

## SYLLABUS

### I. PHILOSOPHY IN CONTEXT

#### 1. Globalization

What is Globalisation? Economic Perspectives; Globalization and Cultures; Globalization and Values; Globalization and Technology

#### 2. Philosophy in Indian Context

Social Context; Political Context; Cultural Context; Environmental Context; Religious Context

#### 3. Empowerment

Feminism (Empowerment of Women and Feminism); Liberation Movement; Justice and Human Rights; Affirmative Action and Reservation; Contemporary Issues: RTI, National Rural Employment Programme..

#### 4. Transformative Philosophy

Karl Marx; Emmanuel Levinas; Ambedkar; Amartya Sen; Paulo Freire: Pedagogy of the Oppressed

#### 5. Philosophy for Human Resource Development

Philosophical Perspectives on Human Person; Psychological Perspectives in Human Person; Philosophy for Leadership and Management; Individual and Social Transformation; Information Literacy

### II. PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION

#### 1. Comparative religion

What is Comparative Religion? Semitic Religions; Aryan Religion / Vedic Religion; Non-Aryan Religions; New Age Religions

#### 2. Philosophy of Religious experience and Pluralism

What is religious Experience? Origin and sources of Religious experience; Varieties of Religious Experience and Religions; Varieties of religious experience and religious thinkers; Religious Experience and Personal Transformation

#### 3. Religion as a catalyst for social transformation

Religions and social concern; Indian Religious Thinkers and Social Transformation: Thiruvallavur, Sarvanja, Basavanna; Sri Narayana Guru, Swami Vivekananda; Martin Luther King Jr. (from the West); Gandhi

#### 4. Sociology of Religion

What is Sociology of Religion? Sociological Theories of Religion: Emile Durkheim, Max Weber; Religion and Indian

Secularism; Transformation of Society and the Sacred; Social Reality of Religion – Peter L. Berger: a Textual Study

#### 5. Philosophy of Religion

What is Philosophy of Religion? Phenomenology of Religion; Problem of Evil; Philosophy of Religious Language; Religion and the Phenomenon of Atheism

### III. INDEPTH STUDY OF PHILOSOPHICAL MOVEMENTS

#### 1. Phenomenological Movement

Husserl; Heidegger; Sartre; Merleau-Ponty; Paul Ricoeur;

#### 2. Analytical Movement

Frege, G. E. Moore, Russell; Wittgenstein; Logical Positivists; Ordinary Language Philosophers: Gilbert Ryle; Quine

#### 3. Postmodernism

Structuralism and Post-structuralism; Derrida; Foucault; Lyotard; Feminist Thinkers: Julia Kristeva

#### 4. Substance-view schools of India

Philosophy of the Upanishads; Nyaya, Vaisesika, Samkhya and Mimamsa; Sankara; Ramanuja; Tarkasamgraha; Jainism

#### 5. Anti-substance view schools of India

Lokayata; Sarvastivadins; Nagarjuna; Vasubandhu (Yogacara)

### IV. PHILOSOPHY AND PRAXIS IN INDIAN CONTEXT

#### 1. Dialogue

Philosophy of Dialogue; Dialogical Nature of Human Person; Culture of Dialogue; Inter-religious Dialogue; Subaltern Perspectives on Dialogue

#### 2. Philosophy of Mutuality and Integration

Scope and Nature of Mutuality and Integration; Regional Diversity and National Integration; Religious Pluralism and National Identity; Hegemony and Subaltern Cultures; Personal Freedom and Culture of Violence

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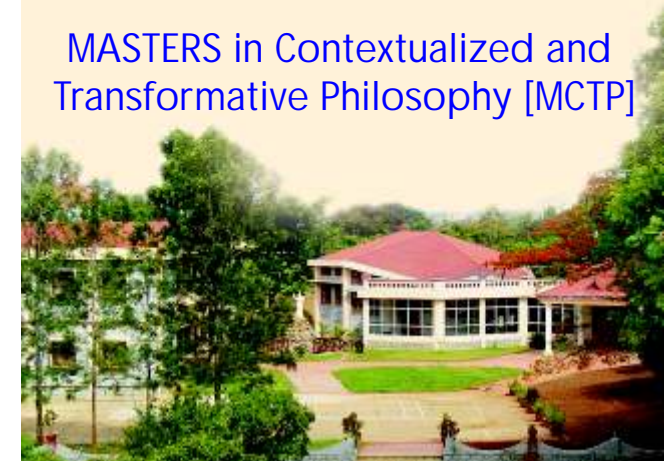
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1. foster and facilitate creative and critical thinking among students with a focus on practical application;
2. enable students to derive their philosophical orientations with reference to concrete life-situations and inspire them to contribute to the value-based development of society;
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4. ensure that students are well acquainted with the procedures of scientific enquiry in contextual philosophy and become proficient enough to pursue higher level research studies, and
5. equip students with pedagogical skills to spread the aroma of contextual and transformative philosophy in other institutions.

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### Other Relevant Information

- The academic year commences in June and ends in March.
- The course will be organised under Semester Scheme with Credit Based System of education. Assessment will consist of continuous grading patterns with emphasis on formative rather than summative evaluation.
- Eighty credits ought to be completed within a minimum of 4 semesters, which could be spread over a maximum of 8 semesters.
- Provisions will be made for earning extra credits by learning add on courses.
- Teaching will be handled by highly qualified professors specialized in various disciplines from different universities across the globe.
- Besides regular lectures, MCTP places special emphasis on tutorials and practicals in the form of term papers, personal and self-study, case studies, live-in programmes, project works.
- Suvidya has hostel facilities, a research-friendly library, and other recreational facilities within its beautifully-laid out campus.
- Any student who has done his/her graduation in philosophy/allied subjects is eligible to apply.
- Admissions will be made after the scrutiny of all relevant papers, or after an interview if necessary.
- Fees: Course fee Rs. 6000/- per semester; Hostel Fee Rs. 5000/- per month. University expenses extra as per University requirements.
- Application Forms are available with The Coordinator (MA Studies), Suvidya, Institute of Philosophy and Social Sciences, Bangalore.



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