# ANCIENT GREEK AND MEDIEVAL PHILOSOPHY



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TYPE OF COURSE : UG COURSE DURATION : 12 weeks (July 30 to Oct 27, 2018)

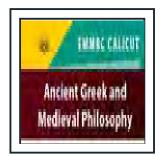
INTENDED AUDIENCE: UG EXAM DATE : November 12, 2018

NO OF CREDITS : 4

PRE-REQUISITES : Those who passed Plus two

#### **OBJECTIVE OF COURSE**

- Students will learn to recognize, understand and interpret philosophical concepts which were developed by great philosophical Schools.
- Students closely analyze and engage, read and write with original philosophical texts.
- They can understand and evaluate the rational inquiry of Medieval thinkers on religious philosophy
- They consider the important relevant ideas and methods of great Greek philosophers, especially Socrates and take the ideas of philosophy to their own thinking



## **LEARNING OUTCOME**

The course enables the students to master all the basic ideas of Classical Greek and Medieval philosophy. This is a part of approved curriculum for B. A. Philosophy Course of University of Calicut that can be applicable in all Indian Universities. The purpose of this course is to study the important concepts in Ancient and Medieval philosophy. We will concentrate on the dominant figures of philosophy, and their thought on cosmology, metaphysics, epistemology, logic, ethics, and religion.

### **COURSE PLAN**

Week 01: 1. History of Greek Philosophy, 2. Greek School Of Thought, 3. Pre-Socratic Philosophy

Week 02: 4. Pre-Socratic Thinkers-the Ionian, 5. Thales of Miletus, 6. Anaximander

Week 03: 7. Anaximenes, 8. Pythagoras, 9. Heraclitus

Week 04: 10. Parmenides, 11. Zeno, 12. Anaxagoras

Week 05: 13. Leucippus, 14. Democritus, 15. The Sophist Philosophy

Week 06: 16. Protagoras, 17. Socrates' theory of knowledge, 18. Socrates' method

 $\textbf{Week 07:}\ \ 19.\ Plato's\ theory\ of\ knowledge,\ 20.\ Doctrine\ of\ Ideas/forms,\ 21.\ Concept\ of\ the\ soul$ 

Week 08: 22. Aristotelian Epistemology, 23. Logic, 24. Substance, matter and form

Week 09: 25. The process of Change: The Four Causes, 26. Nicomachean ethics, 27. Epicureanism

Week 10: 28. Stoicism, 29. A Historical Overview of Medieval Philosophy, 30. Features and Characteristics of Medieval Philosophy

**Week 11:** 31. Major Phases and Important Thinkers of Medieval Philosophy, 32. Central Themes and Philosophical Concerns of Medieval Philosophy, 33. Medieval Philosophers:Boethius, 34. Medieval Philosophers:Anselm of Canterbury, 35. Great Medieval Philosophers:St. Augustine of Hippo, 36. Medieval Philosophers: Saint Thomas Aquinas

Week 12: Evaluation

# **ABOUT INSTRUCTOR**

- PhD, May 2006, Univ. of Calicut, Dept. of Philosophy,
- PhD thesis: A Study on Heidegger's Thinking and Hermeneutical Phenomenology
- M.Phil, May 1992, Pondicherry Central University, Dept. of Philosophy M.Phil thesis Heidegger's Treatment of Thinking.
- M.A Philosophy, 1991, University of Calicut, Dept. of Philosophy University Campus
- B.A Philosophy, 1988, Sree Kerala Varma college, Thrissur