

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
407C2C	MODERN WESTERN PHILOSOPHY	Core - VI	Y	-	-	-	4	6	25	75	100

Learning Objectives

1	To give a broad idea about Western Philosophy.\
2	To develop a scientific attitude toward Reality among students
3	To know about the concepts of various Western Philosophers
4	To introduce various isms in Western Philosophy
5	To enable the student to examine a wide spectrum of issues in Western Philosophy.

UNIT

Details

1	Rationalism 1.1 Descartes' method of doubt - proof for the existence of God 1.2 Spinoza - Pantheism - Parallelism 1.3 Leibnitz - Pre-established harmony - Theory of monads
2	Empiricism 2.1 John Locke - Refutation of innate ideas - simple ideas and complex ideas - qualities 2.2 David Hume - refutation of causality - refutation of self - refutation of God
3	Immanuel Kant 3.1 Critical Philosophy and Copernican Revolution 3.1 Categories 3.2 Judgement
4	G W F Hegel 4.1 Nature of Reality – 4.2 Absolutism 4.3 Dialectic Process
5	F H Bradley 5.1 Philosophy of the Absolute - 5.2 Appearance and Reality

Course Outcomes

CO	On completion of this course, students will
1	The student gets a broad idea about Western Philosophy
2	It develops a scientific attitude toward Reality
3	He is aware about the concepts of various Western Philosophers.
4	He got introduce to various isms in Western Philosophy.
5	The student starts examine a wide spectrum of issues in Western Philosophy

Text Book

1	D.M.Datta, <u>Chief Currents of Contemporary Philosophy</u>
2	F.Copleston, <u>A History of Philosophy, vol.7</u>

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3	D.W.Hamlyn, <u>A Penguin History of Western Philosophy</u>
4	Russell, <u>History of Philosophy</u>
5	Masih Y, <u>A Critical Study of Western Philosophy</u>
Reference Books	
1.	Bertarand Russell, <u>History of Philosophy</u>
2.	N P Tiwary, <u>Contemporary Western Philosophy</u>
3.	Anthony Kenny, <u>A Brief History of Western Philosophy</u>
4.	Bryan Magee, <u>The Great Philosophers: An Introduction to Western Philosophy</u>
5.	Adhunik Paschatya Darshan, <u>Modern Western Philosophy</u>
Web Resources	
1.	https://www.jmu.edu/philrel/student-resources/philosophy/links-to-philosophy-websites.shtml
2.	https://sccollege.edu/Library/Pages/PhilosophyWebsites.aspx

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)