

Course Type	Course Code	Name of Course	L	T	P	Credit
DE	NHSD510	History of Modern Western Philosophy	3	0	0	3

Course Objective
This course will introduce students to the Key Thoughts of Modern Western Philosophy
Learning Outcomes
<p>The main outcomes of this course in Western Philosophy that developed in the 18th and 19th century Europe are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to provide the students with basic knowledge in the main areas of philosophy. • to improve students' critical thinking and analytical skills, and • to assist students in their development of problem solving experience in at least one of the main areas of philosophy.

Unit No.	Topics to be Covered	Lecture Hours	Learning Outcome
1	Continental Rationalism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Descartes: The Method of Doubt and the Cogito; Classification of Ideas; God as Innate Idea; Relation of Mind and Body • Spinoza: The Doctrine of Modes; Theory of Knowledge; Determinism and Free Will • Leibniz: Monadology; The Principles of Non-contradiction and Sufficient Reason; The Doctrine of Pre-established Harmony 	11	Discuss the salient ideas of Continental Rationalism
2	British Empiricism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Locke: Ideas and Qualities; The Formation of Complex Ideas; Language and Knowledge • George Berkeley: Rejection of Materialism; <i>Esse est percipi</i>; Criticism of Abstract Ideas. • David Hume: Ideas and Impressions; Relation of Ideas and Matters of Fact; Material Bodies and Identity 	10	Discuss British Empiricism
3	The Critical Philosophy of Kant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transcendental Idealism: Copernican Revolution; Sources of Knowledge; Phenomena and Noumena • Sensibility, Understanding and Reason • Limits of Human Knowledge 	11	Explain Kantian Philosophy and its Significance

4	Development of German Idealism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J. G. Fichte: Fichte's Dialectic Method; the Doctrines of Religion • F. W. Schelling: Philosophy of Nature; Personality and Freedom in Man and God • G. W. Hegel: The Points of Departure from Kant; His Conception of Geist (Spirit); Dialectic Method; Conceptions of Being and Non-being; Relation between Philosophy and Religion 	10	Discuss the Development of German Idealism
TOTAL LECTURE HOURS		42	

Text Books:

1. Russell, Bertrand, *History of Western Philosophy*, Oxford: Routledge, 2004.
2. Thilly, Frank, *A History of Philosophy*, Allahabad: Central Publishing House, 1993.
3. Thomson, Garrett, *An Introduction to Modern Philosophy*, Belmont: Wadsworth, 1993.

Reference Books:

1. Copleston, Frederick, *A History of Philosophy*, Vols. V, VI & VII, New York: Image Books, 1962.
2. Bennett, J., *Locke, Berkeley, Hume: Central Themes*, London: Clarendon Press, 1971.
3. Fuller, B. A. G., *History of Philosophy*, Calcutta: IBH Publishing Company, 1969.