

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

**Core Course – CC - XV**

**INTRODUCTION TO THE 20TH CENTURY WESTERN PHILOSOPHERS**

Subject Code	Subject Name	Category	L	T	P	S	Credits	Inst. Hours	Marks		
									CIA	External	Total
309C6C	Introduction to the 20th Century Western Philosophers	Core	Y	-	-	-	4	6	25	75	100
Pre - requisite	Knowledge of Modern Western Philosophy										
<b>Learning Objectives</b>											
LO1	To think critically, creatively, and independently										
LO2	To become familiar with concepts fundamental to of contemporary European philosophy.										
LO3	To relate philosophical ideas and movements										
LO4	To read, analyze, and apply philosophical texts and their concepts										
LO5	To communicate effectively										

Units	Course Syllabus
Unit – 1	Ludwig Wittgenstein - Language Games- Picture Theory of Meaning and Use Theory of Meaning.
Unit – 2	Gilbert Ryle - Ordinary Language Philosophy- Critique of Descartes Mind-Dualism
Unit – 3	Jacques Derrida - Postmodernity; Logocentrism and Deconstruction
Unit – 4	Jurgen Habermas - Public Sphere, Communicative Rationalit
Unit – 5	Hans-Georg Gadamer - Dialogue and Phronesis - Aesthetics and Subjectivism - The Happening of Tradition

**Course out Come:**

1.	Students will be familiar with the major thinker and trends of 20th century Europe.
2.	They will be able to articulate the ideas, discern their motivation, reasoning and argumentation and critically engage with them.
3.	They will be able to practice carefully the readings of different styles of philosophical writing.
4.	To provide an overview of the history of philosophy in the West.
5.	To relate philosophical ideas and movements

**Books for Reading:**

1. Richard Kearney, Twentieth Century Continental Philosophy (Routledge,)
2. Simon Critchley & William Schroeder, eds., A Companion to Continental Philosophy Blackwell,
3. John Lechte, Fifty Key Contemporary Thinkers (Routledge, 1994)
4. Ted Honderich, The Oxford Companion to Philosophy, Oxford University Press, New York
5. The Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy (Routledge, 1998)

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<b>Reference Book:</b>
1. The Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy (Routledge, 1998)
2. Twentieth-Century Philosophy of Religion, The History of Western Philosophy of Religion, Volume 5, By Graham Oppy, N. N. Trakakis
3. Twentieth-Century Philosophy by Morris Weitz , Simon & Schuster, Books from same Author: Morris Weitz
<b>Web Resources</b>
1. <a href="https://www.britannica.com/topic/Western-philosophy">https://www.britannica.com/topic/Western-philosophy</a>
2. <a href="https://philosophybreak.com/reading-lists/history-of-western-philosophy/">https://philosophybreak.com/reading-lists/history-of-western-philosophy/</a>
3. <a href="https://www.marxists.org/reference/subject/philosophy/help/collect.htm">https://www.marxists.org/reference/subject/philosophy/help/collect.htm</a>

**Mapping with Programme Outcomes:**

	PO 1	PO 2	PO 3	PO 4	PO 5	PO 6	PO 7	PO 8	PO 9	PO 10
<b>CO 1</b>	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	2	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	2
<b>CO 4</b>	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2
<b>CO 5</b>	2	3	3	3	3	3	1	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
<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)**