



SARDAR PATEL UNIVERSITY
Vallabh Vidyanagar, Gujarat
(Reaccredited with 'A' Grade by NAAC (CGPA 3.25)
Syllabus with effect from the Academic Year 2021-2022

BA- Philosophy – Semester- I
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Course Code	UA01GPHI51	Title of the Course	Introduction to Philosophy-I
Total Credits of the Course	04	Hours per Week	04

Course Objectives:	1. The aim of this course is to introduce the students to learn the basic concept about the origin and nature of the philosophy and its theories.
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Course Content		
Unit	Description	Weightage* (%)
1.	Meaning of The Word Philosophy, Origin of Philosophy Definition, Nature, Method And Subject Matter of Philosophy, Meaning of Darshana and Mimansa.	25
2.	Scope of Philosophy, The Philosophical Problems and Subject Matter of the main branches of Philosophy (1) Ontology (2) Epistemology (3) Cosmology (4) Moral Philosophy (5) Social Philosophy (6) Political Philosophy (7) Philosophy of Religion (8) Logic (9) Philosophy of Education, Use of Philosophy in life.	25
3.	Value of the study of Philosophy, Philosophy and Religion, Philosophy and Science. Realism, Rationalism, Empiricism, Mechanism and Teleology	25
4.	Nature of Mind and Self , Various theories regarding the relation between mind and body(1) Interactionism (2)Parallelism (3) Identity theory (4) Epiphenomenalism (5) Behaviorism (6) Theory of Sankhya. An arguments for the existence of Self from Nyaya and sankhya Darshana	25

Teaching-Learning Methodology	Lecture, Recitation, Group discussion, Guest speaker, Debate, Assignments, Field trips, Seminar, Quizzes
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Evaluation Pattern		
Sr. No.	Details of the Evaluation	Weightage
1.	Internal Written / Practical Examination (As per CBCS R.6.8.3)	15%
2.	Internal Continuous Assessment in the form of Practical, Viva-voce,	15%



	Quizzes, Seminars, Assignments, Attendance (As per CBCS R.6.8.3)	
3.	University Examination	70%

Course Outcomes: Having completed this course, the learner will be able to

1.	Describe and distinguish key philosophical concepts in the main subfields of philosophy, including concepts such as free will, mind, knowledge, belief, reality, faith, reason, good, etc.
2.	Read and comprehend philosophical texts, both classical and contemporary.
3.	Discuss core philosophical problems, such as whether there is a god, what does it mean to be conscious, value, etc.
4.	Explain and defend a position on basic philosophical problems.
5.	Write clear and concise explanations and arguments about basic philosophical problems.

Suggested References:

Sr. No.	References
1.	Yajnik and Kotecha : Prarambhika Tatvachintan, Swapnil Prakashan, 6- Kailas Park, Wadhwanacity.
2.	Joshi and Upadhyaya : Samanya Darshana, Kiran Prakashan, Karanpara, Rajkot.
3.	Kishor Dave : Tatvagnan Praveshika, Jamanagar.
4.	Titus H.H. : Living Issues in Philosophy, Euresia Publishing House, New Delhi.
5.	Bhattacharya H.M. : The Principles of Philosophy, Calcutta University.
6.	Brightman : An Introduction to Philosophy, Halt Rinchart, Winstone.
7.	A.C. Crayling : Philosophy, Oxford University Press.

On-line resources

<https://thedailyidea.org/best-books-philosophy>

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