

MIZORAM UNIVERSITY

Department of Philosophy

Syllabus for Ph.D. Course Work

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Ph.D. Course Work in Philosophy

SUBJECTS OF STUDY AND SCHEME OF EXAMINATION

Part	Title of the Paper	Paper code	Credit	Exam duration(h)	Internal test	Seminar/assignment	End Semester Marks	Total
I	Research Methodology	PHIL-601	4	3	20	20	60	100
II	Research and Publication Ethics (RPE)	PHIL-602	4	3	20	20	60	100
III	Readings in Existential Philosophy	PHIL-603	2	3	20	20	60	100
IV	Readings in Contemporary Indian Thinkers	PHIL-604 (A)	4	3	20	20	60	100
	Philosophy of Social Science	PHIL-604 (B)						
	Philosophical Hermeneutic	PHIL-604 (C)						
TOTAL			14					400

N.B.

1. Part I to III (601, 602 and 603) are common to all students.
2. Part IV has three optional papers out of which a student shall opt only one

Evaluation

1. Total credit a student must earn is 14 and the total final examination marks is 400.
2. The course will be completed in one semester.

There will be two internal assessments as follows:

1. One test which will carry 20 marks.
2. One assignment in the form of report or seminar.

End semester examination will carry 60 marks, which may include dissertation as a component. Pass mark in each paper is 50% of the full marks.

The final marks will be converted in 10-point scale as follows:

7.00–10.00	=	O (Outstanding)
6.00–6.99	=	A (Pass)
5.00–5.99	=	B (Pass)

A student must secure at least B in all the papers.

PHIL-601
RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Credits=4

The Objectives/Aims of the Course:

The course as the second paper of the Pre-PhD integrated course instills advanced knowledge and dimensions of research methodology in general and research methodology in philosophy in particular the course on Research Methodology also introduces and integrates the essential competence which is spread out into the world of theory of knowledge, language skills, computer skills and conceptual skills.

Course Outcome:

The Research Methodology paper shall enable the research students to carry on Research successfully with knowledge grounded in Philosophical methods

01: METHODS OF ACQUIRING KNOWLEDGE: WESTERN

Dialectical Method
Rational Method
Empirical-Scientific Method
Phenomenological Method
Interpretative Hermeneutical Method

02: METHODS OF ACQUIRING KNOWLEDGE: INDIAN

Nyāya Method
Vedanta Method
Mimāmsa Method

03: TYPES OF RESEARCH – GENERAL AND SPECIFIC

General – Fundamental Research, Applied Research, Action Research
Specific – Thinker Based, Concept Based, Comparative

04: RESEARCH PROBLEM AND PRESENTATION

Statement of the Problem
Objectives
Review of Literature
Bibliography/Citation
Digital Skills
Computer Application: MS Word, Excel, PPT.

Suggested Readings:

- 1) Steven M.C., *Exploring Philosophy: An Introductory Anthology*, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2000.
- 2) Kothari, C.R., *Research Methodology, Methods and Techniques*, New Age International, New Delhi, 2004.
- 3) Barubrooke, David., *Philosophy of Social Sciences*, Prentice Hall. N.J. 1987.
- 4) Benton, Ted and Ian Craib, *Philosophy of Social Science*, Palgrave, New York, 2001.
- 5) Bleicher, Josef., *Contemporary Hermeneutics*, Routledge, London, 1980.
- 6) Brune, Jerome R., *Acts of Meaning*, Harvard University Press, Cambridge, 1990.
- 7) Habermas, Juergen., *On the Logic of Social Sciences*, Trans. Shierry Weber Nicholson & Jerry Stark, London, Polity. 1990.
- 8) Matilal, B. K., *Perception*, Clarendon Press, Oxford. 1991.
- 9) Mohanty, J.N., *Essays in Indian Philosophy*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi. 2004.
- 10) Saxena, Sanjay., *A First Course in Computers*, Vikas Publishing House Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi, 2000.
- 11) V. Young Pauline, & Calin F. Schmid, *Scientific Social Survey and Research*, Prentice Hall of India Pvt. Ltd. New Delhi, 1975.

