

GOVERNMENT WOMEN'S COLLEGE, BALANGIR

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

PROGRAM OUTCOMES (POs)

PO1 – Critical Thinking

Develop the ability to analyze, evaluate, and construct philosophical arguments with clarity and logic.

PO2 – Logical & Analytical Reasoning

Apply formal and informal reasoning methods, detect fallacies, and solve conceptual problems rationally.

PO3 – Ethical Reasoning

Demonstrate moral sensitivity, evaluate ethical dilemmas, and make value-based decisions.

PO4 – Problem Solving & Decision-Making

Identify and interpret complex human, social, and metaphysical problems; propose reasoned solutions.

PO5 – Communication Skills

Articulate philosophical ideas with precision, coherence, and argumentation.

PO6 – Interdisciplinary Understanding

Connect philosophy with sciences, social sciences, literature, religion, and culture.

PO7 – Cultural & Global Awareness

Understand diverse world philosophies—Indian, Western, African, Eastern—fostering multicultural sensitivity.

PO8 – Research Aptitude

Develop skills for conceptual analysis, textual interpretation, logical inquiry, and academic writing.

PO9 – Humane & Social Responsibility

Cultivate empathy, compassion, justice, democratic values, and human rights awareness.

PO10 – Lifelong Learning

Develop meta-cognitive and reflective skills to learn continuously and independently.

PROGRAM SPECIFIC OUTCOMES (PSOs)

PSO1 – Mastery of Core Philosophical Traditions

Gain in-depth knowledge of Indian systems, Western philosophy, ethics, logic, religion, and contemporary thought.

PSO2 – Philosophical Analysis & Argumentation

Use conceptual, linguistic, and logical tools to analyze texts, arguments, and worldviews.

PSO3 – Application of Philosophy to Life & Society

Apply ethical, political, and metaphysical theories to real-life social, political, environmental, and personal issues.

PSO4 – Comparative & Critical Understanding

Critically compare Indian and Western philosophical positions on self, reality, knowledge, and values.

PSO5 – Research & Interpretation

Interpret classical texts (Upanishads, Nyaya, Plato, Kant, etc.), develop research questions, and produce academic work.

COURSE OUTCOMES (COs)**SEMESTER I**

Paper I: Introduction to Philosophy

- CO1** – Explain nature, functions, and branches of philosophy.
- CO2** – Analyze metaphysical problems such as appearance/reality, substance/attribute.
- CO3** – Distinguish major epistemological theories: rationalism, empiricism, skepticism.
- CO4** – Explain the value and relevance of philosophy to life and other disciplines.
- CO5** – Develop critical thinking and argumentation skills.

Paper II: Introduction to Moral Philosophy

- CO1** – Distinguish morality from ethics and interpret moral actions.
- CO2** – Evaluate moral judgments and compare them with logical, aesthetic, and factual judgments.
- CO3** – Trace the evolution of moral consciousness (custom → conscience).
- CO4** – Explain key moral concepts: right, duty, virtue, punishment.
- CO5** – Evaluate Indian moral thought.

SEMESTER II

Paper III: Philosophy of Vedas and Upanishads

- CO1** – Explain basic Vedic concepts: *ṛta*, *yajña*, *dharma*, cosmology.
- CO2** – Analyze theories of karma, rebirth, destiny.
- CO3** – Explain Upanishadic ideas of Ātman, Brahman, and their identity.
- CO4** – Evaluate concepts of *vidyā*/*avidyā*, *māyā*, and liberation.

Paper IV: Logic and Scientific Method

- CO1** – Describe nature and scope of logic, laws of thought.
- CO2** – Classify propositions and apply the square of opposition.
- CO3** – Test validity of syllogisms through rules and figures.
- CO4** – Apply inductive methods (Mill's methods) in scientific reasoning.

SEMESTER III

Paper V: Greek Philosophy

- CO1** – Explain early Greek theories of reality (Thales → Empedocles).
- CO2** – Analyze Eleatic philosophy (Parmenides, Zeno).
- CO3** – Evaluate Socratic method and ethics.
- CO4** – Explain Plato's theory of ideas, knowledge, ideal state.
- CO5** – Critically assess Aristotle's metaphysics and causation.

