

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

Program Outcome (POs):

Bachelor of Arts programme is designed to help students gain an understanding of the historical origin, of a chosen subject along with the evolution of ideas of the subject, both in India and the West that will pave the path for the further development of rational thinking in human civilisation.

Bachelor Of Arts Programme in Philosophy is designed to help in:

- (i) Critically understand about the Indian Philosophical systems, about the Vedas, the Upanisads, and contemporary Indian Philosophical thinkers like Vivekananda, Mahatma Gandhi, Tagore etc, the contribution of ancient and contemporary philosophers in moulding Indian society and influencing thought-processes throughout the world.
- (ii) Effectively communicate and disseminate the ideas of philosophy among various sections of the society through various modes of communication (speak, read, write) and through electronic media, through social interaction.
- (iii) Help in creating empathy for social issues, civic life, effective citizenship, value systems to help take decisions and accept responsibilities, awareness about the environment.
- (iv) Translate the study of Philosophy into a skilled resource management so that the student inculcate the habit of independent and lifelong learning, through socio-technological changes and also ensure job security for the student.

Program Specific Outcomes (PSOs):

1. The B.A. program in Philosophy will considerably enrich the cognitive, conative, affective and spiritual dimensions of a student. Through the greatness of the universe which philosophy contemplates, the minds of the students are also rendered great.
2. The program will develop a student's skill of critical reflection, logical analysis and ethical evaluation. It enables a student to critically examine and ethically evaluate the cultural prejudices, habitual beliefs and intellectual convictions of man.
3. The program will make a student competent enough to philosophize any given subject-matter or situation, and thereby to question the reality and unreality, truth and falsity, good and evil of the same.
4. The program will develop a student's ability to synthesize philosophy, religion and science in forming holistic worldviews to be practised individually in particular and socially in general.
5. B.A. in Philosophy will ensure employment in the following areas: Academic institutes, Content writing, Publishing Houses, Editing and Publishing houses, Journalism, Legal profession, Religious Study centres, Philosophical Research Centres, Counselling centres, Various NGOs dealing with social issues, etc.

Course Outcome (COs):

Students are oriented with the foundations as well as the basic theoretical standpoints of Indian Philosophy which make the students aware of the argumentative spirit prevalent from the very time of the Vedas in India. Students can recognise the supposed spiritual aim that underlies the evolution of the world. With the basic orientation in Indian Metaphysics and Ethics, they are further equipped with the insight of how a theoretical principle be applied in actual practice. Students can appreciate the significance

of philosophical ideas in the intellectual development of human beings. They will further get the encouragement to engage themselves in independent and lifelong learning in the broader context of academic philosophy.

Students will be able to differentiate philosophy from religion and philosophy from science. Further, they will be able to identify the problems of metaphysics, problems of epistemology and problems of ethics to be applied in the actual context of life.

The B.A. programme in Philosophy has 6 Semesters. The first 4 semesters has 2 papers each and the last two semesters has 6 papers each. In this course, theoretical knowledge on Epistemology, Greek Philosophy, Metaphysics, Religion, Social Philosophy History of classical, medieval, modern western and post- modern philosophy, logic, Indian and Western Philosophy, both traditional and Contemporary, Western philosophers, Contemporary Western philosophers, Indian philosophers, Contemporary Indian Philosophers, Ethics, Practical ethics, Contemporary issues like Feminism, Democracy, Marxism, Globalisation, Terrorism, major philosophical trends, and other socio-philosophic and religious orientations, are given to the students. The compulsory paper on Project work in the 6th semester gives a practical understanding of a particular topic within the subject, chosen by a student.

ATTAINMENT OF Pos, PSOs and Cos are evaluated by the college through the procedures laid down by the Affiliating university (Gauhati University).

CREDITS: 1 theory period of one hour per week over a semester.

Assessments:

Sessional Examinations

Mid-Semester and End Semester Examination

Home assignments

Project Work in 6th Semester

Presentation

Viva-voce, seminars