

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

Core-II: GREEK & MEDIEVAL PHILOSOPHY

<u>Subject Code</u>	<u>Subject Name</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Inst. Hours</u>	<u>Marks</u>		
									<u>CIA</u>	<u>External</u>	<u>Total</u>
109C1B	Greek & Medieval Philosophy	Core	Y	-	-	-	5	5	25	75	100
Pre - requisite	Having Knowledge of West										

Learning Objectives	
LO1	To know the important concepts in Ancient and Medieval philosophy
LO2	To know brilliant contributions of greatest philosophers like Socrates, Plato, Aristotle
LO3	Students will study the religious contributions of medieval thinkers - St. Augustine, St. Anselm, and St. Thomas Aquinas.
LO4	The course enables the students to master all the basic ideas of Classical Greek and Medieval philosophy.
LO5	It will concentrate on the dominant figures of philosophy

Units	Course Syllabus
Unit – 1	Problem of Nature, Milesian School: Thales; Eleatic School: Parmenides – Heraclitus - Problem of Conduct: Stoicism of Zeno; Sophism
Unit – 2	Socrates – Socrates’ Approach to Philosophy – Critical Methods
Unit – 3	Plato – Doctrine of Ideas – Theory of Knowledge – Knowledge and Belief – Doctrine of soul
Unit – 4	Aristotle – Theory of Substance (matter and form) – Theory of causality – Potentiality and Actuality
Unit – 5	St. Augustine: Human knowledge, Problem of Evil, The Concept of God. St. Thomas Aquinas: Five Proofs for the existence of God , St. Anselm: The Ontological argument

Course out Come:	
CO1	This course will introduce the thought pattern of the earliest western philosophers, and aims to highlight the contribution of the medieval philosophers too
CO2	Course gives insight into the thinking of the three greatest Philosophers of Greece, namely, Socrates, Plato and Aristotle
CO3	This course aims to train the thought process of the students.
CO4	Course will help the students to identify the problems and find the solutions for life problems.
CO5	This study will definitely benefit the student to sharpen his knowledge, critical thinking and inquisitive nature.

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Books for Reading:
1. Frank Thilly, <u>A History of Western philosophy</u>
2. S.E.Stumpf , <u>Socrates to Sartre : A History of Philosophy</u>
3. W.T.Stace, <u>A Critical History of Greek Philosophy</u>
4. Guthrie , <u>The Greek Philosophy</u>
5. John Burnet , <u>Greek Philosophy</u>
Reference Book :
1. The Cambridge history of later Greek and early medieval philosophy, A.H. Armstrong
2. A Critical History of Western Philosophy: Greek, Medieval and Modern, Book by Yakub Masih
3. Greek-Latin philosophical interaction, Book by Sten Ebbesen
Web Resources
1. Medieval Philosophy https://plato.stanford.edu › entries › medieval-philosophy
2. Western philosophy - Medieval philosophy Britannica https://www.britannica.com › topic › Medieval-philoso...
3. Medieval philosophy https://www.rep.routledge.com › articles › overview

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	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
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)