

Programme: M. A. (Philosophy)

Course Code: PYC-213

Title of the Course: Logic & Epistemology

Number of Credits: 4

Effective from AY: 2018-19

<b><u>Prerequisites for the course:</u></b>	•Basic knowledge of logic.	
<b><u>Objective:</u></b>	To develop an understanding of the various methods namely truth tables, shorter truth tables and formal proofs. It also aims at understanding the epistemological concepts of knowledge, truth and justification.	
<b><u>Content:</u></b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Logic:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Truth tables</li><li>2. Shorter Truth tables</li><li>3. Formal proof of validity</li></ol> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Epistemology</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>4. Nature and definition of knowledge</li><li>i) Propositional knowledge and non-propositional knowledge.</li><li>ii) Knowledge and belief</li><li>iii) Sources of knowledge</li><li>5. Theories of Truth</li><li>i) Correspondence theory.</li><li>ii) Coherence theory</li><li>iii) Pragmatic theory</li><li>6. Justification of knowledge</li><li>i) Evidence and justification</li><li>ii) Theories of justification</li><li>iii) Justification, knowledge and truth</li></ol>	<p>6 hours</p> <p>6 hours</p> <p>18 hours</p> <p>6 hours</p> <p>6 hours</p> <p>6 hours</p>
<b><u>Pedagogy:</u></b>	Lectures/ tutorials/ assignments /self-study.	
<b><u>References/ Readings</u></b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. I. M Copi, <i>Symbolic Logic</i>, New Jersey, U.S.A , Pearson Publications, 2005</li><li>2. William Gustafson and Dolph E Ulrich, <i>Elementary Symbolic Logic</i>, U.S.A., Waveland Press, 1989.</li><li>3. I.M.Copi , C.Cohen &amp; McMahon, <i>Introduction to Logic</i>, New York, Macmillan, 2012</li><li>4. Rodrick M Chisholm, <i>Theory of Knowledge</i>, New Delhi, Prentice Hall India Pvt. Ltd, 1977.</li><li>5. A.J.Ayer, <i>Problems of Knowledge</i>, London, Macmillan,</li></ol>	



	1968. 6. Keith Lehrer, <i>Theory of Knowledge</i> , England, Oxford University Press, 2000. 7. John Pollock, <i>Knowledge and Justification</i> , New Jersey, U.S.A., Princeton University Press, 2015. 8. Sybil Wolfram, <i>Philosophical Logic</i> , London, Routledge, 1989.	
<b><u>Learning Outcomes</u></b>	1. Apply the methods of truth table and shorter truth table for testing arguments and statements 2. Application of formal proofs for testing arguments.	