

GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR  
**MAYAI LAMBI COLLEGE**  
YUMNAM HUIDROM, IMPHAL WEST

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BA / BSc Syllabus

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

Syllabus for Undergraduate Programme

**Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy**



Manipur University, Canchipur

Imphal-795003

Undergraduate Course (BA)

**Philosophy FIRST  
SEMESTER Elective  
Paper/E1-101  
GREEK PHILOSOPHY**

Full Marks : 100

Approx. Lect.: 90

- Unit I:** The Ionics: Thales – Theory of Reality : The Pythagoreans: Number Theory and Ethics; The Eleatics: Parmenides – Sense and Reason, Ontology. 20 – Marks  
15 – Lectures
- Unit II:** Heracleitus: Change and Permanence; The Atomists: Democritus – Theory of Particles; The Sophists: Protagoras – Theory of knowledge. 20 – Marks  
12 – Lectures
- Unit III:** Socrates: The Socratic Problem, The Socratic Method. 10 – Marks  
5 – Lectures
- Unit IV:** Plato: Theory of Knowledge, Theory of Ideas, Doctrine of Immortality, Ethics. 25 – Marks  
28 – Lectures
- Unit V:** Aristotle: Theory of Categories, Criticism of Platonic Theory of Ideas, Metaphysics, The Four Causes. 25 – Marks  
30 – Lectures

**Text Books:**

1. W.T. Stace – *A Critical History of Greek Philosophy*
2. Frank Thilly – *A History of Philosophy*

**Reference Books:**

1. Frederick Copleston – A History of Philosophy, Vol. 1 Part I and Part II.
2. Leonard Nelson – Socrates Method and *Critical Philosophy*.
3. Karl Popper – *The Pre-Socratics*

Undergraduate Course (BA)  
**Philosophy SECOND**  
**SEMESTER Elective**  
**Paper/E1-202**  
**INDIAN PHILOSOPHY 1**

Full Marks – 100  
Approx. Lect. – 90

- Unit I:** Meaning and scope of India philosophy; Heterodox and Orthodox Schools; The common characters of India schools; Pessimism and Dogmatism in India Philosophy. 20 – Marks  
15 – Lectures
- Unit II:** Carvaka: Theory of knowledge, Materialisms, Ethics. 15 – Marks  
10 – Lectures
- Unit III:** Jainism: Concept of Reality, theory of judgment (Syadvada), Ethics. 25 – Marks  
25 – Lectures
- Unit IV:** Buddhism: The four Noble truths, the Eightfold Noble Path (astangikamarga).  
The Theory of conditional Existence of Things (Pratityasamutpada), The  
theory of Non-existence of soul (anatmavada) 25 – Marks  
25 – Lectures
- Unit V:** Schools of Buddhism:  
Madhyamika: Sunyabada; Yogacara; Vijnanavada; Sautrantica; and Vaibhasika:  
The process of Knowing the World (Bahyanumeyavada and Bahyapratyaksavada)  
25 – Marks  
30 – Lectures

**Text Books:**

1. S.C Chatterjee and D.M Dutta- An Introduction to Indian Philosophy.
2. M. Hiriyanna- Outlines of Indian Philosophy.

**Reference Books:**

1. S. Radhakrishnan- Indian Philosophy, Vol I & II
2. S. Dasgupta- History of Indian Philosophy.
3. C.D Sharma- A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy.

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**Philosophy THIRD**

**SEMESTER Elective**

**Paper/E1-303**

**LOGIC**

Full Marks – 100

Approx. Lect. – 90

**Unit I: Logic as the study of arguments:**

Arguments: The nature of logical argument; Premises and Conclusions;  
Conclusion indicators and Premise indicators; Diagram for argument; Diagram  
for single argument; Diagram for simple complex arguments; Truth and Validity.

15 – Marks

10 – Lectures

**Unit II: Sentences and Propositions:**

Word and Sentences; Letter and Word; Token and Type; Sentence Token and Sentence  
Type; Kinds of Sentence; Sentence and Meaning of Sentence; Proposition: Distinction  
between a Proposition and a Sentence; Truth value of a Proposition; Kinds of  
Proposition; Simple and Compound Proposition – Conjunctive, Disjunctive,  
Implicative and Negative Proposition; Analysis of And, Either Or, If Then, Not;  
Singular Proposition; General proposition; Quantifiers: All, Some; AEIO Proposition;  
Terms and their distribution in AEIO.

