

| Course Type | Course Code | Name of Course                   | L | T | P | Credit |
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| OE          | HSO307      | Philosophy and Critical Thinking | 3 | 0 | 0 | 9      |

| Course Objective   |
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| A critical survey of some of the major Western philosophical viewpoints to bring to the fore their significance in human lives.  |
| Learning Outcomes  |
| Upon successful completion of this course, students will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>be able to assess the arguments critically and concisely, and be able to extend these skills to other arguments and positions.</li> <li>be able to develop the ability to identify, construct, and consider alternatives to familiar views and positions.</li> <li>Improve the ability to think creatively and critically.</li> </ul> |

| Unit No. | Topics to be Covered  | Lecture Hours | Learning Outcome   |
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| 1        | <b>Introduction:</b> Introduction, Philosophy and Critical thinking, traditional divisions of Philosophy. | 6             | To understand the fundamental issues of Philosophy.                    |
| 2        | Greek Philosophy before Socrates, Plato on the issues of knowledge and ideas,                             | 5             | To know about ancient classic western philosophy                       |
| 3        | Rene Descartes, Spinoza, Locke and Hume's critical argument for Theory of knowledge                       | 6             | To know about Rene Descartes and Hume's idea of theory of knowledge    |
| 4        | The Mind and the Self: Gilbert Ryle, Russell, Churchland, Frank Jackson, Searl and Bernard Williams       | 7             | To be acquainted with the notion of mind and the self.                 |
| 5        | What we can know? Nick Bostrom, Robert Nozick, G.E. Moore and David Lewis                                 | 5             | To comprehend the major philosophical themes of external world         |
| 6        | Free Will and Moral Responsibility: Deniel Dennett, Peter van Inwagen, Harry G Frankfurt and Susan Wolf   | 7             | To comprehend the idea of free will and moral responsibility           |
| 7        | Ethics: Kant on duty, Mill on happiness, Existentialism, The problem of existence,                        | 6             | To be acquainted with the nature of ethics and ethics of Kant and Mill |
| Total    |   | 42            |  |

#### Text Books:

1. Thilly, F., A History of Philosophy, Central Book Depot, Allahabad, 1984.
2. John Perry, Michael Bratman, and John Martin Fischer, Introduction to Philosophy: Classical and Contemporary Readings, Oxford University Press. 2018.

#### Reference Books:

1. Pojman, Louis P., Introduction to Philosophy: Classical and Contemporary readings, Oxford University press, 2004.