

SOPHIA COLLEGE, (AUTONOMOUS)

Affiliated to

UNIVERSITY OF MUMBAI

Programme: B.A. in PHILOSOPHY

Programme Code: SBAPHI

SYBA

(Choice Based Credit System with effect from the year 2019-20)

Programme Outline: SYBA (SEMESTER 3)

Course Code	Unit	Name of the Unit	Credits
	No		
SBAPHI301		SOCIAL PHILOSOPHY	3
	1	Exploitation: Race and Class	
	2	Engaging diversity	
	3	Toleration	
	4	Philosophy of War	

Programme Outline: SYBA (SEMESTER 3)

Course Code	Unit	Name of the Unit	Credits
	No		
SBAPHI302		Greek Philosophy-I	3
	1	Pre-Socratic Greek Philosophy	
	2	Sophists and Socrates	
	3	Classical Greek Ethics	
	4	Socrates trial and death	

Programme Outline : SYBA (SEMESTER 4)

Course Code	Unit	Name of the Unit	Credits
	No		
SBAPHI401		Political philosophy	3
	1	Liberty and domination	
	2	What is Equality	
	3	Principles of Justice	
	4	Political Ideologies	

Programme Outline : SYBA (SEMESTER 4)

Course Code	Unit	Name of the Unit	Credits
	No		
SBAPHI402		Greek Philosophy II	3
	1	Epistemology and Metaphysics	
	2	Human Psychology and Art	
	3	Hellenistic Philosophy	
	4	Love and Friendship	

PREAMBLE:

The pursuit of philosophical inquiry arises from mankind's innate sense of wonderment regarding the universe and its position within it. This intrinsic curiosity compels individuals to seek knowledge and understanding, eschewing ignorance in favor of wisdom. Philosophical contemplation emerges whenever individuals engage in deep and consistent reflection upon their beliefs, concepts, principles, theories, morals, and modes of existence. Fundamental inquiries such as "What constitutes the virtuous life? What obligations do I owe to myself, others, and society? What forms of existence are deemed virtuous and meaningful?" represent common philosophical queries. However, reflective individuals also ponder upon broader topics such as the nature of the cosmos, the dichotomy of mind and body, the essence and scope of human rights, and the optimal societal structure.

We at Sophia College endeavors at the undergraduate Philosophy program level to cultivate critical thinking, ethical discernment, and profound engagement with existential, epistemic, and axiological inquiries. Designed to furnish students with a comprehensive grasp of philosophical traditions, theories, and methodologies, the program aims to nurture intellectual inquisitiveness and analytical acumen essential for success across diverse disciplines. Every course within this program is conceived with the utmost consideration for the educational enrichment of our students. The syllabi of all courses offered under this program embody a novel vision and embrace a "learning outcome-based curriculum framework," fostering enhanced teaching-learning experiences in a more student-centric milieu.

PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES

PO 1	To introduce students to the traditional, modern and contemporary methods of philosophical inquiry in Greek, Indian and Western philosophy
PO 2	To familiarize students with the knowledge of some of the main figures, movements and periods in the history of philosophy
PO3	To equip students with a command of some of the main issues in traditional and contemporary philosophy in Indian and Western context.

PROGRAMME SPECIFIC OUTCOMES

PSO 1	Students will be able to analyse and evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of ethical theories through the application of philosophical reasoning and logical arguments.
PSO 2	Students will possess the knowledge and skill to critically examine political decisions and social policies of a society from the perspective of justice, liberty and equality.
PSO 3	Students will be able to look at philosophical problems clearly and carefully in order to construct and defend their view on a wide variety of philosophical topics ranging from religion to morality to metaphysics and epistemology.

SEMESTER 3

NAME OF THE COURSE	Social Philosophy	
CLASS	SYBA	
COURSE CODE	SBAPHI301	
NUMBER OF CREDITS	3	
NUMBER OF LECTURES PER	3	
WEEK		
TOTAL NUMBER OF	45	5
LECTURES PER SEMESTER		
EVALUATION METHOD	INTERNAL	SEMESTER END
	ASSESSMENT	EXAMINATION
TOTAL MARKS	50	50
PASSING MARKS	20	20

COURSE OBJECTIVES

CO 1.	To make students sensitive to the relevance of exploitation in
	its different forms
CO 2.	To appreciate the value of diversity and toleration in multicultural democracies
CO 3.	Familiarize students with the principles governing international
	conflict

