

**VASAVI COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING (AUTONOMOUS)
DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**COURSE TITLE: - PHILOSOPHY
OPEN ELECTIVE- COMMON TO ALL BRANCHES**

w.e.f Academic Year 2026-27

B.E-V SEMESTER

Instruction: 3 Hrs/week	SEE Marks: 60	Course Code: U24OE530EH
Credits: 3	CIE Marks:40	SEE: 3 hrs.

Course Objectives	Course Outcomes
By the end of the course, learners will be able to: 1. To introduce students to the major branches, questions, and methods of philosophy. 2. To develop critical and logical thinking through philosophical analysis. 3. To explore key philosophical texts and thinkers from various traditions. 4. To encourage reflection on ethical, metaphysical, and epistemological issues. 5. To cultivate the ability to construct and evaluate arguments.	On completion of the course, learners will be able to: 1. Define and explain foundational philosophical concepts and theories. 2. Analyze and critique philosophical arguments using logical reasoning. 3. Compare perspectives from different philosophical traditions and historical periods. 4. Apply philosophical thinking to contemporary ethical and social issues. 5. Formulate clear, coherent arguments in both oral and written form.

Unit 1: What Is Philosophy?

Definition and scope of philosophy

Branches of philosophy: metaphysics, epistemology, ethics, logic, aesthetics

Philosophical methods and the role of reasoning

Unit 2: Knowledge and Reality (Epistemology and Metaphysics)

What can we know? (Skepticism, rationalism, empiricism)

Appearance vs. reality

The mind-body problem

Unit 3: Ethics and Moral Philosophy

What is the good life?

Major ethical theories: utilitarianism, deontology, virtue ethics

Moral dilemmas and applied ethics

Unit 4: Political Philosophy

The state, justice and authority

Liberty, rights and duties

Unit 5: Social Philosophy

Social contract theory and

Civil disobedience

LEARNING RESOURCES:-

1. An Introduction to Philosophy – S.E. Panta (Indian Author)
A clear, concise textbook introducing Indian and Western philosophical concepts.
2. Introduction to Indian Philosophy – Dutta & Chatterjee (Indian Authors)
A classic and easy-to-follow overview of schools like Nyaya, Vedanta, Samkhya, etc.
3. Indian Philosophy (Vol. 1 & 2) – Dr. S. Radhakrishnan
A standard reference covering all the major schools of Indian thought. More advanced, but essential.
4. Contemporary Indian Philosophy – Basant Kumar Lal
Covers modern thinkers like Gandhi, Aurobindo, Vivekananda, Tagore, Krishnamurti, and Ambedkar.

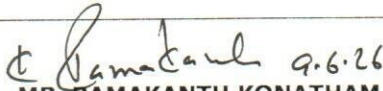
The break-up of CIE: Internal Tests + Assignments + Quizzes

1	No. of Internal tests	:	2	Max.Marks	:	30
2	No. of assignments	:	3	Max. Marks	:	5
3	No. of Quizzes	:	3	Max. Marks	:	5

Duration of Internal Tests : 90 Minutes

Duration for SEE : 180 Minutes

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