DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

Programme Outcomes (POs)

PO1: Understanding Classical and Contemporary Philosophy

- Students will be acquainted with classical thoughts and contemporary philosophical queries, enabling a deep understanding of various philosophical traditions and developments.

PO2: Analytical Skills and Critical Thinking

- Students will develop the ability to recognize, analyze, and respond to different types of philosophical questions, enhancing their analytical skills and critical thinking.

PO3: Argumentation and Evaluation

- Students will learn to present philosophical arguments accurately, provide appropriate grounds for evaluating arguments, and address potential counter-arguments and objections, fostering their argumentative and evaluative skills.

PO4: Articulation of Personal Views

- The program will enable students to articulate their own point of view in a clear, consistent, concise, and thorough manner, improving their communication and self-expression skills.

PO5: Examination of Fundamental Concepts

- Students will engage in a systematic and sustained examination of the basic concepts important to human existence, such as justice, knowledge, goodness, the self, meaning, thought, and action, broadening their intellectual horizons.

PO6: Historical Perspective and Tolerance

- Students will acquire a historical perspective on the diversity of human thoughts and develop tolerance for the alternative opinions of others, enhancing their cultural awareness and open-mindedness.

PO7: Autonomy in Decision Making

- The program will foster students' development of autonomy in their decision-making processes, encouraging independence and self-reliance.

PO8: Awareness of Philosophy's Value and Limits

- Students will gain an understanding of the value and limits of philosophy, developing a reflective attitude and sensitivity to the subtleties and complexities of philosophical judgments.

PO9: Commitment to Lifelong Learning

- The curriculum inculcates a life-long commitment to learning and inquiry, preparing students for continuous intellectual growth and curiosity.

PO10: Preparation for Competitive Examinations and Careers

- The syllabus includes content relevant to Civil Services Examinations (State and Central) and other competitive examinations, preparing students for UPSC, PSC, SSC, and other competitive careers. Additionally, students are equipped to pursue research or careers in any area of philosophy and allied fields.

These POs define the expected achievements of students completing the Philosophy program, outlining the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and values that the program aims to instill in its graduates.

Course Outcomes (CO) for the Department of Philosophy:

CO1: Epistemology

- CO1.1: Define and explain the nature, sources, and scope of knowledge.

- CO1.2: Critically address challenges posed by skepticism to the possibility of acquiring knowledge.

CO2: Metaphysics

- CO2.1: Analyze and discuss deep philosophical issues like causality, freedom, existence, reality, space and time.

- CO2.2: Engage in metaphysical enquiry to gain insights into the basic nature of reality.

CO3: Western Logic

- CO3.1: Apply logical rules to identify valid arguments and understand different theories of argument.

- CO3.2: Utilize symbolic interpretation and quantification theory to construct formal proofs of validity.

CO4: Indian Logic

- CO4.1: Demonstrate advanced argumentation techniques and systematic logical reasoning.

- CO4.2: Appreciate the contribution of Indian logic to the field.

CO5: Ethics

- CO5.1: Understand and apply ethical theories to real-world situations.

- CO5.2: Foster a commitment to ethical behavior and societal responsibilities.

CO6: Philosophy of Religion

- CO6.1: Understand the role of religion in cultural, economic, political, and social institutions.

- CO6.2: Critically assess the impact of religion on history, geography, and literature.

CO7: Social and Political Philosophy

- CO7.1: Analyze social and political issues and theories.

- CO7.2: Engage in critical analysis of the interactions between society, politics, and philosophical thought.

CO8: Psychology

- CO8.1: Apply scientific reasoning to psychological issues.

- CO8.2: Design and conduct basic psychological research.

These course outcomes provide a clear framework for the knowledge and skills students are expected to acquire through their study of philosophy. Each outcome is aligned with the specific areas of philosophy covered in the program, ensuring that students develop a well-rounded understanding of the discipline and its applications.

Programme Specific Outcomes (PSOs)

PSO1: Understanding of Epistemology

- Students will gain a thorough understanding of epistemology, including the definition, source, nature, and scope of knowledge. They will learn to address and respond to challenges posed by skepticism regarding the possibility of knowledge, fostering their ability to critically evaluate justifications in various knowledge domains.

PSO2: Insights into Metaphysics

- Students will be introduced to metaphysical concepts through a traditional analytic approach, covering topics such as causality, freedom, existence, reality, space and time, and the distinction between empirical and conceptual objects. This foundation will enable them to engage in research that delves into the basic nature of reality.

PSO3: Proficiency in Western Logic

- Students will acquire skills in identifying valid arguments using logical rules, understanding Mill's experimental methods, the formulation of scientific hypotheses, and various theories of argument. They will also learn existential import, symbolic interpretation, constructing formal proofs of validity, and applying quantification theory and set theory. This knowledge prepares them for logic-based competitive examinations by enhancing their rational aptitude and mathematical application skills.

PSO4: Mastery of Indian Logic

- Through the study of Indian Logic, students will refine their systematic logical reasoning and argumentation techniques, contributing to a broader understanding and appreciation of logic's diverse traditions.

PSO5: Ethical Awareness and Responsibility

- Students will develop an awareness of ethical theories and their application to real-world situations. This outcome emphasizes the importance of becoming enlightened citizens with a strong commitment to societal responsibilities and values, opening avenues for research in applied ethics.

PSO6: Critical Perspective on the Philosophy of Religion

- The study of the philosophy of religion will offer students a critical lens through which to understand human existence within its broader cultural context, examining the interplay between religion and various social, economic, political, and institutional factors, as well as religion's impact on history, geography, and literature.

PSO7: Analysis of Social and Political Philosophy

- Students will engage in the critical analysis of social and political issues, fostering an understanding of the complex interactions between society, politics, and philosophical thought. This analysis will enhance their ability to critically evaluate contemporary social and political debates.

PSO8: Application of Psychological Principles

- Through the study of psychology within the philosophical context, students will learn to apply scientific reasoning to analyze psychological issues and engage in basic psychological research. This prepares them for further study and careers where understanding of psychological principles is essential.

These PSOs articulate the specific skills, knowledge areas, and competencies that students in the Philosophy program are expected to acquire, aligning with the department's educational objectives and preparing students for a range of academic and professional pathways.