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES:

CLO 1.	Ability to describe the structures of exploitation that manifests
	in the form of race and class.
CLO 2.	List the strengths and weaknesses of a policy of minority cultural rights within a
	liberal democratic society.
CLO 3.	State and justify clearly the arguments if favour toleration in multicultural
	democracies and also state its limitations.
CLO 4.	Identify the moral principles governing international war, both before and
	during war through case studies

UNIT 1	Exploitation: Class and race
1.1	Hegel's notion of Recognition: significance of the Master-Slave dialectic
1.2	Frantz Fanon's post-colonial critique of racism: inadequacy of Hegelian master-slave dialectic; Fanon's justification of anti-colonial violence.
1.3	Karl Marx: Historical Materialism account of history; Marx's analysis of capitalism and exploitation.
UNIT 2	Engaging diversity.

2.1	Liberalism and multiculturalism: the problem stated.
2.2	Will Kymlicka: culture and freedom;
2.3	Brian Barry's egalitarian critique of multiculturalism.
2.4	The immigration debate: open versus closed borders
UNIT 3	Toleration
3.1	An analysis of the concept of toleration in liberalism;
3.2	John Locke's justification of religious toleration
3.3	Toleration as 'recognition
3.4	Case studies: same-sex marriages; the case of Islamic Veil in public schools in France
UNIT 4	Philosophy of War
4.1	Militarism-realism
4.2	Just War Theory: jus ad bellum and jus in bello
4.3	Pacifism and its types

Unit 1: Exploitation: Class and Race

- ----- G. A. Cohen, Lectures on the History of Moral and Political Philosophy chapter 6 (Hegel's master-slave)
- ----- G. A. Cohen, History, Labour and Freedom. Chapter 1 "Forces and relations of production" (Historical materialism)
- ----- George Klosko, History of Political Theory: An Introduction Volume 2, chapter 10 "Karl Marx" (Historical materialism)
- ----- T. Ball, R. Dagger, D. O' Neill, *Political Ideologies and the Democratic Ideal*, chapter 5, pp. 140-154 (Marx)
- ----- Jon Elster, *An Introduction to Karl Marx*, chapters 6 (Historical Materialism) chapter 5 (exploitation)
- ----- Peter Hudis, *Frantz Fanon*, chapter 2 "Self and Other", chapter 6 "Towards a New Humanity"
- ----- Elizabeth Frazer and Kimberly Hutchings "On Politics and Violence: Arendt contra
- ----- Frantz Fanon, The Wretched of the Earth chapter 1 "Concerning violence"
- ----- Derek Hook (ed.) Critical Psychology chapter 5 "Fanon and the psychoanalysis of racism"

Unit 2 Engaging Diversity

----- Colin Farelly, *An Introduction to Contemporary Political Theory*, chapter 6 (Will Kymlicka and Brian Barry)

Brian Barry, "Liberalism and Multiculturalism" in Ethics
Peri Roberts and Peter Sutch, An Introduction to Political Thought, chapter 8 (Will
Kymlicka)
D. Matravers and J. Pike, Debates in Contemporary Political Philosophy: An
Anthology, chapter 16 (Brian Barry)
George Crowder, <i>Theories of Multiculturalism: An Introduction</i> , chapter 3, pp. 60-80
C H Wellman and P. Cole, Debating the Ethics of Immigration Part 1
Joseph Carens, "The Rights of Immigrants" in Judith Baker (ed) Group Rights, chapter
7
Michael Walzer, "Members and Strangers" in his <i>The Spheres of Justice</i> , chapter 2
'Immigration' see entry in Stanford Encyclopaedia of Philosophy
Unit 3: Toleration
Anna Galeotti, "Toleration" in Catriona McKinnon (ed), Contemporary Political
Theory, chapter 6.
Catriona McKinnon, Toleration: A Critical Introduction chapter 1
Anna Galeotti, Toleration as Recognition chapter 1 (concept of toleration) chapter 4
(Islamic veil), chapter 6 (same-sex marriages)
Peter Jones "Toleration" in Routledge Companion to Social and Political Philosophy
chapter 55 (concept of toleration)
Colin Bird, Introduction to Political Philosophy, chapter 11 "Living with difference"
Unit 4: Philosophy of War
Nick Fotion, Moral Constraints on War, see Introduction (Realism)
Nicholas Fotion, Ethics and War, chapters 1-3
Colin Bird, Introduction to Political Philosophy chapter 10
Catriona McKinnon, <i>Issues in Political Theory</i> , chapter 3, pp.56-79
Richard Norman, Ethics, Killing and War, chapter 4 and 5 (just war theory -
advanced)
Nigel Dower, Ethics of War and Peace, chapter 2 (Realism), chapter 4 (Just war) and
chapter 5 (Pacifism)

