Programme: M. A. (Philosophy)

Course Code: PYO-118 Title of the Course: Bio-Ethics

**Number of Credits: 4** 

Effective from AY: 2018-19

| Prerequisites for       | NIL  |         |
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| the course:             |  |         |
| Objective:              | This course aims at understanding the distinction between ethics and applied ethics, religious foundations of Bioethics. It deals with concepts like euthanasia, abortion, in-vitro fertilisation and mental illness. To understand the ethics of ayurvedic medical practice.  |         |
| Content:                | 1. Distinction between ethics and applied ethics.  | 8 hours |
|                         | 2. Religious Foundations of Bioethics.   | 8 hours |
|                         | 3 Death, Abortion, Euthanasia and Suicide.   | 12hours |
|                         | 4. Issues in Reproductive technologies: In-vitro fertilization,  | 12hours |
|                         | prenatal diagnosis, organ transplantation and genetic  |         |
|                         | engineering.   |         |
|                         | 5. Ethics of Ayurvedic Medical Practice  | 8 hours |
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| Pedagogy:               | Lectures/ tutorials/ assignments/ self-study.  |         |
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| Learning | 1. Analysing abortion, euthanasia, suicide, in-vitro             |  |
| Outcomes | fertilisation from an ethical perspective.                       |  |
|          | 2.Understanding the ethical issues involved in Ayurvedic         |  |
|          | medical practice.  |  |

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