

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

Core Course – CC VII (Core Industrial Module)
Modern Western Philosophy-II
 (Absolute Idealism to Pragmatism)

Subject Code	Subject Name	Category	L	T	P	S	Credits	Inst. Hours	Marks		
									CIA	External	Total
209C4A	Modern Western Philosophy - II (Absolute Idealism to Pragmatism)	Core	Y	-	-	-	5	5	25	75	100
Pre - requisite	Having Knowledge of the West										

Learning Objectives	
LO1	Understand the problems of Philosophy
LO2	Explicate the recent developments in Philosophy
LO3	Analyze the values in western philosophy
LO4	Understand the various sources and development of Modern Western Philosophy and its contribution to the society
LO5	Comprehend the different divisions of Metaphysics

Units	Course Syllabus
Unit – 1	G.W.F. Hegel - Dialectical Method - Absolute Idealism
Unit – 2	Absolute Idealism of F H Bradley - Appearance and Reality
Unit – 3	Dialectical Materialism of Karl Marx - Dialectical Method - Materialistic and Economic Interpretation of History - Surplus Theory of Labour - Dictatorship of the Proletariat
Unit – 4:	Logical Positivism - Conception of Meaning, A.J.Ayer – Verification Principle, Protocol - statements, Problem of Privacy
Unit – 5:	Pragmatism - William James - Radical Empiricism - John Dewey – Instrumentalism - F C S Shiller - Humanism

Course out Come:	
1.	Traces the development of philosophy in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries
2.	The study ranges from the land of Germany to England and America
3.	Some of the best philosophical thoughts of this period like Marxism that ruled major part of the world plus Pragmatism that even gave us insights in the field of education and that of understanding truth from a different perspective are available for study in this course.
4.	Another important feature of this period is the self-evaluation of philosophy done by the logical positivist philosophers.
5.	This kind of inquiry prepares the student to be ready for evaluation and re-thinking or re-defining one's own stand point based on the need of the hour.

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Books for Reading:
1. Y.Masih, <u>A Critical History of Western Philosophy</u>
2. Frank Thilly, <u>A History of Philosophy</u>
3. Samuel Enoch Stumpf, <u>Socrates to Sartre: A History of Philosophy</u>
4. Frederick Copleston, <u>History of Philosophy</u>
5. Contemporary Western Philosophy Paperback – 1 January 2022 by Dr. N.P. Tiwary (Author)

Reference Book :
1. A Critical History of Western Philosophy: (Greek, Medieval and Modern) January 2017, by Y. Masih (Author)
2. The History of Philosophy by A.C. Grayling
3. The Handy Western Philosophy Answer Book: The Ancient Greek Influence on Modern Understanding (Handy Answer Books) Hardcover – Illustrated, 15 October 2020 by Ed D'Angelo

Web Resources
1. https://www.britannica.com/topic/Western-philosophy
2. https://ocw.mit.edu/courses/24-01-classics-of-western-philosophy-spring-2016/pages/lecture-
3. https://www.studocu.com/in/document/university-of-kerala/western-philosophy/western-

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)