

**Ethics
(CC (4))
Core Course - (CC) Credit:6**

Course Objective

The objective is to introduce students to basic ethical theories which enhance their decision making capabilities.

To help them achieve clarity and creative approach in a given situation.

Course Learning Outcomes

The students after having run through basic ethical theories gain a better orientation from the ethical perspective.

This course helps to understand and interpret events with a more rational basis.

Unit 1 Morality and Relativism

1. Conventional and Reflective Morality

2. Relativism

Essential Readings:

Lillie William, An Introduction To Ethics, Allied Publishers Pvt. Ltd. 1st edition, 1967, New Delhi

Rachel, J. , The Elements of Moral Philosophy, McGraw- Hill, 2003

Unit 2 Ethical Theories

1. Aristotle: Virtue Ethics

2. Kant: The Categorical Imperative

3. Mill: Utilitarianism

Essential Readings:

Aristotle, Nichomachean Ethics, Harvard University Press,1926

Kant, Immanuel, Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals, Trans. H.J Paton, as The Moral Law, London: Hutchinson,1953

Warnock Mary, J.S Mill Utilitarianism, Glasgow: Collins,1962

Unit 3 Meta Ethics

1.Emotivism

2. Prescriptivism

Essential Readings:

Stevenson, C.L., Facts and Values, Yale University Press, 1963

Hare, R.M. ,Language of Morals, Oxford University Press, 1973.

Unit 4 Indian Ethics

1.Bhagvadgītā: Niṣkāmakarma

2. Four Puruṣārthas: Dharma , Artha, Kāma, Mokṣa

3. Gandhi's conception of Ahimsā and satya

Essential Readings

Bilimoria, Purushottama ed., Indian Ethics: Classical Traditions and Contemporary Challenges, New Delhi: Oxford University Press,2007

Sharma, I.C., Ethical Philosophies of India, New York, U.S.A. Johnson Publishing Company, 1967

Iyer, Raghavan.N., The Moral And Political Thought Of Mahatma Gandhi, Oxford University Press, 2000

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Sharma, I.C., Ethical Philosophies of India, New York, U.S.A. Johnson Publishing Company, 1962

Warnock Mary, J.S Mill Utilitarianism, Glasgow: Collins, 1962

Additional Resources:

Hudson, W.D., Modern Moral Philosophy, Macmillan Education, 1983

Urmson, J.O., The Emotive Theory of Ethics, Hutchinson, London, 1968

Teaching Learning Process

Lectures

Group Discussions

Power Point Presentation

Assessment Methods

Internal assessment

Project

University Examination

Keywords

Aristotle, Kant, J.S. Mill, Stevenson, Hare, M. K.Gandhi, Bhagvadagita