15 – Marks

20 – Lectures

**Unit III: Formal Concept:**

Form and Matter; Form of a Proposition; Variable; Propositional Variable; Function;  
Propositional Function; Formal Function; Truth Function: Conjunctive, Disjunctive,  
Alternative, Implicative, Negative; Paradoxes of Material Implication; Bi-conditional;  
Material Equivalence; Logical Equivalence; Truth Table: Argument Form;  
Tautologies, Contradictories and Contingencies; Truth Table Method of Proving the  
Validity of Arguments.

25 – Marks

20 – Lectures

**Unit IV: The Method of Deduction:**

Elementary valid argument forms; Formal Proof of Validity; The Rule of Conditional  
Proof; The Rule of Indirect Proof; Proof of Tautologies; Proving Invalidity.

25 – Marks

15 – Lectures

**Unit V: Syllogism:**

Aristotelean Syllogism; Standard Form Categorical Syllogism; The Rules or Axioms of Validity; General Theorems of the Syllogism; The Figures and Moods of the Syllogism; The Special Theorems and Valid Moods of the First, Second, Third and Fourth Figures. The Reduction of Syllogism; The Antilogism or Inconsistent Triad; Fallacies of Syllogism; Venn Diagram Proofs of Validity or Invalidity; Enthymems; Sorties.

20 – Marks

25 – Lectures

**Text Books:**

1. Irving M Copi and Carl Cohen – *An Introduction to Logic*.
2. Morris R. Cohen and Ernest Nagel – *An Introduction to Logic and Scientific method*.

**Reference Books:**

1. Irving M Copi – *Symbolic Logic*.
2. Paul Tidman and Howard Kahne – *Logic and Philosophy; A Modern Introduction*.

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**Philosophy**

FOURTH SEMESTER

**Elective Paper/E1-404**

**MORAL PHILOSOPHY**

Full Marks – 100

Approx. Lect. – 90

**Unit I:** Nature and Scope of Ethics; Relation of Ethics to Religion, Politics and Law;  
Normative Ethics and Metaethics. 15 – Marks

10 – Lectures

**Unit II:** Moral and Non-moral Actions; The Nature of moral judgment; The Object of moral  
judgment; Moral obligations 15 – Marks

10 – Lectures

**Unit III:** Theories of Moral Standard: Naturalistic and non-naturalistic ethics; Hedonism;  
Utilitarianism; Intuitionism. 20 – Marks

20 – Lectures

**Unit IV:** The Moral Law as a Law Reason; Kant's ethical theory; The Concept of Nishkama  
Karma; The Standard as Perfection; My Station and its Duties. 25 – Marks

25 – Lectures

**Unit V:** Value of Life: Suicide and Euthanasia; Theories of Punishment: Capital Punishment;  
Expression of Dissent; Terrorism; Moral attitude to the environment and animals.

25 – Marks

25 – Lectures

**Text Books:**

1. J.N. Sinha – A Manual of Ethics.
2. William Lillie – An Introduction to Ethics.
3. Peter Singer – Practical Ethics.

**Reference Books:**

1. J.S. Mackenzie – A Manual of Ethics
2. William Frankena – Ethics.
3. S. Lokendrajit Singh – On Who is A Terrorist published in the International Journal of World Affairs.

Undergraduate Course (BA)  
**Philosophy**  
FIFTH SEMESTER  
**Honors /H - 505**  
**HISTORY OF WESTERN PHILOSOPHY 1**

Full Marks – 100  
Approx. Lect. – 90

<b>Unit I:</b> Scholasticism; Its characteristics and stages	10 – Marks 10 – Lectures
<b>Unit II:</b> St. Augustine: Theory of Knowledge and Theology. Thomas Aquinas: Philosophy and Theology; Theory of Knowledge.	10 – Marks 10 – Lectures
<b>Unit III:</b> Descartes: Method and Criticism of Knowledge: The Principle – cogito ergo sum; Existence of the External World; Relation between Mind and Body; The Theory of Innate Ideas.	30 – Marks 25– Lectures
<b>Unit IV:</b> Spinoza: Substance, Attributes and Modes; Theory of Knowledge.	25 – Marks 20– Lectures
<b>Unit V:</b> Leibnitz: The Doctrine of Monads; Theory of Knowledge; The Pre-established Harmony.	25 – Marks 25 – Lectures

**Text Books:**

1. Frank Thilly – A History of Philosophy.
2. Y. Masih – A Critical History of Western Philosophy

**Reference Books:**

1. Richard Fulckenberg – History of Modern Philosophy.
2. Frederick Copleston – A History of Philosophy
3. Bertrand Russell – History of Western Philosophy.



