

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

Core Course – CC VI
Problems of Philosophy

Subject Code	Subject Name	Category	L	T	P	S	Credits	Inst. Hours	Marks		
									CIA	External	Total
209C3B	Problems of Philosophy	Core	Y	-	-	-	5	5	25	75	100
Pre - requisite	Need the foundational knowledge of Philosophy										
Learning Objectives											
LO1	Understand the problems of philosophy										
LO2	To understand fundamental problem of philosophy										
LO3	what counts as knowledge; truth and belief; the existence of God;										
LO4	Try to form an overall understanding of the world and our situation in it.										
LO5	Philosophy as a critical and comprehensive process of thought involves resolving confusion, unmasking assumptions, revealing presuppositions										

Units	Course Syllabus
Unit – 1	What is Philosophy? Epistemological Problems- Law, Theory and Explanation Metaphysical Problems- Substance and Universals, Ethical problems- Theories of Goodness
Unit – 2	Sources of Knowledge - Cognition, experience, faith and reason, a priori- a posteriori distinction Theories of knowledge: Idealism, subjective idealism, objective idealism, transcendental idealism, Phenomenalism, Realism.
Unit – 3	Truth: Certainty and validity, Theories of truth: Correspondence, coherence, pragmatic, relation: Cause-effect, reality- appearance.
Unit – 4:	Freewill and Determinism - Subject-object, mind-body, matter, space and time, Being -becoming, Universal- particular
Unit – 5:	Self and Personal Identity - Transcendence-Immanence, Value, Moral action: Utility- Goodness, justice

Course out Come:
1. It helps to enhance the understanding about the age-old problems that are fundamental to philosophy
2. It helps in improving the analytical and critical thinking ability
3. Improving their capacity to evaluate theories in philosophy as well as in other disciplines.
4. It enhances the creative/ synthesizing ability
5. The ability to think logically; The ability to analyze and solve problems

Books for Reading:
1. Frank Thilly, <u>A History of Western philosophy</u>

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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	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2
CO 5	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3

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

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