



মহাপুরুষ শ্রীমন্ত শঙ্করদেব বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়
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DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

SYLLABUS FOR GENERIC ELECTIVE

Course Code: PPH-002

Course Title: GENERAL PHILOSOPHY

Credit: 04

Semester: III

Programme: MA/M.Sc./MSW in any Programme other than Philosophy.

Course Objectives	Teaching Learning Process	Learning Outcomes	Course Evaluation
The present course has been constructed to introducing the students to the basic concepts of the General philosophy comprising of topics from both the parts of epistemology and metaphysics and makes an attempt to enrich their understanding of various concepts in General Philosophy. Along with this, students can also know about the basic concepts found in western philosophy like nature and understanding of Philosophy in general, theories of knowledge etc. etc. which will enrich their knowledge about Philosophy and with what philosophy deals.	1. Lecture 2. Assignment 3. Individual and Group Presentation 4. Peer Teaching 5. Class-tests	The students will be able to grasp basic knowledge of Philosophy in general and the various issues and topics related with it. Students will be able to understand the various concepts of General Philosophy particularly Western Philosophy and the utility of its knowledge.	A. Semester end examination: 60 marks B. Internal Assessment: 40 marks (Sessional Examinations: 20) (Assignment: 05, Presentation & Viva: 10, Class Participation: 05)

Unit	Contents	Workload	Weight age
I	Nature and Scope of Philosophy: Meaning and Nature of Philosophy; Definition and Origin of Philosophy; Scope of Philosophy; Logical Positivists: Is Metaphysics Possible.	15	15
II	Theories of Knowledge: Rationalism; Empiricism; Kant's Critical Theory; Scepticism.	10	15

III	Objects of Knowledge: Naïve Realism; Scientific Realism; Subjective Idealism of Berkeley; Objective Idealism of Hegel.	20	20
IV	General Concepts of: Substance; Causality; Space; Time	15	10
Total		60	Total= 60

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