

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

**Skill Enhancement Course (Foundation Course)**  
**FOUNDATIONS OF PHILOSOPHY**

Subject Code	Subject Name	Category	L	T	P	S	Credits	Inst. Hours	Marks		
									CIA	External	Total
109B1A	Foundations of Philosophy	SEC FC	Y	-	-	-	2	2	25	75	100
Pre - requisite	Having Knowledge of Ideas										

**Learning Objectives**

LO1	Introduces philosophical ideas and concepts to the students.
LO2	Understand the genesis of Greek Philosophy
LO3	Acquire thorough knowledge of the philosophical concepts and science
LO4	The course introduces students to the foundational theories and methods of philosophical analysis,
LO5	Analyze the metaphysics, epistemology and ethics

Units	Course Syllabus
Unit – 1	What Philosophy Is, Who are Philosophers? Definition of Philosophy”, The Subject matter of Philosophy, The Task of Philosophy, The Method of Philosophy, The Characteristics of Philosophy, Science, Religion and Philosophy
Unit – 2	Relevance of Philosophy, Why Study Philosophy, Is Philosophy Avoidable? How is Philosophy Possible? How to start our Introduction to Philosophy?
Unit – 3	Branches of Philosophy Logic - Epistemology - Ethics - Metaphysics - Aesthetics
Unit – 4	Indian Philosophy - Hindu Philosophy - Chinese Philosophy - Islamic Philosophy - African Philosophy - Tamil Philosophy with reference to Puranānūru
Unit – 5	Some Important Problems in Philosophy - Problems in Metaphysics - Problems in Epistemology - Problems in Philosophy of Mind - Problems in Moral Philosophy - Problems in Philosophy of Science and of Nature - Problems in Philosophy of Religion - Problems in Philosophy of God = Problem in Social Philosophy - Problem in Aesthetics

**Course out Come:**

1.	The course introduces students to the foundational theories and methods of philosophical analysis.
2.	This course concentrates on concepts and issues, such as the nature of value, duty, right and wrong, the good life, human rights, social justice.
3.	Course will help in applications of selected problems of personal and social behavior.
4.	Course emphasizes on critical examination of some fundamental principles and problems of philosophy
5.	This course will be of more of an activity of attempting to understand the world.

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<b>Books for Reading:</b>
1. Augustine Perumalil, An Invitation to Philosophy
2. P.K.Sundaram, Puranānūru.
3. G.T.W.Patrick, Introduction to Philosophy
4. Datta & Chatterjee, An Introduction to Indian Philosophy
5. Anand Amaladass, Introduction to Philosophy

<b>Reference Book:</b>
1. The Problems of Philosophy, By Bertrand Russell
2. The World of Religions, Paperback by Samarpan
3. The Philosophy Of Hinduism, by Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan

<b>Web Resources</b>
1. Hindu Philosophy <a href="https://iep.utm.edu">https://iep.utm.edu</a> > hindu-p
2. The Global Religious Landscape   Pew Research Center <a href="https://www.pewresearch.org">https://www.pewresearch.org</a> > religion
3. An Introduction to Philosophy - Open Textbook Library <a href="https://open.umn.edu">https://open.umn.edu</a> > opentextbooks > textbooks

**Mapping with Programme Outcomes:**

	<b>PO 1</b>	<b>PO 2</b>	<b>PO 3</b>	<b>PO 4</b>	<b>PO 5</b>	<b>PO 6</b>	<b>PO 7</b>	<b>PO 8</b>	<b>PO 9</b>	<b>PO10</b>
<b>CO 1</b>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1
<b>CO 2</b>	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
<b>CO 3</b>	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
<b>CO 4</b>	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2
<b>CO 5</b>	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2

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

**Mapping with Programme Specific Outcomes:**

	<b>PO 1</b>	<b>PO 2</b>	<b>PO 3</b>	<b>PO 4</b>	<b>PO 5</b>	<b>PO6</b>	<b>PO7</b>	<b>PO8</b>	<b>PO9</b>	<b>PO10</b>
<b>CO 1</b>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
<b>CO 2</b>	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
<b>CO 3</b>	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
<b>CO 4</b>	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
<b>CO 5</b>	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
<b>Weightage</b>	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
<b>Weighted percentage of course contribution to POS</b>	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)**