SEMESTER 3

NAME OF THE COURSE	Greek Philosophy I	
CLASS	SYBA	
COURSE CODE	SBAPHI302	
NUMBER OF CREDITS	3	
NUMBER OF LECTURES PER	3	
WEEK		
TOTAL NUMBER OF	45	
LECTURES PER SEMESTER		
EVALUATION METHOD	INTERNAL	SEMESTER END
	ASSESSMENT	EXAMINATION
TOTAL MARKS	25	75
PASSING MARKS	10	30

COURSE OBJECTIVES

CO 1.	To show students how the ideas of the first philosophers of	
	Greece influenced western civilization, science and	
	philosophy.	
CO 2.	To understand the systematic nature of Greek philosophical enquiry in pre-	
	Socratic and post Socratic philosophy.	
CO 3.	To discuss the beginnings of ethics, epistemology and metaphysics	
	in Greek philosophical thought from 5th to 2nd century BC.	

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES:

CLO 1.	Explain in a concise way how pre-socratic thought marks a
	decisive turn away from mythological account towards
	rational explanations of the cosmos
CLO 2.	Describe the contribution and debate between the sophists and Socrates on
	the nature of morality
CLO 3	State the problem of akrasia and critically evaluate Plato and Aristotle's
	response to the problem.
CLO 4	Analyse the philosophical significance of the trial and death of Socrates as
	found in the dialogues 'Apology' and 'Crito'.

UNIT 1	Pre-Socratic Greek Philosophy
1.1	Myth and philosophy. Cosmogenesis: natural philosophers
1.2	Problem of change: Parmenides- Heraclites debate.
1.3	Democritus' response to the problem of change: atomism
UNIT 2	Sophists and Socrates
2.1	Nature (physis) versus Convention (nomos) debate. Sophists: morality is a matter of convention – Protagoras
2.2	Socrates: morality is absolute (Socratic elenchus)
2.3	Virtue is knowledge (Protagoras)
2.4	The problem of akrasia (weakness of the will)
UNIT 3	Classical Greek Ethics
3.1	Plato and Aristotle's response to the problem of akrasia
3.2	Plato's theory of justice (in Republic)
3.3	Aristotle (in Nicomachean ethics) on ethics of character

Unit 4	Socrates trial and death
4.1	The trial of Socrates as presented by Plato in the dialogue Apology
4.2	The death of Socrates as presented in Crito.

Unit 1

- ----- Karsten Friis Johansen, A History of Ancient Philosophy: From the Beginnings to Augustine, pp. 11-19 (Myth and philosophy); pp. 21-29 (Natural philosophers)
- ----- James Warren, *Presocratics*, chapter 2 (Natural philosophers) chapter 5 and 6 (Heraclites and Parmenides)
- ----- G S Kirk and J E Raven, *The Presocratic Philosophers*, chapter 1 (Myth and philosophy)
- ----- T C Roy, A Companion Guide to Western Philosophy: From the Greeks to the Scholastics, pp.11-30

Unit 2

- ----- Richard McKirahan, *Philosophy Before Socrates*, chapter 20 (nature -convention debate)
- ----- Christopher Shields, Classical Philosophy pp. 29-44 (Socratic elenchus and akrasia)
- ----- George Klosko, *History of Political Theory* Volume 1 (Socratic elenchus)
- ----- T. H. Irwin, Plato's Ethics, chapter 2 "Socrates' Method"
- ----- Pamela Huby, *Greek Ethics*, chapter 3 (Socrates)
- ----- T C Roy, A Companion Guide to Western Philosophy: From the Greeks to the Scholastics, pp.30-37.