PHIL-602
RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION ETHICS (RPE)

Credits=2

01: PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS (3 hrs.)

Introduction to philosophy: definition, nature and scope, concept, branches
Ethics: definition, moral philosophy, nature of moral judgements and reactions

02: SCIENTIFIC CONDUCT (5hrs.)

Ethics with respect to science and research
Intellectual honesty and research integrity
Scientific misconducts: Falsification, Fabrication, and Plagiarism (FFP)
Redundant publications: duplicate and overlapping publications, salami slicing
Selective reporting and misrepresentation of data

03: PUBLICATION ETHICS (7 hrs.)

Publication ethics: definition, introduction and importance
Best practices/standards setting initiatives and guidelines: COPE, WAME, etc.
Conflicts of interest
Publication misconduct: definition, concept, problems leading to un-ethical conduct and vice-versa, types
Violation of publication ethics, authorship and contributorship
Identification of publication misconduct, complaints and appeals
Predatory publishers and journals

PRACTICE

04: OPEN-ACCESS PUBLISHING (4hrs.)

Open access publications and initiatives
SHERPA/RoMEO online resource to check publisher copyright & self-archiving policies
Software tool to identify predatory publications developed by SPPU
Journal finder/tools viz. JANE, Elsevier Journal Finder, Springer Journal Suggester, etc.

05: PUBLICATION MISCONDUCT (4hrs.)

Group Discussions (2 hrs.)
Subject specific ethical issues, FFP, authorship
Conflicts of interest
Complaints and appeals: examples and fraud from India and abroad
Software tools (2 hrs.)
Use of plagiarism software like Turnitin, Urkund and other open-source software tools

06: DATABASES AND RESEARCH METRICS (7 hrs.)

Data bases (4hrs.)
Indexing data bases
Citation data bases: Web of Science, Scopus, etc.
Research Metrics (3 hrs.)
Impact Factor of journal as per Journal Citation Report, SNIP, SJR, IPP, Cite Score
Metrics: h-index, g-index, i10 index, altimetric

Suggested Readings:

- 1) Beall, J. Predatory publishers are corrupting open access. *Nature*, 489(7415), 179-179. <https://doi.org/10.1038/489179a> 2012.
- 2) Bird, A. *Philosophy of Science*. Routledge, 2006.
- 3) Chaddah, P. *Ethics in Competitive Research: Do not get scooped; do not get plagiarized*, 2018.
- 4) Indian National Science Academy (INSA), *Ethics in Science Education, Research and Governance*, 2019. <http://www.insaindia.res.in/pdf/EthicsBook.pdf>
- 5) Mac Intyre, Alasdair, *A Short History of Ethics*. London, 1967.
- 6) National Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Engineering and Institute of Medicine, *On a Scientist: A Guide to Responsible Conduct in Research*: Third Edition. National Academies Press, 2009
- 7) Resnik, D.B. *What is ethics in research & why is it important*. National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, 2011. <https://www.niehs.nih.gov/research/resources/bioethics/whatis/index.cfm>

PHIL-603 READINGS IN EXISTENTIAL PHILOSOPHY

Credits=4

The Objectives/Aims of the Course:

Readings in Existential Philosophy will offer students an opportunity to read closely the major existential philosophers' original works focusing on their major themes.

