



<b>Gen 2006</b>	<b>Humanities/Social Sciences (Introduction to Philosophy)</b>	<b>(CR3)</b>
<b>Preq.</b>	<b>FSc/A-Level or equivalent</b>	

**Objectives:**

1. Understand nature of philosophy and the main problems of philosophy
2. Differentiate between philosophy in general sense and philosophy as academic discipline
3. Explain the demarcation line between rational and irrational thinking
4. Demonstrate knowledge of main schools of thoughts in various branches

**Syllabus**

What is definition of Philosophy? What is Philosophy as an academic discipline?, What is importance of philosophy?, Epistemology, What is Knowledge?, What are sources of justification and knowledge?, Empiricism (John Lock), Rationalism (Descartes), Skepticism, Metaphysics. What is reality(substance)?, Idealism (Plato), Materialism, What are time and space?, Free will and determinism, Ethics, What is moral philosophy?, What is good?, Utilitarianism (J.S. Mill), Deontological Ethics (Kant), Political Philosophy, What is Political Philosophy?, Social Contract Theory, Plato's Political Thought, Logic, What is Logic?, What is an argument?, Inductive Argument, Deductive Argument, Symbolic Logic, Philosophy of Science, What is Philosophy of Science?, Methodology of Science (Bacon), Hume's Critique on Induction, Karl Popper, Logical Positivism, Thomas Kuhn, Paul Feyerabend, Philosophy of Social Science, Methodology of Positivism, Positivism, Individualism and Holism, Philosophy of Art, What is Philosophy of Art?, Representation in art, Art and craft, Social role of art, History of Philosophy, Ancient Greek Era, Medieval Era, Modern Era (Analytic and Continental Traditions), Philosophy in Practice, Philosophy and Trial of Greek Philosopher Socrates

**Recommended Books:**

1. Philosophy: the basics by Nigel Warburton, Routledge (2012)
2. What is this thing called knowledge by D. Pritchard, Routledg (2018)
3. Metaphysics: A Contemporary Introduction by M. Loux, Routledg (2017)
4. What is this thing called science by A.F. Chalmers, Hackett (2013)
5. Introduction to logic by I. Copi, Routledge (2001)
6. Story of philosophy by B. Magee, DK (2001)
7. The Blackwell Dictionary of Western Philosophy Nicholas Bunin, Wiley –Blackwell (2009)