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**Philosophy FIFTH**

**SEMESTER Honors**

**Paper /H - 506**

**HISTORY OF WESTERN PHILOSOPHY II**

Full Marks – 100

Approx. Lect. – 90

**Unit I:** Locke; Criticism of Innate Ideas, Origin of Knowledge, Nature and Validity of Knowledge, The Limits of Knowledge.

20 – Marks

15 – Lectures

**Unit II:** Berkeley: Rejection of Abstract Ideas, Theory of Knowledge, The Doctrine of esse est percipi.

20 – Marks

15 – Lectures

**Unit III:** Hume: Origin of Knowledge; Relation of Ideas and Matters of Facts; Relation of Cause and Effect; Knowledge of the External World.

30 – Marks

30 – Lectures

**Unit IV:** Kant: The Problem of Knowledge, The Distinction between Analytic and Synthetics Judgement, The Distinction between a priori and empirical knowledge;

A priori synthetic judgement; The Theory of Sense Perception; The Theory of the Understanding; Phenomena and Noumena.

30 – Marks

30 – Lectures

**Unit V:** Hegel: The Problem of Philosophy, The Dialectical Method.

15 – Marks

15 – Lectures

**Text Books:**

1. Frank Thilly – A History of Philosophy.
2. Y. Masih – A Critical History of Western Philosophy

**Reference Books:**

1. Richard Fulckenberg – History of Modern Philosophy.
2. Frederick Copleston – A History of Philosophy
3. Bertrand Russell – History of Western Philosophy.

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**Philosophy FIFTH**  
**SEMESTER Honors**  
**Paper /H - 507**  
**CONTEMPORARY WESTERN PHILOSOPHY**

Full Marks – 100  
Approx. Lect. – 90

**Unit I: Historical background and development of philosophical Analysis:**

Linguistic turns: Ideal language and Ordinary language debate; Early realism; Logical atomism; Logical positivism; Ordinary language philosophy. 20 – Marks

10 – Lectures

**Unit II: Method of Philosophical Analysis:**

Moore: Concept of language and philosophy; Analysis of language; Common sense approach. Russell: Concept of language and philosophy: Analysis of language; Application of logic in philosophy. 20 – Marks

15 – Lectures

**Unit III: Theories of meaning :**

Frege's Reference theory of meaning; Russell's Denotative theory of meaning; Wittgenstein's Picture theory of meaning; Verification theory of meaning of Logical Positivists. 30 – Marks

25 – Lectures

**Unit IV: Logical Positivism:**

Concept of philosophy; The task of philosophy; The Verification Principle; The Elimination of metaphysics. 10 – Marks

15 – Lectures

**Unit V: Existentialist Movements:**

The Main feature of existentialism; Theistic and Atheistic existentialism; Existence precedes essence; Sartre's Philosophy of Being and Concept of freedom

20 – Marks

20 – Lectures

**Text Books:**

1. B.R Gross – Analytic Philosophy.
2. A.J. Ajer, et al. – Revolution in Philosophy, London, 1956.
3. A.C. Grayling – An Introduction to Philosophical Logic, Oxford, 1997. (Chapter)

**Reference Books:**

1. G. J. Warnock – English Philosophy since 1900, OUP, London, 1958
2. Simon Critchley – Continental Philosophy, OUP, Delhi, 2001
3. J. O. Urmson – Philosophical Analysis, Oxford, 1956.
4. Thomas Flynn – Existentialism, OUP, Delhi, 2006.

5. M.K. Bhadra – A Critical Survey of Phenomenology and Existentialism, ICPR, Delhi, 1990

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**Philosophy SIXTH**  
**SEMESTER Honors**  
**Paper /H - 608**  
**INDIAN PHILOSOPHY II**

Full Marks – 100  
Approx. Lect. – 90

**Unit I: Nyaya:**

Nature of Knowledge (Prama), Sources of valid Knowledge (Pramanas) – Perception (Pratyaksa), Inference (Anumana), Comparison (Upaamana), and Testimony (Sabda).

20 – Marks

15 – Lectures

**Unit II: Vaisesika:**

Categories (Padarthas), Theory of the Creation and Destruction of the world.

20 – Marks

20 – Lectures

**Unit III: Sankhya – Yoga:**

The Sankhya Theory of Causation, Evolution, Purusa and Prakrti; The Yoga Psychology and Eightfold Means of Yoga.

20 – Marks

20 – Lectures

**Unit IV: Mimamsa**

Theory of Knowledge and The Philosophy of Ritualistic Actions; The Conception of Duty (Dharma).

