

**Pre-Ph. D. course Syllabus Philosophy**  
**Department of Philosophy**  
**Syllabus**

The Pre-Ph. D. course in Philosophy is a full time course involving one semester (Six Months). It is divided in two parts; part one is focused on making students acquainted with major methodologies applied in traditional and contemporary philosophy through paper first and second (compulsory) of 100 marks each, (Credit 4+4).

Elective course focuses its attempts on identifying student's areas of interest for research work through third (Elective) having eight optional papers of various branches of Philosophy carrying 100 marks each (Credit 4 each). The students are supposed to choose any one paper from elective papers.

| <b>S.No.</b> | <b>Paper Code No.</b>       | <b>Paper Name</b>  | <b>Paper Nature</b> | <b>Credit</b> |
|--------------|-----------------------------|--|---------------------|---------------|
| <b>1.</b>    | <b>SOS-PHIL-Ph.D.-C-101</b> | <b>Research Methodology</b>                                | <b>Core</b>         | <b>3</b>      |
| <b>2.</b>    | <b>SOS-PHIL-Ph.D.-C-102</b> | <b>Research and Publication Ethics</b>                     | <b>Core</b>         | <b>4</b>      |
| <b>3.</b>    | <b>SOS-PHIL-Ph.D.-E-103</b> | <b>Fundamental Issues in Indian Philosophy</b>             | <b>Elective</b>     | <b>4</b>      |
| <b>4.</b>    | <b>SOS-PHIL-Ph.D.-E-104</b> | <b>Fundamental Issues in Western Philosophy</b>            | <b>Elective</b>     | <b>4</b>      |
| <b>5.</b>    | <b>SOS-PHIL-Ph.D.-E-105</b> | <b>Fundamental Issues in Moral Philosophy</b>              | <b>Elective</b>     | <b>4</b>      |
| <b>6.</b>    | <b>SOS-PHIL-Ph.D.-E-106</b> | <b>Fundamental Issues in Contemporary Indian Thought</b>   | <b>Elective</b>     | <b>4</b>      |
| <b>7.</b>    | <b>SOS-PHIL-Ph.D.-E-107</b> | <b>Fundamental Issues in Contemporary Western Thinking</b> | <b>Elective</b>     | <b>4</b>      |
| <b>8.</b>    | <b>SOS-PHIL-Ph.D.-E-108</b> | <b>Fundamental Issues in Social Philosophy</b>             | <b>Elective</b>     | <b>4</b>      |
| <b>9.</b>    | <b>SOS-PHIL-Ph.D.-E-109</b> | <b>Fundamental Issues in Philosophy of Religion</b>        | <b>Elective</b>     | <b>4</b>      |
| <b>10.</b>   | <b>SOS-PHIL-Ph.D.-E-110</b> | <b>Fundamental Issues in Yoga Philosophy</b>               | <b>Elective</b>     | <b>4</b>      |

## **Paper First (Compulsory)**

**3 Credits**

### **Research Methodology**

#### **Unit I : Research Methodology: An Introduction**

- A. Meaning and Types of Research
- B. Objectives and Motivations of Research
- C. Research Methods vs. Methodology

#### **Unit II : Defining Research Problems**

- A. Selection of Research problems
- B. Necessity of defining the research problems
- C. Techniques involved in defining research problems

#### **Unit III: Research Design**

- A. Meaning of Research design
- B. Important Concepts relating to Research design
- C. Different Research Design

#### **Unit IV: Interpretation and report writing**

- A. Meaning of Interpretation
- B. Technique of Interpretation
- C. Significance and different steps in writing reports

#### **Books recommended**

- 1. C.R. Kothari:** Research Methodology, 2 ed. Wishwa Prakashan  
New Delhi, 1990
- 2. James Harold Fox:** Criteria of Good Research, Phi Delta Kappa  
Vol.39 March 1958
- 3. B.C. Tandon:** Research Methodology in Social Sciences, Allahabad,  
Chaitanya Publishing House, 1979
- 4. E.S. Brightman:** An Introduction to Philosophy, London, Sir Issac  
Pitman & Sons Ltd. revised ed. 1951
- 5. R.G. Collingwood:** An essay on Philosophical Method, Oxford; At the

