

GHOKSADANGA BIRENDRA MAHAVIDYALAYA

Name of the Programme: B.A.

Subject: Philosophy (Major)

(Programme Outcome and Programme Objectives)

Programme Outcome:

The student will be able to identify, summarize and critically engaged with various philosophical concepts from the Indian and Western philosophical traditions. The student will become familiar with thinkers and their views (theories) with ability to understand the importance of those views.

The student will also be acquainted with current research trends and techniques in the field of philosophy through continuous projects assignments during their Under Graduate Programme. They also developed skills of organizing and participating in seminars, workshops and conferences by availing of opportunities for active involvement throughout the programme.

- The student is expected to develop and understanding in both Indian and Western philosophical trends in general. The aim is to graspe meaningfully the ideas and concepts in core branches of philosophy and its debate through the ages by thinkers across the world.
- The student should be able to appreciate and employ the various terms of academic philosophy and other interdisciplinary subjects.
- The various electives will enable the student to engage them with philosophical and academic text books with scholarly depth.
- Through the wide range of philosophical electives, the student will cultivate substantial reading and focus on specific areas of their research.
- Through assignments and other modules, the student will continually develop and ability on research problems in order to write and produce original work.
- The student will cultivate the techniques of critical thinking and apply them to a host of debates around conceptual, social, moral and political issues.
- The student develops the spirit of responsible citizenship and sensitivity to social and environmental issues through an exposure to a wide range of thinkers and their texts.
- The student will undertake substantial and critical engagement with values, such as interreligious and intercultural harmony, empathy, freedom, human rights and compare cross cultural traditions for better wholistic understanding of the world.

Programme Objectives:

Generally speaking, the objectives of a philosophy subject or program are designed to cultivate critical thinking, analytical skills, and a deep understanding of fundamental questions about existence, knowledge, values, reason, mind, and language. Here are some common objectives for a philosophy subject or program:

- Encourage students to engage in philosophical inquiry by exploring fundamental questions about reality, morality, knowledge, and existence.
- Develop the ability to analyze and evaluate arguments, identify logical fallacies, and construct sound arguments.
- Enhance students' ability to clarify and articulate complex ideas, theories, and concepts.
- Provide a historical understanding of key philosophical movements, ideas, and figures, helping students contextualize contemporary issues within the broader philosophical tradition.
- Foster ethical reasoning and the ability to critically evaluate moral theories and principles.
- Develop problem-solving skills through the application of philosophical methods to real-world issues and challenges.
- Encourage self-reflection and self-awareness, prompting students to consider their own beliefs, values, and assumptions.
- Introduce research methods in philosophy, including the critical assessment of philosophical literature and the development of original arguments.
- Cultivate an open-minded approach to inquiry, encouraging students to consider multiple perspectives and be receptive to new ideas.

These objectives collectively aim to equip students with the intellectual tools and mindset needed to navigate complex issues, engage in meaningful discourse, and contribute to society in various capacities.