Unit 3

----- Christopher Bobonich, Pierre Destree (ed) Akrasia in Greek Philosophy chapter 1 (Socrates), chapter 3 (Plato) and chapter 8 (Aristotle)

Unit 4

Selected excerpts from the dialogues *Apology* and *Crito* with relevant commentary

SEMESTER 4

NAME OF THE COURSE	Political Philosophy	
CLASS	SYBA	
COURSE CODE	SBAPHI401	
NUMBER OF CREDITS	3	
NUMBER OF LECTURES PER	3	
WEEK		
TOTAL NUMBER OF	45	
LECTURES PER SEMESTER		
EVALUATION METHOD	INTERNAL	SEMESTER END
	ASSESSMENT	EXAMINATION
TOTAL MARKS	25	75

PASSING MARKS	10	30
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COURSE OBJECTIVES

CO 1.	To explore the relevance of political ideologies in contemporary society
CO 2.	To critically examine the significance of political concepts such as liberty,
	equality and justice in liberal democratic societies
CO 3.	To state and support in clear, logical and concise writing analysis on issues in
	social and political philosophy

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES:

CLO 1.	State what and how different political ideologies like liberalism,
	conservatism and socialism view social, political and economic issues
CLO 2.	Describe and apply the concepts of negative and positive liberty with the aid
	of examples from everyday life as well as examples from the relevant work
	of J S Mill and J J Rousseau.
CLO 3.	State, defend and critique in her own words the idea of justice as presented
	by political philosophers John Rawls and Robert Nozick
CLO 4.	Identify the various concepts of equalities in different ideologies and explain
	their relevance, strengths and weakness in contemporary times.

UNIT 1	Liberty and domination
1.1	Isaiah Berlin's Two Concepts of Liberty; dangers of positive liberty.
1.2	Negative Liberty: J. S. Mill: freedom from non-interference - the Harm Principle
1.3	Positive Liberty: J.J. Rousseau: The notion of General Will.
1.4	Third concept of freedom - the republican view: freedom from domination.
UNIT 2	What is Equality
2.1	Formal equality and its limitations.
2.2	Liberal versus Socialist conception of equality - equality of opportunity or equality of outcome?
2.3	Equality of resources: Ronald Dworkin – meaning of equality, hypothetical auction and insurance markets.
UNIT 3	Principles of Justice
3.1	Distributive justice: John Rawls: justice as fairness – original position, veil of ignorance, principles of justice.
3.2	Robert Nozick: entitlement theory of justice – self-ownership argument; taxation is forced labour

3.3	Critical assessment of Rawls' and Nozick's view
UNIT 4	Political Ideologies
4.1	Liberalism
4.2	Conservatism
4.3	Socialism

Unit 1: Liberty and Domination
Isaiah Berlin, "Two Concepts of Liberty"
Jonathan Wolf, Introduction to Political Philosophy, chapter 4 (Mill)
Paul Smith, Moral and Political Philosophy, chapters 5 and 6 (Mill)
Duncan Pritchard, What is this Thing Called Philosophy, chapter 5
Unit 2: What is Equality
Adam Swift, Political Philosophy: An Introduction for Beginners, Part 3. (Equality of
opportunity)
Andrew Heywood, Political Theory: An Introduction, chapter 10
Unit 3: Principles of Justice
Adam Swift, Political Philosophy: An Introduction for Beginners, Part 1, pp.25-39
(Rawls and Nozick)
J. Hoffman and Paul Graham, Introduction to Political Concepts, Chapter 4 (Rawls
and Nozick)
Paul Smith, Moral and Political Philosophy: Key issues and concepts, Chapter 12
(Rawls)
Unit 4: Political Ideologies
Andrew Heywood, Politics, chapter 2
Terrence Ball and Richard Dagger, Political Ideologies and the democratic ideal,
chapter 7
chapter /

SEMESTER 4

NAME OF THE COURSE	Greek Philosophy II	
CLASS	SYBA	
COURSE CODE	SBAPHI402	
NUMBER OF CREDITS	3	
NUMBER OF LECTURES PER	3	
WEEK		
TOTAL NUMBER OF	45	
LECTURES PER SEMESTER		
EVALUATION METHOD	INTERNAL	SEMESTER END
	ASSESSMENT	EXAMINATION

TOTAL MARKS	25	75
PASSING MARKS	10	30

COURSE OBJECTIVES

CO 1.	To explore the relevance of political ideologies in contemporary society
CO 2.	To critically examine the significance of political concepts such as liberty,
	equality and justice in liberal democratic societies
CO 3.	To state and support in clear, logical and concise writing analysis on issues in
	social and political philosophy