15 – Marks

15 – Lectures

**Unit V: Vedanta:**

Brahman, Isvara, Atman, Jiva, Jagat, Maya, Avidya, Adhyasa and Moksa with special reference to the Monism of Sankara ( Advaita) and the Qualified Monism of Ramanuja ( Visistadvaita)

25 – Marks

20 – Lectures

**Text Books:**

1. S. C. Chatterjee and D.M. Dutta – An Introduction to Indian Philosophy.

**Reference Books:**

1. S.C. Chatterjee – Nyaya Theory of Knowledge.
2. D.M. Dutta – Six Ways of Knowing.
3. Cowell( English Translation ) – Udayana's Kusumanjali.
4. S.N. Dasgupta – History of Indian Philosophy.

5. Keith, A.B – Karma Mimamsa.
6. S. Radhakrishnan – Indian Philosophy, Vol. I and II.

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**Philosophy SIXTH**

**SEMESTER Honors**

**Paper /H - 609**

**PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION**

Full Marks – 100

Approx. Lect. – 90

**Unit I:** The Nature and Scope of the Philosophy of Religion; Distinction between Natural and Revealed Religion; Origin and Development of Religion: Anthropological, Psychological and Historical theories.

25 – Marks

25 – Lectures

**Unit II:** Nature and Attributes of God; Personality of God; God and the Absolute; Proofs for the Existence of God – Ontological, Cosmological, Teleological and Moral.

25 – Marks

25 – Lectures

**Unit III:** God and His relation to the World and Man – Deism, Pantheism and Theism.

15 – Marks

10 – Lectures

**Unit IV:** The Problem of Evil; Freedom and Immortality of the Self; Destiny of Man.

20 – Marks

20 – Lectures

**Unit V:** Substitutes for Religion – Materialism, Marxism and Freudianism.

15 – Marks

10 – Lectures

**Text Books:**

1. D.M. Edward – Philosophy of Religion.
2. John Hick – Philosophy of Religion.
3. Y Masih – Philosophy of Religion.

**Reference Books:**

1. John Caird – Philosophy of Religion.

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**Philosophy SIXTH**  
**SEMESTER Honors**  
**Paper /H - 610**  
**POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY**

Full Marks – 100  
Approx. Lect. – 90

**Unit I: Greek Political Philosophy: Plato and Aristotle**

Plato's Ideal Republic as a theoretical construct; Plato's theory of human nature; Theory of Justice; Plato's concept of Philosopher King and his reasons for the Rule of Philosopher King; Plato's Theory of Education.

Aristotle's Theory of State, Justice, Citizenship, Government and Revolution.

20 – Marks

20 – Lectures

**Unit II: Political Philosophy: Hobbes, Locke and Rousseau.**

Human Nature; The Social Contract; The General Will; Society and Government.

20 – Marks

15 – Lectures

**Unit III: Political Philosophy of John Stuart Mill.**

Mill's Theory of the Growth of Civil Society; Mill's Defense of Individual Freedom; Mill's Defense of Freedom of Expression; Self and Other Regarding Acts; Public and Private Morality.

15 – Marks

15 – Lectures

**Unit IV: The Political Philosophy of Karl Marx:**

Marx's Concept of Man, Nature and Technology; Marx's Concept of Economic Structure; Forces of Production and Relation of Production; The Notion of Contradiction between the Forces of Production and Relation of Production; The Base and the Superstructure Model; Theory of Alienation; The Revolution and the Class Struggle

15 – Marks

15 – Lectures

**Unit V: Justice: Rawls' Theory of Justice:**

The Role of Justice; The Subject of Justice; The Main Idea of the Theory of Justice; The Original Position and Justification. The Distinction between Utilitarian and the Contractarian Theory of Justice

**Text Books:**

1. **Ebenstein** – Greek Political Thinkers.
2. Ernest Barker – Political Thought of Plato and Aristotle.
3. G.H. Sabine – A History of Political Thought.
4. J.S. Mill – On Liberty.
5. John Rawls – A Theory of Justice.
6. John Me Murthy – The Structure of Marx's World View.

**Reference Books:**

1. Plato – The Republic.
2. Aristotle – Politics.
3. Hobbes – Leviathan.
4. Locke – An Essay Concerning the True Original, Extent and End of Civil Government.
5. Rousseau – The Social Contract.
6. Mill – Utilitarianism.
7. Marx – Early Writings.  
Capital Vol. I  
Capital Vol. II  
Capital Vol. III  
Capital Vol. IV
8. Harld J. Laski (ed) – The Communist Manifesto
9. AmartyaSen – The Ideas of Justice.