Paper Code	APHL-122	Cr. Hrs	02
Paper Title	FUNDAMENTALS OF PHILOSOPHY		
Domain	Arts & Humanities		

Course Introduction

Philosophy explores most fundamental questions of human life and the universe. Philosophy addresses these questions through the human capacity to *reason*: philosophical answers are based on logical arguments, which analyze and seek to justify beliefs. It helps to look critically at your own and other's ideas. Thus, Philosophy is a kind of investigation, in which you discover what you think, and then reflect on whether your opinions are really worth holding.

Learning Outcomes

On the completion of the course, the students will be able:

1. apply the theoretical concepts to academic and practical life.

2. analyze philosophical concepts that emerge in everyday contexts.

3. develop intellectual autonomy, analysis of different worldviews, scientific inquiry, and a commitment to employ analytical reasoning and intellectual integrity.

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Contents	Reading Material
1. Introduction to Philosophy i. What is Philosophy? ii. Why Philosophy Matters iii. Philosophical Terrain iv. The Socratic Method	Ch. 1: Philosophy and You, pp. 1-11, Bk: *Philosophy: Here and Now* by Lewis Vaughn

2. Epistemology: The Theory of Knowledge
 i. Why Knowledge Matters
 ii. Knowledge and Belief
 iii. Theories of Knowledge:
   a. Skepticism
   b. Empiricism
   c. Rationalism
	Ch. 3: How Do We Know? (pp. 33-57) Bk. *Ultimate Questions: Thinking About Philosophy* by Nil Ch. Rauhut

3. Ethics: Moral Decision-Making
   i.   Moral Intuitions & Moral Principles
   ii.   Moral Relativism
   iii.   Ethical Theories:
      a. Divine Command Theory
      b. Utilitarianism
      c. Deontology
      d. Virtue Ethics
	Chap. 3, What Ought We to Do? (pp. 149-180) Bk. *Ultimate Questions: Thinking About Philosophy* by
	
	Nil Ch. Rauhut

4. Social and Political Philosophy
   i.   The Nature of Society
   ii.   Who should Rule? The Question of Legitimacy
   iii.   Anarchism, the Free Market and the Need for Government
   iv.   What is Justice? Justice and Equality
   v.   The Origins of Justice and the Social Contract
   vi.   Rights and the Individual:
      a. Libertarianism
      b. Liberalism
      c. Communitarianism
	Ch.9: Justice and Good Society (pp. 285-304), Bk: *The Big Questions: A Short Introduction to Philosophy* by Robert C. Solomon & Kathleen M. Higgins.

5. Philosophy of Art
   i.   What is Art?
   ii.   Theories of Art:
      a. Art as Representation of Reality
      b. Art as Expression of Emotions
      c. Art as Communication of Emotions
	Ch. 8. What Things Shall I Call Art (pp. 479-508), Bk*: Introduction to Modern Philosophy: Examining the Human Condition*, 6th ed. by Alburey Castell, Donald M. Borchert, Arthur Zucker.

6. Philosophy of Science
   i.   What is Science?
   ii.   What is Scientific Method?
   iii.   The Problem of Induction
   iv.   Karl Popper's Theory of Falsificationism
   v.   Thomas Kuhn's Theory of Scientific Revolutions
	Ch. 6: Science, pp. 121-136. Bk: *Philosophy*: *The Basics,* 5th ed. by Nigel Warburton
	
	Ch. 4. Philosophy of Science, pp.133-139. Bk. *About Philosophy* by Richard Paul Wolff

Textbooks and Reading Material

Primary Textbooks:
Vaughn, L. (2022). *Philosophy: Here and Now*. New York and Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Chaffee, J. 2012. The Philosopher's Way. 4th ed. New York: Pearson

Rauhut, N. C. (2020). *Ultimate Questions: Thinking about Philosophy*. 4th ed. Pearson.

Warburton, N. (2015). *Philosophy: The Basics*. 5th edition. Routledge.

Wolff, R. P. (2014). *About Philosophy*. Pearson Education Limited.

Castell, A., Donald M. Borchert, Arthur Zucker (Eds). (2001). *Introduction to Modern Philosophy: Examining the Human Condition.* 6th ed. New York: Pearson.

Secondary Textbooks:
Solomon, R. C. & Higgins, K. M. (2017). *The Big Questions: A Short Introduction to Philosophy.* Cengage Learning.

Christian, J. L. (2012). *Philosophy: An Introduction to the Art of Wondering.* 11th ed. Wadsworth.

Miller, E. L. & Jensen, J. (2009). *Questions that Matter: An Invitation to Philosophy*. 6th ed. McGra-Hill.

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