Paper VI: Modern European Philosophy – I

- CO1** – Explain Bacon's scientific reform and induction.
- CO2** – Evaluate Descartes' doubt, *cogito*, proofs for God, dualism.
- CO3** – Explain Spinoza's substance, attributes, pantheism.
- CO4** – Analyze Leibniz's monadology and pre-established harmony.

Paper VII: Systems of Indian Philosophy – I

- CO1** – Explain Carvaka materialism and epistemology.
- CO2** – Analyze Jaina doctrines: Anekāntavāda, Syādvāda, ethics.
- CO3** – Explain Buddhist doctrines: four truths, momentariness, dependent origination.
- CO4** – Explain Sāṃkhya and Yoga metaphysics and liberation.

SEMESTER IV

Paper VIII: Ethical Theories

- CO1** – Distinguish hedonic, egoistic, and altruistic moral theories.
- CO2** – Explain Aristotle's virtue ethics and Kant's deontology.
- CO3** – Analyze utilitarian theories of Bentham, Mill, Sidgwick.
- CO4** – Understand theories of punishment and Indian ethics (puruṣārthas, dharma).

Paper IX: Social & Political Philosophy

- CO1** – Explain relations between individual and society (mechanical, organic, idealistic).
- CO2** – Analyze justice, liberty, equality, and forms of government.
- CO3** – Explain democratic principles and human rights.
- CO4** – Compare ideologies: Marxism, Anarchism, Sarvodaya, Ambedkarism.

Paper X: Systems of Indian Philosophy – II

- CO1** – Explain Vaishesika categories, atomism, God, liberation.
- CO2** – Discuss Nyāya pramāṇas and metaphysics.
- CO3** – Evaluate Mīmāṃsā theory of karma, dharma, apurva.
- CO4** – Explain Advaita and Viśiṣṭādvaita views of Brahman, jīva, jagat, liberation.

SEMESTER V

Paper XI: Modern European Philosophy – II

- CO1** – Explain Locke's empiricism, ideas, and theory of knowledge.
- CO2** – Evaluate Berkeley's idealism and Hume's skepticism.
- CO3** – Analyze Kant's reconciliation of empiricism & rationalism, categories, aesthetics.
- CO4** – Explain Kant's antinomies and metaphysical illusions.

Paper XII: Applied Ethics

- CO1** – Apply ethical theories to real-life dilemmas.
- CO2** – Explain environmental ethics and sustainable thinking.
- CO3** – Analyze medical ethics: euthanasia, abortion, surrogacy, patient rights.
- CO4** – Evaluate business ethics, CSR, media ethics, cyber ethics, AI concerns.

Paper XIII: Philosophical Analysis

- CO1** – Identify ambiguity and vagueness in language.
- CO2** – Evaluate types of definitions and their applications.
- CO3** – Explain Indian theories of sentence meaning (Akānkṣā, Yogyatā, etc.).
- CO4** – Distinguish analytic, logical, and practical truths.

SEMESTER VI

Paper XIV: Philosophy of Religion

- CO1** – Explain arguments for existence of God.
- CO2** – Examine atheistic arguments and relation between morality & religion.
- CO3** – Analyze theodicies and problem of evil.
- CO4** – Evaluate religious language, verification/falsification, karma & rebirth.

Paper XV: Symbolic Logic

- CO1** – Translate natural-language arguments into symbolic form.
- CO2** – Construct truth tables and evaluate validity.
- CO3** – Apply predicate logic rules.
- CO4** – Apply Boolean algebra to logical expressions.

SEMESTER VII

Paper XVI: Philosophy of Isa Upanishad

- CO1** – Explain the meaning, context, and significance of the Isa Upaniṣad.
- CO2** – Interpret mantras 1–6 (unity, karma, selflessness).
- CO3** – Evaluate concepts of vidyā/avidyā, knowledge/ignorance.
- CO4** – Discuss mantras 13–18 concerning immortality, rebirth, and liberation.

