

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

Core Course – CC IX
Moral Philosophy

Subject Code	Subject Name	Category	L	T	P	S	Credits	Inst. Hours	Marks		
									CIA	External	Total
309C5A	Moral Philosophy	Core	Y	-	-	-	4	5	25	75	100
Pre - requisite	Need knowledge of Philosophy										

Learning Objectives	
LO1	To familiarize the students to the basic concepts of Moral Philosophy
LO2	To provide insights on Origin and Development of Morality
LO3	To throw light on importance Moral Judgement
LO4	To write and express themselves well about their own ethical positions,
LO5	To understand one's duties and rights

Units	Course Syllabus
Unit – 1	Introduction and Ethical Language: Definition and Scope for Ethics, Reasons for the Study of Ethics, Evaluative Language, Emotive Language, Prescriptive Language, Descriptive Language.
Unit – 2	Origin and Development of Morality: Instinctive Morality, Customary Morality, Reflective Morality, Agencies of Morality
Unit – 3	Moral Judgement: Nature of Moral Judgement, Object of Moral Judgement - Motive and Intention. The Ethics of the Gita
Unit – 4:	Moral Theories: Hedonism, Utilitarianism, Intuitionism, Perfectionism, Rigorism- Moral Absolution and Subjectivism - Deontology ethical theory - Virtue ethics.
Unit – 5:	Theories of Punishment and Rights. Deterrent Theory, Retributive Theory, Reformatory Theory. Nature of Rights, Rights of Man, Determination of Duties, Duty as Moral Obligation.

Course out Come:	
1.	Possess the knowledge on the basic concepts of Moral Philosophy and understand how Ethics is important in one's life.
2.	Possess knowledge on moral reasoning and how it has evolved over the ages.
3.	Have insights on Moral Judgement and its application in the real-life situation.
4.	Learn Concepts and techniques of Moral Theories and
5.	have better understanding on ethics and responsibility

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Books for Reading:
1. John Deigh , An Introduction to Ethics, Cambridge University Press, March 2010.
2. Simon Blackburn, Ethics: A Very Short Introduction (2nd edn), Oxford University Press, 2021
3. Jadu Nath Sinha, A Manual Ethics, New Central Book Agency, 2009
4. Weston, Anthony -A 21st Century Ethical Tool Box, New York: Oxford University Press
5. Mackenzie, J.S. -A Manual of Ethics, London: University Tutorial Press

Reference Book :
1. Harold, H. -Titus, Ethics for Today, New Delhi: Eurasia Publishing House
2. Lillie, William -An Introduction to Ethics, London: Methuen and Co.,
3. Bernard Williams Morality: An Introduction to Ethics Cambridge University Press
Web Resources
1. https://www.britannica.com/topic/ethics-philosophy
2. https://www.scu.edu/ethics/ethics-resources/ethical-decision-making/what-is-ethics/
3. https://www.canada.ca/en/treasury-board-secretariat/services/values-ethics/code/what-is

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	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
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)