

Mizoram University

UG/Bachelor's Degree Programme with Multiple Entry and Exit Options

Under the New Education Policy 2020

in

Philosophy

First Semester

Semester	Course Code	Course Name	Components with Credits		Total credits
			Theory	Practical	
I	PHIL/MJ/100	Epistemology and Metaphysics	4	-	4
	PHIL/MJ/101	Ethics	4	-	4
	PHIL/MN/102	<i>[To be chosen from an MJ course offered by other disciplines]</i>	4	-	4
		Introductory Course (Interdisciplinary)	3	-	3
	AEC/103	MIL/English I	3	-	3
	VAC/104	Understanding India	2	-	2
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EPISTEMOLOGY AND METAPHYSICS

PHIL/MJ/100

Credits = 4

Programme Objectives and outcome –

- To enable student to understand the general concepts and methods of philosophy.
- To help student to have adequate knowledge of different philosophical theories and metaphysical categories (Western and Indian).

UNIT 1 Introduction and Metaphysical Categories

- a) Meaning of Philosophy (Indian and Western)
- b) Concepts, Method of Philosophy
- c) Substance and Causality
- d) Space and Time

UNIT 2 Sources of Knowledge

- a) Western: Empiricism, Rationalism
- b) Indian: Perception, Inference and Verbal testimony

UNIT 3 Theories of Truth

- a) Correspondence
- b) Coherence
- c) Pragmatism
- d) Pramanyavada

UNIT 4 Theories of Reality (Western and Indian)

- a) Monism, Dualism, Pluralism
- b) Materialism, Idealism, Realism

Suggested Readings:

1. Chatterjee, Satischandra. *Nyaya Theory of Knowledge*. New Delhi: Repa Publications India Pvt Ltd, 2015.
2. Chatterjee, SC and D M Dutta. *Introduction to Indian Philosophy*. New Delhi: Rupa & Co, 2012.
3. Datta, DM. *The Six Ways of Knowing*. New Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass, 2017.
4. Patrick, George Thomas White. *Introduction to Philosophy*. Delhi: Surjeet Publications, 2019.
5. Sharma, C D. *A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy*. New Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass, 2016.
6. Sinha, J N . *Introduction to Philosophy*. Kolkata: New Central Book Agency , 2009.

ETHICS

PHIL/MJ/101

Credits = 4

Programme Objectives and outcome –

- The course aims at introducing the student to the basic concepts of ethics, ethical theories, ethical ideals and ethical consequences.

UNIT 1 Introduction

- a) Nature and Scope Of Ethics
- b) Nature and object of Moral Judgement (Motive and Intention & Postulate of Moral Judgement)
- c) Good and Virtue
- d) Right and Duties

UNIT 2 Ethical Theories

- a) Hedonism
- b) Utilitarianism
- c) Perfectionism
- d) Deontological : Ethics of Kant (Categorical Imperative)

UNIT 3 Indian Ethical Ideals

- a) Purusarthas and their inter relations
- b) Buddhists Ethics: Four Noble Truths
- c) Jainism: Anuvratas and Mahavratas
- d) Niskamakarma

UNIT 4 Theories of Punishment

- a) Preventive
- b) Reformative
- c) Retributive
- d) Capital punishment

Suggested Readings:

1. Curry, Patrick. *Ecological Ethics*. Cambridge: Polity Press, 2006.
2. Dasgupta, Surama. *Development of Moral Philosophy in India*. New Delhi: Munshiram Manoharlal Publishers, 1994.
3. Frankena, W. *Ethics*. New Delhi: Pearson Education India, 2015.
4. Lillie, William. *An Introduction to Ethics*. New York: Routledge, 2021.
5. Naess, Arne. *Ecology, Community and Life Style*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1989.
6. Rachels, James. *The Elements of Moral Philosophy*. New York: Mc Graw-Hill, 2003.
7. Williams, Bernard . *Morality: An Introduction to Ethics*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1993.
8. Wolff, Jonathan. *An Introduction to Moral Philosophy*. New York: W.W. Noton & Company Inc., 2018.