Paper XVII: Contemporary Indian Philosophy

- CO1** – Explain Tagore and Vivekananda's concepts of religion, man, liberation.
- CO2** – Evaluate Aurobindo's evolution, supermind, integral yoga.
- CO3** – Analyze Gandhi's truth, non-violence, satyagraha, social ideals.
- CO4** – Explain Ambedkar, Phule, Bhima Bhoi on caste, society, liberation.
- CO5** – Evaluate Radhakrishnan and Krishnamurti on mind, reality, and education.

SEMESTER VII

Paper-XVIII: Post-Kantian Philosophy

CO1: Understand Hegel's dialectics, Absolute Idealism, and the concept of Spirit.

CO2: Apply dialectical reasoning to historical and philosophical problems.

CO3: Compare Hegel's idealism with Bradley's appearance-reality distinction.

CO4: Explain Bradley's metaphysics and contrast idealism with realism.

CO5: Analyze Bergson's critique of materialism and his idea of Creative Evolution.

CO6: Evaluate metaphysical and epistemological debates in post-Kantian philosophy.

Paper-XIX: Existentialism and Phenomenology:

CO1: Explain Husserl's phenomenological method, essences, intentionality, and lifeworld.

CO2: Distinguish between noesis and noema in the constitution of meaning.

CO3: Analyze Heidegger's Dasein, Being-in-the-world, and temporality.

CO4: Understand Sartre's phenomenology, radical freedom, and bad faith.

CO5: Compare the existentialist and phenomenological approaches.

CO6: Apply phenomenological insights to human experience and social situations.

SEMESTER VIII

Paper-XX: Post-Kantian Philosophy – II:

CO1: Explain Kierkegaard's idea of despair, anxiety, and stages of existence.

CO2: Analyze Nietzsche's critique of morality, will to power, and value creation.

CO3: Explain James's pragmatism and Dewey's instrumentalism.

CO4: Evaluate Dewey's contributions to education, science, and politics.

CO5: Understand Whitehead's process metaphysics and philosophy of science.

CO6: Compare diverse post-Kantian approaches to self, value, knowledge, and reality.

Paper-XXI: Linguistic & Analytic Philosophy:

CO1: Understand Frege's sense-reference distinction and Moore's refutation of idealism.

CO2: Explain Russell's logical atomism and theory of descriptions.

CO3: Evaluate Ayer's verificationism and critique of metaphysics.

CO4: Analyze Wittgenstein's picture theory, language games, and criticism of private language.

CO5: Apply analytic methods to clarify concepts and resolve linguistic confusions.

CO6: Distinguish between meaning, use, and reference in philosophical problems.

Paper-XXII: Meta-Ethics.

CO1: Understand Hegel's dialectics, Absolute Idealism, and the concept of Spirit.

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Paper-XXII: Symbolic Logic: Quantification Theory

CO1: Translate sentences into propositional and predicate logic.

CO2: Use quantifiers to construct A, E, I, O forms.

CO3: Apply rules such as universal instantiation and existential generalization.

CO4: Test validity through truth tables, proofs, and counterexamples.

CO5: Construct proofs for quantified propositions and identify logical truths.

CO6: Recognize fallacies in reasoning and evaluate arguments rigorously.

MULTI-DISCIPLINARY COURSE

Philosophy of Bhagavad Gita

CO1: Explain Dharma, Svabhava, and the moral structure of the Gita.

CO2: Understand Karma Yoga, Nishkama Karma, and Lokasangraha.

CO3: Analyze Jnana Yoga, Buddhi Yoga, and distinctions between Jnana-Vijnana.

CO4: Explain the metaphysics of Kshetra, Kshetrajna, Purushottama.

CO5: Understand Bhakti Yoga, Saranagati, and the role of divine grace.

CO6: Apply Gita's teachings to modern life, ethical dilemmas, and personal development.

