophy</u>
4	Fredrick Mayer, <u>A History of Modern Philosophy</u>
5	Masih Y., <u>A Critical History of Western Philosophy</u>
Reference Books	
1.	John M Frame, <u>A History of Western Philosophy and Theology</u>
2.	W T Jones, <u>A History of Western Philosophy</u>
3.	Terence Irwin, <u>Classical Thought</u>
4.	Bertrand Russell, <u>A History of Western Philosophy</u>
5.	S Marc Cohen, <u>Readings in Ancient Greek Philosophy: Thales to Aristotle</u>
Web Resources	
1.	https://www.britannica.com/topic/Western-philosophy
2.	https://cabrillo.libguides.com/c.php?g=760138

Mapping with Programme Outcomes:

	PO 1	PO 2	PO 3	PO 4	PO 5	PO 6	PO 7	PO 8	PO 9	PO 10
CO 1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1
CO 2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
CO 3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2
CO 4	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2
CO 5	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2

Strong (3) Medium (2) Low (1)

Mapping with Programme Specific Outcomes:

	PO 1	PO 2	PO 3	PO 4	PO 5	PO6	PO7	PO8	PO9	PO10
CO 1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
CO 2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
CO 3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
CO 4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
CO 5	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Weightage	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
Weighted percentage of course contribution to POS	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0

Strong (3) Medium (2) Low (1)