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES:

CLO 1.	State clearly Plato's arguments for the existence of forms
	and Aristotle's reasons for rejecting Platonic forms
CLO 2.	Compare and contrast Plato's account of human psyche to Aristotle's and its
	implications for imitative art.
CLO 3	Describe the salient contributions of major Hellenistic philosophers on reality
	and the meaning of life
CLO 4	Critically analyse Plato and Aristotle's conceptualization of love and
	friendship

UNIT 1	Epistemology and Metaphysics
1.1	Plato's approach to the problem of change: episteme (knowledge) and doxa (belief)
1.2	Justified true belief; universal and particulars
1.3	Theory of Forms via allegory of Cave and Simile of divided line
1.4	Aristotle's account of change (natural and artificial)
1.5	Causation; form and matter, actuality and potentiality
UNIT 2	Human Psychology and Art
2.1	Plato's tripartite analysis of the psyche; Aristotle's soul is the form of the body
2.2	Plato: censorship of poetic literature (Book 2-3 of Republic); critique of art (Book 10 of Republic)
2.3	Aristotle's critique of Platonic mimesis (imitation)

2.4	The cathartic function of mimesis in Aristotle.
UNIT 3	Hellenistic Philosophy
3.1	What is the reality and meaning of life?: Stoicism and Epictetus
3.2	Epicurus and Epicureanism
3.3	Sceptics: Pyrrho and Sextus Empiricus
UNIT 4	Love and Friendship
4.1	Plato account of love and friendship
4.2	Aristotle's account of love and friendship

Unit 1

- ----- Christopher Shields, *Classical Philosophy* pp. 59-68 (Plato's approach to the problem); pp. 71-76 (knowledge-belief, theory of forms); pp.99-110 (Aristotle's categories, four causes, matter and form)
- ----- John Shand, *Philosophy and Philosophers* chapter 2 "Greek Philosophy: Plato and Aristotle"
- ----- Mortimer Adler, Aristotle for Everybody, (Aristotle's account of change and causation)
- ----- T C Roy, A Companion Guide to Western Philosophy: From the Greeks to the Scholastics, pp.42-59 (Plato) and pp.65-74 (Aristotle)

Unit 2

- ----- Gerasimos Santas, *Understanding Plato's Republic* chapter 5 (section 2 and 3)
- ----- A E Denham, *Plato on Art and Beauty*, chapters 1-3 (especially 3)
- ----- Georgios Anagnostopoulos (ed) Companion to Aristotle (Blackwell) chapter 39
- ----- Hasan Baktir, "The Concept of Imitation in Plato and Aristotle"
- ------ T C Roy, A Companion Guide to Western Philosophy: From the Greeks to the Scholastics, pp. 59-64 (Plato's tripartite analysis of soul) and pp.75-85 (Aristotle theory of soul)

Unit 3

- ----- Thomas Blackson, *Ancient Greek Philosophy: From the Presocratics to Hellenistic Philosophers*.
- ----- A. S. Bogomolov, History of Ancient Philosophy, Part 3, chapter 2 "Stoicism"
- ----- R. W. Sharples, *Stoics, Epicureans and Sceptics: An Introduction to Hellenistic Philosophy*.
- ----- T C Roy, A Companion Guide to Western Philosophy: From the Greeks to the Scholastics, pp.89-105 (Epicureanism, Stoicism and Scepticism)

Unit 4 Love and Friendship

- ----- Pamela Huby, *Greek Ethics*, chapter 4 (Plato) and Chapter 5 (Aristotle)
- ----- A W Price, "Loving Persons Platonically", Phronesis (1981) pp. 25-34
- ----- A Walker, "Aristotle's Account of Friendship in Nicomachean ethics" *Phronesis* (1979) pp.180-196.

ASSESSMENT PATTERN

Semester End Exam: 50 marks

Only MCQs of either 1 or 2 marks

Questions: Min: 35. Max: 40 (of 50 marks)

Duration: Min: 35. Max: 50 minutes

No. of QPs: 2

No revaluation or moderation

Passing marks: 20

Internal Assessment: 50 marks

2 IA activities (25 marks each)

Combination of any three or more of the following:

MCQs

Assignments

Critical essay

Case study

Passing marks: 20
