

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
407E1A	An Introduction to Philosophy	Elective -I	Y	-	-	-	3	5	25	75	100
Learning Objectives											
1	Enable the student to understand what Philosophy is										
2	To help the student to understand the relevance of Philosophy										
3	To introduce the students the branches of Philosophy										
4	To make him understand the problems in Philosophy										
5	To develop the capacity to understand the world as a whole										
UNIT	Details										
1	What Is Philosophy? - How Do Philosophers Arrive at Truth? - Socrates as a Paradigmatic Historical Philosopher – Buddhism; The enlightened Philosophy. The Early History of Philosophy around the World: Indigenous Philosophy - Classical Indian Philosophy - Classical Chinese Philosophy.										
2	The Emergence of Classical Philosophy: Historiography and the History of Philosophy - Classical Philosophy - Jewish, Christian, and Islamic Philosophy										
3	Logic and Reasoning: Philosophical Methods for Discovering Truth - Logical Statements - Arguments -Types of Inferences - Informal Fallacies. Epistemology: What Epistemology Studies -Knowledge - Justification - Skepticism - Applied Epistemology. Metaphysics: Substance - Self and Identity - Cosmology and the Existence of God -Free Will.										
4	Value Theory: The Fact-Value Distinction - Basic Questions about Values - Metaethics - Well-Being - Aesthetics - Normative Moral Theory - Requirements of a Normative Moral Theory - Consequentialism - Deontology - Virtue Ethics -Daoism - Feminist Theories of Ethics.										
5	Contemporary Philosophies and Social Theories : Enlightenment Social Theory - The Marxist Solution - Continental Philosophy’s Challenge to Enlightenment Theories - The Frankfurt School – Postmodernism.										
Course Outcomes											
CO	On completion of this course, students will										
1	Student understands what Philosophy is										
2	The relevance of Philosophy is made known										
3	He gets introduced to the branches of Philosophy										
4	The students understand the problems in Philosophy										
5	He develops the capacity to understand the world										
Text Book											
1	Augustine Perumalil, <u>An Invitation to Philosophy</u>										
2	P.K.Sundaram, <u>Puranânûru</u>										

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3	G.T.W.Patrick, <u>Introduction to Philosophy</u>
4	Datta & Chatterjee, <u>An Introduction to Indian Philosophy</u>
5	Anand Amaladass, <u>Introduction to Philosophy</u>
Reference Books	
1.	Will Durant, <u>The Story of Philosophy</u>
2.	Timo Kaschner, <u>Philosophy for Beginners</u>
3.	Sharon Kaye, <u>Philosophy – A Complete Introduction: Teach Yourself</u>
4.	Jadu Nath Sinha, <u>Introduction to Philosophy</u>
5	Introduction to Philosophy , Nathan smith, Houston community college, OpenStax Rice University 6100 Main Street MS-375 Houston, Texas 77005

Web Resources	
1.	http://www.sophia-project.org/philosophy-resources.html
2.	https://www.philosophybasics.com/

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)