01: SOREN KIERKEGAARD

Truth, Subjectivity and Objective, Anxiety and Despair

02: FRIEDRICH NIETZSCHE

Critique of Modernity and Christianity, Morality

03: ALBERT CAMUS

Absurdity and the Limits of Reason

04: KARL JASPER

Existentialism and Humanism

Suggested Readings:

- 1) Acampora, Christa D., and Keith A. Pearson. *Nietzsche's 'Beyond Good and Evil': A Reader's Guide*. London: A&C Black, 2011.
- 2) Adelman, Susan. *Rebel: A Biography of Ram Jethmalani*. Penguin Random House India, 2017.
- 3) Camus, Albert. *The Fall*. London: Penguin Classics, 2006.
- 4) Camus, Albert. *The Myth of Sisyphus*. London: Penguin UK, 2013.
- 5) Habermas, Jürgen. *The Philosophical Discourse of Modernity: Twelve Lectures*. Hoboken: John Wiley & Sons, 2018.
- 6) Israel, Jonathan I., and Professor of Modern European History Jonathan I Israel. *Radical Enlightenment: Philosophy and the Making of Modernity, 1650-1750*. New York: Oxford University Press, USA, 2001.
- 7) Kierkegaard, S. *Either/Or: A fragment of life*. Penguin UK, 2004.
- 8) Kierkegaard, Soren. *Kierkegaard: Fear and Trembling*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006.
- 9) Marcuse, Herbert. *Eros and Civilization Philosophical Inquiry Into Freud*. Routledge, 1966.
- 10) Nietzsche, Friedrich. *Beyond Good and Evil: The Philosophy Classic*. Hoboken: John Wiley & Sons, 2020.
- 11) Nietzsche, Friedrich. *Thus Spoke Zarathustra: A Book for Everyone and Nobody*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2008.
- 12) Srigley, Ronald D. *Albert Camus' Critique of Modernity*. Columbia: University of Missouri Press, 2011.

PHIL-604 (A)
READINGS IN CONTEMPORARY INDIAN THINKERS

Credits=4

The Objectives/Aims of the Course:

The paper attempts to give a comprehensive understanding of contemporary Indian thought on topics such as epistemology, metaphysics, social and political philosophy and the nature of self-understanding.

01: S.R. RADHAKRISHNAN

Intuition and Intellect

02: J. KRISHNAMURTI AND K.C. BHATTACHARYA

Self and Self-Knowledge, Freedom, Concept of Philosophy and the nature of Absolute

03: J.N. MOHANTY

Epistemology, Metaphysics

04: B.R. AMBEDKAR

Democracy, Social Justice

Suggested Readings:

- 1) Bhattacharya, K. C., *Studies in Philosophy*, Vol- I & II, Motilal Banarsidass Publication, 2017.
- 2) Dayakrishna, & K. L. Sharma, (Ed), *The Philosophy of J N Mohanty*, Indian Council of Philosophical Research, New Delhi, 1991.
- 3) Krishna, Daya., *Indian Philosophy: A Counter Perspective* 2008.
- 4) Lal, Basant Kumar: *Contemporary Indian Philosophy*, Motilal Banarsidass, Delhi, 2nd edition, 1798
- 5) Mahadeva, T.M.P & Soroja G.V., *Contemporary Indian Philosophy*, Bharatiya Vidya Bhnavan, 1st edition, 1970.
- 6) Radhakrishnan, S., *Indian Philosophy* 1st&2nd Edition, Oxford, 2008.
- 7) Radhakrishnan, S.& Muirhead, J.H: *Contemporary Indian Philosophy*, Bharatiya Vidya Bhawan, 1st edition, 1970.
- 8) Raju, P.T., *The Idealistic thought of India*, Read Books, 2006
- 9) Saksena, S.K., *Essays on Indian Philosophy: Tradition and Modern*, Oxford, 2000.

