



Indraprastha College for Women University of Delhi

Work Plan for ODD SEMESTER – 2026

Course Name:	B. A. (H) Philosophy
Paper Title:	Introduction to Philosophy
Unique Paper Code:	2102101101
Semester:	I
Faculty:	Mr. Surjeet Singh
Year:	1st Year

Work Plan			
Unit No.	Learning Objective	Lecture No.	Topics to be Covered
1	To introduce philosophy as a discipline through both Western and Indian conceptions — darśana, ānvīkṣikī and tattva — and to map its principal divisions.	1-6	What is Philosophy? Philosophy, Darśana, Ānvīkṣikī and Tattva; nature and scope of philosophical inquiry.
		7-11	Classifications of Philosophy: the divisions of philosophy and their subject matter.
2	To examine the question of existence and competing views of reality, and to distinguish knowledge from belief.	12-17	Metaphysics: the question of existence; different views of reality.
		18-22	Epistemology: knowledge and belief; conditions of knowing.
3	To study the grounds on which acts are judged right or wrong, and to introduce aesthetic inquiry into art and its objects.	23-28	Ethics: the basis of right and wrong.
		29-33	Aesthetics: art and its objects.
4	To introduce social contract theory and the idea of justice, and to examine scientific temper as a philosophical attitude.	34-39	Social and Political Philosophy: social contract; justice.
		40-45	Philosophy of Science: scientific temper and its defence.

Unit	Contents/Syllabus
I	What is Philosophy? Philosophy, Darśana, Ānvīkṣikī, Tattva; Classifications of Philosophy
II	Metaphysics and Epistemology: The Question of Existence; Different Views of Reality; Knowledge and Belief
III	Ethics and Aesthetics: The Basis of Right and Wrong; Aesthetics — Art and its Objects
IV	Social and Political Philosophy and Philosophy of Science: Social Contract; Justice; Scientific Temper
S. No.	Name of Authors/Books/Publishers
1.	Moore, Brooke Noel and Kenneth Bruder. "What is Philosophy?" (1–5) and "Divisions of Philosophy" (13–15) in <i>Philosophy: The Power of Ideas</i> . McGraw-Hill, 2010. Russell, Bertrand. "Introduction" (1–10) in <i>History of Western Philosophy</i> . RKP. Puligandla, Ramakrishna. "General Introduction" (1–12) in <i>Fundamentals of Indian Philosophy</i> . D. K. Printworld, 2008. Kauṭilya. <i>Arthaśāstra</i> , Book 1, sections 1–3. Translated by R. P. Kangle. Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass, 2003.
2.	Miller, Kristie. "What is Metaphysics?" (193–209). Pritchard, Duncan. "What is Knowledge?" (123–133). Prescribed Text: Pritchard, Duncan, ed. <i>What is This Thing Called Philosophy?</i> Routledge, 2015.
3.	Brady, Michael. "What is Ethics?" (3–6). Stock, Kathleen. "What is Art?" (81–93). Prescribed Text: Pritchard, Duncan, ed. <i>What is This Thing Called Philosophy?</i> Routledge, 2015.
4.	Brooks, Thom. "What is Justice?" (52–65), in Pritchard, Duncan, ed. <i>What is This Thing Called Philosophy?</i> Routledge, 2015. Chattopadhyaya, D. P. "Defending the Scientific Temper." <i>India International Centre Quarterly</i> 17, no. 3/4 (1990): 42–57.

	Paper Components		
Credits	Lecture (L)	Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
4	1	1	0
Assessment Scheme			
S.No.	Component	Marking Scheme	Total Marks
1	Internal Assessment - Assignment - Class Test - Attendance	30	30
		12	
		12	
		6	
2.	Continuous Assessment (Tutorial) - Activity 1 - Activity 2 - Attendance	40	40
		20	
		15	
		5	
3.	Practical - Continuous Assessment - End Term Written/Practical Exam - Viva		NA
4.	End Semester Examination		90