



Shri Vaishnav Vidyapeeth Vishwavidyalaya, Indore
Shri Vaishnav Institute of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts
Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) in Light of NEP-2020
B.A. English Literature (Honors/Research)
Semester VII (Batch 2022-26)

COURSE CODE	CATEGORY	COURSE NAME	TEACHING & EVALUATION SCHEME								
			THEORY			PRACTICAL		L	T	P	CREDITS
			END SEM University Exam	Two Term Exam	Teachers Assessment*	END SEM University Exam	Teachers Assessment*				
BAHNENG701	Major	Literature and Philosophy	60	20	20	0	0	3	0	0	3

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Course educational Objectives (CEOs): The students will be able to

- **CEO1:** Analyze and outline complex arguments in assigned texts, clearly identifying their premises and conclusions.
- **CEO2:** Write a well-structured essay that discusses and evaluates arguments with clear reasoning and strong supporting evidence.
- **CEO3:** Develop and defend their own philosophical perspectives on fundamental issues.
- **CEO4:** Make the students learn enriched appreciation of literature through the distinctive tools of philosophic inquiry and argumentation.
- **CEO5:** Help the students understand some of the critical theories that draw heavily from Western and Eastern philosophy.

Course Outcomes (CO s): The students should be able to

- **CO1:** Assess the strength and validity of arguments presented in assigned texts.
- **CO2:** Construct and write well-organized academic or argumentative papers.
- **CO3:** Interpret literary texts by analyzing how narratives reflect and shape human experiences.
- **CO4:** Amalgamate the three strands, politics, literature and philosophy.
- **CO5:** Realize the close connection between philosophy and literature.

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Literature and Philosophy

COURSE CONTENTS:

Unit I: Introduction to Philosophy of Literature

What is Philosophy? Elements of Philosophy: Logic, Epistemology, Metaphysics and Ethics, Difference between Philosophy and Literature, Difference between Science and Philosophy

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Key terms: Empiricism, Rationalism, Realism, Idealism, Materialism, Marxism, Naturalism, Phenomenology, Existentialism and Hermeneutics

Unit II: Political Philosophy and State of Individual

Plato - *The Republic* (Book VI and VII)

Thomas More- *Utopia*

Unit III: Ethics and Moral Philosophy

Fyodor Dostoevsky – *Crime and Punishment*

Oscar Wilde- *The Picture of Dorian Gray*

Unit IV: Existentialism, Absurdism and the Human Condition

Jean-Paul Sartre – *Nausea*

Edward Albee – *The Zoo Story*

Unit V: Philosophy and Indian Tradition

Kalidas: *Abhijnanasakuntalam*

S. Radhakrishnan : *Introduction to the Principal Upanishads* (Selections)


Suggested Readings

- Durant, Will. (1926). *The Story of Philosophy*, Pocket Books,
- Eileen, J., & Lopes, D. M. (Eds.). (2004). *Philosophy of literature: Contemporary and classical readings*, Blackwell.
- Gaarder, J. (2007). *Sophie's world: A novel about the history of philosophy* (P. Moller, Trans.). Farrar, Straus and Giroux. (Original work published 1952)
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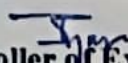
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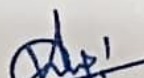
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- Plato, *The Republic*, trans. Desmond Lee, 2nd ed. Penguin, 2007.
- Ricœur, P. (1985). *Time and narrative* (K. McLaughlin & D. Pellaeur, Trans.). University of Chicago Press.
- Russell, B. (1945). *The History of Western Philosophy*, Simon and Schuster.
- Sartre, J.-P. (1967). *What is literature?* (B. Frechtman, Trans.). Methuen University Paperbacks.

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