



CLUSTER UNIVERSITY OF SRINAGAR

SYLLABUS (FYUP UNDER NEP 2020)

UG- Ist Semester (NEP)

Subject: Philosophy

Course Title: Greek Philosophy (Major)

Course Code: UGPHL22J101

Contact Hrs: 60 (Theory: 45, Tutorial: 15)

Total Credits: 04 :(Theory: 03; Tutorial/Practical = 01)

Max. Marks: 100

Theory External: 75

Tutorial (Internal): 25 Marks

Objectives:

- Introduction to ancient Greek and Hellenistic thinkers who introduce a new way of inquiring into the world and the place of human beings in it.
- A thorough engagement with the Socrates Method of questioning that prepares us to ask critical questions, feel perplexed about “obvious” things, acknowledge the inconsistencies, errors and ignorance in the knowledge claims that we make in our everyday life.

Learning Outcomes:

- By the end of the course students are expected to develop a sense of the role of philosophers in shaping not only our life of the mind, but the cultural landscape, thereby putting into questions the myth about the unworldliness of philosophy.
- Cultivate the openness to ask critical questions, acknowledge the inconsistencies, errors and prejudice in the knowledge claims made all around us.

Unit I.	Pre- Socratics
	a) Understanding philosophy and different branches of philosophy b) The Milesians: Thales, Anaximander, Anaximenes c) The Eleatics: Parmenides, Zeno, Empedocles d) Sophists: Protagoras, Gorgias
Unit II.	Socrates and Post-Socratics
	a) Socrates: Modes of Socratic Questioning b) Plato: Theory of Ideas c) Aristotle: Theory of causation d) Aristotle: Eudemonia and Akrasia
Unit III.	Hellenistic Philosophers
	a) The Epicureans b) The Skeptics c) The Stoics d) The Cynics
Tutorials	
	Assignment/Group Discussions/Presentation/Quiz/Book Review/Written test(Followed by Viva-Voce)
Unit IV.	a) Comparative study of pre-Socratic and post-Socratic form and functions of philosophy. b) Compare and contrast ethical views of Epicureans and Stoics.

Suggested Readings:

- Edward Craig: Philosophy: A very short Introduction
- David Gauthier: Routledge History of Philosophy – From Aristotle to Augustine
- Frank Thilly: A History Of Western Philosophy
- W.T. Stace: A Critical Survey of Greek Philosophy
- A.A. Long: The Cambridge Companion to Early Greek Philosophy
- T.Z. Lavine: From Socrates to Sartre
- Bertrand Russell : A History of Western Philosophy
- H.D. Rankin: Sophists, Socrates and Cynics