PHIL-604 (B)
PHILOSOPHY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Credits=4

01: ALEXANDER ROSENBERG

Laws, Theories and The Problem of Causality

02: MAX WEBBER

Objectivity and Rationality in Social Sciences

03: KARL POPPER

Falsification Theory

04: THOMAS KUHN

The Idea of Paradigm Shift

Suggested Readings:

- 1) Benn, S.I. & Mortimore, G.W. (Eds.); *Rationality and the Social Sciences*, Routledge & Kegan Paul, London, Henley and Boston, 1976.
- 2) Feyerabend, Paul K.; *Problems of Empiricism*, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 1981.
- 3) Kuhn, Thomas & Foucault, Michel, *The Structure of Scientific Revolution*. 1999.
- 4) Popper, Karl, *The Logic of Scientific Discovery*, Routledge, 2005.
- 5) Rosenberg, Alexander - *Philosophy of Social Sciences*. Routledge, 2016.
- 6) Rudner, Richard S.; *Philosophy of Social Science*, Prentice-Hall, Inc. Englewood Cliffs, N.J., 1966.
- 7) Ryan, A. (Ed.): *The Philosophy of Social Explanation*, Oxford University Press, 1973.
- 8) Weber, Max; "'Objectivity' in Social Science and Social Policy." In *On the Methodology of Social Sciences*, Ed. & Trans. Shils, E.A. and Finch, H.A., New York: Free Press of Glencoe, Inc., 1949.
- 9) Winch, Peter, *The Idea of a Social Science*, New York: Humanities Press. 1978.

PHIL-604 (C)
Philosophical Hermeneutics

Credits=4

The Objectives/ aims of the Course:

The paper attempts to enable scholars to have a comprehensive understanding of Hermeneutics and also a close reading of the original writings on Hermeneutics. Hermeneutics, being concerned with interpretation, it will help the scholars in reading original philosophical texts.

01: HISTORY OF HERMENEUTICS

Greeks
Medieval
Reformation and Hermeneutics

02: ENLIGHTENMENT AND ROMANTICISM

Schleiermacher
Wilhelm von Humboldt
Wilhelm Dilthey

03: HANS-GEORGE GADAMER

The question of Truth in the Experience of Aesthetics
Historicity of understanding
Language and Hermeneutics

04: PAUL RICOEUR

Hermeneutics and Critique of Ideology
What is a Text?
Science and ideology

Suggested Readings:

- 1) Bielskis, Andrius., *Towards a Post-Modern Understanding of the Political: From Genealogy to Hermeneutics*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2005.
- 2) Bernstein, Richard J., *Beyond Objectivism and Relativism: Science, hermeneutics and Praxis*. University of Pennsylvania Press, 1983.
- 3) E. Palmer, Richard., *Hermeneutics*, Northwestern University Press, 1969.
- 4) Gadamer, Hans-Georg, et al., *Philosophical Hermeneutics*-University of California Press, 2008.
- 5) Georgia Warnke, *Gadamer, Hermeneutics, Tradition and Reason*-Polity Press, USA, 2013.
- 6) Grondin, Jean., *Sources of Hermeneutics*, Suny Press, 1995.
- 7) J. Vanhoozer, Kevin et al., *Hermeneutics at the Crossroads*, Indiana University Press, USA, 2006.
- 8) Jean Grondin, Joel Weinsheimer., *Introduction to Philosophical Hermeneutics*, Yale University Press, 1997.
- 9) Lorenzo, C. Simpson., *Hermeneutics as Critique Science, Politics, Race, and Culture*, Columbia University Press, 2021.
- 10) Rescher, Nicholas., *Interpreting Philosophy: The Elements of Philosophical Hermeneutics*, Ontos Verlag, NJ, 2007.
- 11) Ricoeur, Paul, and John B. Thompson., *Hermeneutics and the Human Sciences Essays on Language, Action and Interpretation*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 2016.
- 12) Silva Jr, Moisés., & Walter Christian Kaiser., *Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics: The Search for Meaning*, place, 2009.
- 13) Stanley Rosen - *Hermeneutics as Politics*, Second Edition, Yale University Press, 2012.
- 14) Tkáčik, Ladislav., *Introduction to Philosophical Hermeneutics*, Peter Lang, 2016.