

Semester-III	Introduction to Philosophy	PS 203	3 Cr Hrs
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- i. What is Philosophy?
- ii. Nature and Scope of Philosophy

2. Philosophy of Religion

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 - a. Teleological Argument
 - b. Cosmological Argument
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- ii. Problem of Evil
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 - b. The Idealist Theory
 - c. The Institutional Theory
- iii. Art Criticism
 - a. Anti-Intentionalism
 - b. Performance, Interpretation and Authenticity

Recommended Books:

1. Warburton, N. (2004). *Philosophy: The Basics*. London and New York: Routledge.
2. Stanley M. H., Thomas C. H., & Dennis L. O. (2005). *Invitation to Philosophy: Issues and Options*. (10th Edition). Belmont: Wadsworth /Thomson Learning.
3. Stewart, D. & Blocker, H. G. (2006). *Fundamentals of Philosophy*. (6th Edition). Pearson Education.