Claredon Press, 1950

**Paper II (Core Paper)**

**4 Credit**

## **Research and Publication Ethics (RPE)**

Syllabus in detail

### **RPE 01: PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS (3hrs.)**

1. Introduction to philosophy: nature and scope, concept, branches
2. Ethics: Definition, moral philosophy, nature of moral judgments and reactions

### **RPE 02: SCIENTIFIC CONDUCT (5hrs.)**

1. Ethics with respect to science and research
2. Intellectual honesty and research integrity
3. Scientific misconducts: Falsification, Fabrication, and Plagiarism (FFP)
4. Redundant publication duplicate and overlapping publications, salami slicing
5. Selective reporting and misrepresentation of data

### **RPE 03: PUBLICATION Ethics (7HRS)**

1. Publication ethics: definition, introduction and importance
2. Best practice/standards setting initiatives and guidelines: COPE, WAME, etc.
3. Conflicts of interests
4. Publications misconduct: definition, concept, problems that lead to unethical behavior and vice versa, types
5. Violation of publication ethics, authorship and contributorship
6. Identification of publication misconduct, complains and appeals
7. Predatory publishers and journals

### **RPE 04: Methods of Epistemological Analysis**

1. Rationalism
2. Empiricism
3. Pragmatism

### **RPE 05: Methods of Moral Analysis**

1. Utilitarianism
2. Perfectionism
3. Idealism

**Elective Course ( paper third & Fourth)**

**Paper - A (Elective)**

**4 Credits Each**

**Fundamental Issues in Indian Philosophy:**

- 1- Definitions and Nature of Prama
- 2- Nature and Kinds of Praman
- 3- Arguments and Theories of Error
- 4- Nature and Kinds of Padartha
- 5- Arguments and Theories of Causation.

**Paper Second – B**

**Fundamental Issues in Western Philosophy:**

- 1- Definition and Kinds of Knowledge
- 2- Theories of Knowledge
- 3- Theories of Truth
- 4- Theories of Substance and Attributes
- 5- Theories of Causation.

**Paper Second – C**

**Fundamental Issues in Moral Philosophy:**

- 1- Theories of Indian Ethics (Gita, Jainism, Buddhism)
- 2- Theories of Western Ethics (Hedonism, Intuitionism, Categorical Imperatives)
- 3- Ethical Aspects of Social Problems. (Suicide, Corruption, Terrorism)
- 4- Theories of Punishment (Retributive, Preventive, Reformative)
- 5- Theories of Environmental Ethics (Anthropocentrism, Eco-centralism, Eco-Feminism)

**Paper Second – D**

**Fundamental Issues in Contemporary Indian Thought:**

- 1- The Philosophical Perspectives of Swami Vivekanand.
- 2- The Philosophical Perspectives of Sri Aurobind.
- 3- The Philosophical Perspectives of Sri Radhakrishan.
- 4- The Philosophical Perspectives of Gandhi.
5. The Philosophical Perspectives of M.N. Roy.

**Paper Second – E**

**Fundamental Issues in Contemporary Western Thinking:**

- 1- Idealism
- 2- Materialism
- 3- Pragmatism
- 4- Existentialism
- 5- Philosophy of Language

**Paper Second – F**

**Fundamental Issues in Social Philosophy:**

- 1- Freedom and Responsibility
- 2- Rights and Duties.
- 3- Liberty, Fraternity and Equality.
- 4- Secularism.
- 5- Social Justice.

**Paper Second – G**

**Fundamental Issues in Philosophy of Religion:**

- 1- Religious Knowledge and Language
- 2- God and Absolute.
- 3- Mysticism and Brahmanubhavavad.
- 4- Evil and Sufferings.
- 5- Rebirth and Immortality of Soul.

**Paper Second – H**

**Fundamental Issues in Yoga Philosophy:**

- 1- Metaphysical Aspects of Yoga: Parkiti, Purush, Purush-Vishesh.
- 2- Epistemological Aspects of Yoga: Chitt-Vritti, Chitta-Bhumi, Praman
- 3- Moral Aspects of Yoga: Yam, Niyam and Moral Implications.
- 4- Applied Aspects of Yoga: Aasan, Pranayam, Pratyahar.
- 5- Spiritual Aspects of Yoga: Dharna, Dhyan, Samadhi.

