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**TYPE OF COURSE** : UG  
**INTENDED AUDIENCE** : UG

**COURSE DURATION** : 16 weeks (July 16 to Nov 3, 2018)  
**EXAM DATE** : November 14, 2018  
**NO OF CREDITS** : 4

**PRE-REQUISITES** : Students who passed Plus Two

### OBJECTIVE OF COURSE

To give a detailed exposure to every stream of thoughts and authors in the modern and contemporary western philosophy, with sufficient background informations on the pre-modern philosophical developments.

### LEARNING OUTCOME

A successful learning will be able to keep track of each and every trends in the history of modern and contemporary western philosophy.

### COURSE PLAN

- Week 01:** 1. Introduction to Philosophical Studies, 2. Introduction to Philosophy – Metaphysics – Themes And Concerns, 3. Introduction to Philosophy-Epistemology
- Week 02:** 4. Rene Descartes, 5. Philosophical Methods-Cartesian Method, 6. Interactionism
- Week 03:** 7. Psycho-physical Parallelism, 8. Spinoza, 9. Doctrine of Modes
- Week 04:** 10. The Doctrine of Substance, 11. Leibniz – The Doctrine of Substance, 12. Leibniz – Pre-established Harmony
- Week 05:** 13. Leibniz – Doctrine of Monads, 14. Empiricism, 15. John Locke
- Week 06:** 16. Rejection of Innate ideas, 17. Simple and complex ideas, 18. Primary and secondary qualities
- Week 07:** 19. George Berkely, 20. Rejection of Abstract Ideas, 21. Esse ist Percipi
- Week 08:** 22. Rejection of matter, 23. Subjective idealism, 24. David Hume
- Week 09:** 25. Association of Ideas, 26. Theory of causation, 27. Scepticism
- Week 10:** 28. Immanuel Kant, 29. Kant's Epistemology, 30. Immanuel Kant's Analytic of Principles
- Week 11:** 31. George Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel, 32. Hegel – The Real is Rational and the Rational is Real, 33. Absolute Idealism of Hegel
- Week 12:** 34. Marxian Dialectical Method, 35. Features of Dialectical Method, 36. An Introduction to Existentialism
- Week 13:** 37. Nietzsche And Existential Philosophy, 38. Existential Philosophy of Jean-Paul Sartre, 39. An Introduction to Phenomenology
- Week 14:** 40. Phenomenology, 41. History of Ideas Leading Up To Intentionality: From Aristotle in Antiquity to Ockham in The Middle Ages, 42. Intentionality
- Week 15:** 43. Philosophical Skepticism And Its Contributions To The Development of Intentionality, 44. Early Analytical Philosophy Of Language, 45. Logical Positivism – An Introduction
- Week 16:** 46. Central Tenets Of Logical Positivism, 47. Logical Positivism – Verifiability Principle, 48. Pragmatism – Origins And Concept



### ABOUT INSTRUCTOR

- Mphil (1990) and PhD (1996) in Philosophy, from Madras University and Calicut University respectively
- Specialised in the area of twentieth century analytic philosophy
- At present engaged in theorising cultural practices, and cultural Buddhism.

