

Department of Liberal Education
Era University, Lucknow
Course Outline
Effective From: 2023-24

Name of the Program	B.A. / B.Sc. (LIBERAL EDUCATION)			Year/ Semester:	3rd / 5th
Course Name	Epistemology and Metaphysics (Western)	Course Code:	PHI301	Type:	Theory
Credits	04			Total Sessions Hours:	60 Hours
Evaluation Spread	Internal Continuous Assessment:	50 Marks		End Term Exam:	50 Marks
Type of Course	<input type="radio"/> Compulsory	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Core	<input type="radio"/> Creative	<input type="radio"/> Life Skill	
Course Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> To get an idea about the origin, types and justification of knowledge claims To know and be able to distinguish between various theories in the western context To get an over view of the nature, types, possibility and some of the important metaphysical problems 				
Course Outcomes (CO): <i>After the successful course completion, learners will develop following attributes:</i>					
Course Outcome (CO)	Attributes				
CO1	To understand epistemology and metaphysics as a branch of philosophy.				
CO2	To delve into certain epistemological and metaphysical concepts, principles and theories.				
CO3	To be aware of epistemological and metaphysical debate on certain issues.				
CO4	To be able to construct sound argument for a variety of philosophical problem and critical thinking.				
Pedagogy	Interactive, discussion-bases, student-centered, presentation.				
Internal Evaluation Mode	Mid-term Examination: 20 Marks Activity: 10 Marks Class test: 05 Marks Online Test/Objective Test: 05 Marks Assignments/Presentation: 05 Marks Attendance: 05 Marks				
Session Details	Topic			Hours	Mapped CO
Unit 1	Western Epistemology I <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Knowledge: nature and problems Source of knowledge. Types of Knowledge: Apriori and Aposteriori, Analytical and Synthetical knowledge. Knowledge by acquaintance and knowledge by description. Activity- Chart preparing on source of knowledge.			20	CO1,CO2
Unit 2	Western Epistemology II <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Justification of Knowledge-claims: truth, belief, justification Gettier problem. Philosophical skepticism, foundationalism and coherentism 			20	CO1, CO2, CO3

	4. Epistemic Theories of truth: correspondence, coherence, pragmatic. Activity- Quiz competition.		
Unit 3	Western Metaphysics I 1. What is metaphysics? 2. Possibility of metaphysics (with special emphasis on Hume and Kant) Activity- Write an article on differences of Hume's and Kant epistemology.	10	CO1, CO2
Unit 4	Western Metaphysics II 1. Mind-Body Problem: Descartes 2. Causality: J S Mill 3. Freedom and determinism Activity- Discussion.	10	CO2,CO3, CO4

CO-PO and PSO Mapping

CO	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5	PO6	PO7	PO8	PSO1	PSO2	PSO3	PSO4	PSO5	PSO6
CO1	1	2							1				1	
CO2	2	2							2				1	
CO3	2	2							2				1	
CO4	2	2							3				1	

Strong contribution-3, Average contribution-2, Low contribution-1,

Suggested Readings:

Text- Books	1. Hospers, John, Philosophical Analysis 2. Ayer, A.J., The Problem of Knowledge
Reference Books	1. Williams, Edward., Metaphysics and Epistemology in Eastern and Western Philosophy, 2014 2. Audi, Robert., Epistemology: A Contemporary Introduction to the Theory of Knowledge 3. Zubiri, Xavier., The Fundamental Problems of Western Metaphysics
Para Text	Articles: 1. Western Metaphysics and Comparison with Eastern Metaphysics, Ram Lakhan Pandey Vimal Vision Research Institute Inc , 2. https://www.researchgate.net/publication/283018406_Western_Metaphysics_and_Comparison_with_Eastern_Metaphysics 3. https://journals.christuniversity.in/index.php/artha/article/view/446 4. https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/truth/ Videos: 1. https://youtu.be/nWCI6hR9g4s 2. https://youtu.be/PqjdRAERWLC 3. https://youtu.be/Siy3bCn6-W0

Recapitulation & Examination Pattern

Internal Continuous Assessment:

Component	Marks	Pattern
Mid Semester	20	Section A: Contains 10 MCQs/Fill in the blanks/One Word Answer/ True-False type of questions. Each question carries 0.5 mark. Section B: Contains 07 descriptive questions out of which 05 questions are to be attempted. Each question carries 03 marks.
Activity	10	Will be decided by subject teacher.
Class Test	05	Contains 05 descriptive questions. Each question carries 01 mark.

Online Test/ Objective Test	05	Contains 10 multiple choice questions . Each question carries 0.5 mark.
Assignment/ Presentation	05	Assignment to be made on topics and instruction given by subject teacher.
Attendance	05	As per policy.
Total Marks	50	

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