



Indraprastha College for Women University of Delhi

Work Plan for ODD SEMESTER – 2026

Course Name:	B.A. Program
Paper Title:	Modern Western Philosophy
Unique Paper Code:	2102203502
Semester:	V
Faculty:	Dr. Akham Hemabati Devi (2Lect) & Dr. Chetna Gupta (1 Lect + 1Tut)
Year:	2026

Work Plan			
Unit No.	Learning Objective	Lecture No.	Topics to be Covered
I	The students will learn about the fundamental issues raised in Modern Western Philosophy	1	Introduction to Modern Western Philosophy
	It will provide an overview of the problems which led to the development of empiricist and rationalist philosophical views in the field of in Modern Western Philosophy	2	Key Themes of Rationalism
	It will also discuss a wide range of philosophical theories such as metaphysical monism, dualism, pluralism, immaterialism and transcendentalism	3	Key Themes of Rationalism
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		5	Key Themes of Empiricism
		6	Key Themes of Empiricism
		7	Key Themes of Empiricism
		8	Key Themes of Empiricism
		9	Key Themes of Empiricism
II		10	Rationalism
		11	Descartes Methodic Doubt, Cogito Ergo Sum
		12	Descartes Methodic Doubt, Cogito Ergo Sum

		13	Descartes Methodic Doubt, Cogito Ergo Sum
		14	Descartes Methodic Doubt, Cogito Ergo Sum
		15	Descartes Methodic Doubt, Cogito Ergo Sum
		16	Spinoza_ Concept of Substance
		17	Spinoza_ Concept of Substance
		18	Spinoza_ Concept of Substance
		19	Leibniz- Theory of Monads
		20	Leibniz- Theory of Monads
		21	Leibniz- Theory of Monads
III		22	Empiricism
		23	Locke: Critique of Innate Ideas
		24	Locke: Critique of Innate Ideas
		25	Locke: Critique of Innate Ideas
		26	Locke: Critique of Innate Ideas
		27	Berkeley- Critique of Locke's Theory of Material Substance
		28	Berkeley- Critique of Locke's Theory of Material Substance
		29	Berkeley- Critique of Locke's Theory of Material Substance
		30	Hume-Theory of Causation
		31	Hume-Theory of Causation
		32	Hume-Theory of Causation
		33	Hume-Theory of Causation
IV		34	Critical Philosophy
		35	Kant's classification of propositions-Analytic, Synthetic, Synthetic a priori
		36	Kant's classification of propositions-Analytic, Synthetic, Synthetic A priori
		37	Kant's classification of propositions-Analytic, Synthetic, Synthetic a priori
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Unit	Contents/Syllabus
I	Introduction to Modern Western Philosophy Key Themes of Rationalism Key Themes of Empiricism
II	Rationalism Descartes Methodic Doubt, Cogito Ergo Sum Spinoza: Concept of Substance Leibniz: Theory of Monads
III	Empiricism Locke: Critique of Innate Ideas Berkeley- Critique of Lock's Theory of Material Substance Hume-Theory of Causation
IV	Critical Philosophy Kant's classification of propositions-Analytic, Synthetic, Synthetic a priori
S. No.	Name of Authors/Books/Publishers
1.	Scruton, Roger, From Descartes to Wittgenstein: A Short History of Modern Philosophy, London, Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1981, Ch.1&2
2.	Descartes, R. (1647), Meditations on the First Philosophy, Harper Perennial Classics, 2-13, Meditation 1&2

3.	Spinoza, B. (1677), Ethics, Penguin Classics, 1996, BK-1
4.	Leibniz, G.W. (1714), Monadology: An Edition for Students, University of Pittsburgh Press, 1 st Edition (19191)
5.	Locke, J. (1690), An Essay Concerning Human Understanding, Penguin Classics, 1996, BK-1
6.	Berkeley, G. (1710), The Principles of Human Understanding, Warnock, G.J. ed. UK, Fontana Press, 1985, Part-1 Section 1-24

Paper Components			
Credits	Lecture (L)	Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
4	3	1	NIL
Assessment Scheme			
S.No.	Component	Marking Scheme	Total Marks
1	Internal Assessment		30
	• Assignment	12	
	• Class Test	12	
	• Attendance	6	
2.	Continuous Assessment (Tutorial)		40
	• Activity 1	Will be taken by Dr. Chetna Gupta	
	• Activity 2	Will be taken by Dr. Chetna Gupta	
	• Attendance	Will be taken by Dr. Chetna Gupta	
3.	Practical		NA
	• Continuous Assessment	NA	
	• End Term Written/Practical Exam	NA	
		NA	

	Viva	
4.	End Semester Examination	90