



# CLUSTER UNIVERSITY OF SRINAGAR

SYLLABUS (FYUP UNDER NEP 2020)

UG-2nd Semester (NEP)

Subject: Philosophy

Course Title: Medieval and Modern Philosophy (Major)

Course Code: UGPHL22J201

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:

- This course offers an overview of the key developments in the history of philosophical thought from JED to 18<sup>th</sup> CE.
- It introduces students to various ways in which philosophers engaged with, debated, contested the established ways of thinking about universe, reality, knowledge, mind, body, society, freedom, God.

## Learning Outcomes:

- By the end of the course students are expected to be familiar with the greatest intellectual challenges in medieval and modern times and philosopher's responses to them.
- Students shall learn how canonical western thinkers reconciled traditional Greek philosophy and religion with the radical scientific developments of modernity.

<b>Unit I.</b>	<b>Medieval Thinkers</b>
	a) Boethius: Consolation of Philosophy b) St. Augustine: Reason-Faith Divide and Reconciliation c) St. Aquinas: Philosophical Theology d) William of Ockham: Will-based Ethics
<b>Unit II.</b>	<b>Modern Rationalists</b>
	a) Descartes: Method of Doubt b) Malebranche: Occasionalism c) Spinoza: Theory of Substance d) Leibniz: Monadology
<b>Unit III.</b>	<b>Modern Empiricists</b>
	a) Locke: Theory of Knowledge b) Berkeley: Subjective Idealism c) Hume: Empiricism and Skepticism d) Kant: Synthesis of Rationalism and Empiricism
<b>Tutorials</b>	
	<b>Assignment/Group Discussions/Presentation/Quiz/Book Review/Written test(Followed by Viva-Voce)</b>
<b>Unit IV.</b>	a) Comparative study of pre modern and modern modes of philosophising b) Metaphysics as Ethics in Spinoza c) The Significance of Humean Skepticism in Empiricist Epistemology d) Reason vs Passion Debate in Modern Philosophy

## **Suggested Readings:**

- Pauliina Remes - Neoplatonism
- David Furely - Routledge History of Philosophy - From Aristotle to Augustine
- Frank Thilly - A History of Western Philosophy
- W.T. Stace - A Critical Survey of Greek Philosophy
- Anthony Kenny - Philosophy in the Modern World: A New History of Western Philosophy
- T.Z. Lavine from Socrates to Sartre
- Bertrand Russell - A History of Western Philosophy