

SCOUND YEAR B.A., Honours - PHILOSOPHY - SEMESTER-III
CORE-2: WESTERN PHILOSOPHY (3.1) (Minor)

SYLLABUS

Unit -1: 15 Hours

Ancient Greek Thought: The problems of substance and change in pre Socratic Philosophy The age of Sophists - Socrates: Problem and Realistic method-

Unit-2 :15 Hours

Plato: Doctrine of Ideas - Concept of Immortality of Soul, theory of Epistemology.
Aristotle: Criticism of Plato's doctrine of Ideas - His theory of causation
Classical logic, matter and forms, Criticism of Idealism

Unit-3: 15 Hours

Rationalism: Descartes Problem and epistemology (cogito ergo sum) Body - Mind Relation, Proofs for the existence of God.
Spinoza: Concept of substance - Solution to Mind - Body Problem - Monism
Leibnitz: Pre-established Harmony - Doctrines of Monods, Concept of God

Unit-4: 15 Hours

Empiricism: John Locke: Refutation of the Doctrine of Innate Ideas - Origin Validity and Limits of Knowledge
Berkeley: Subjective Idealism, Berkeley's view on Abstract Ideas
David Hume: Skepticism - Substance and Theory of Causation

Unit-5: 15 Hours

German Idealism: Kant Transcendental Idealism - Theory of knowledge and Phenomena and Neumina
Logical Positivism: Rejection of Metaphysics - Principle of Verifiability
Existentialism: Concept of Man and Freedom, Humanism

Readings:

Betrand Russel – A History of Western Philosophy
Frank Thilly – A History of Western Philosophy
Will Durant – The Story of Philosophy
N. Ram Mohan Rao – Viswadarsanam in Telugu