

**Programme:** M. A. (Philosophy)

**Course Code:** PYC- 111

**Title of the Course:** History of Western Philosophy

**Number of Credits:** 4

**Effective from AY:** 2018-19

<b><u>Prerequisites for the course:</u></b>	NIL	
<b><u>Objective:</u></b>	To inculcate in the student a critical appreciation of the history of Western Philosophical ideas from its origin in Greek Philosophy to modern times.	
<b><u>Content:</u></b>	<p>1. A brief survey of Early Greek Philosophy Pre- Socratic; Socratic and Post – Socratic Thought.</p> <p>2. Rationalism: Descartes: Method of understanding; method of doubt – the cogito as intuition and inference. The role of God – Descartes proofs for the existence of God. Body – mind problem</p> <p>Spinoza: Substance, Attribute and Mode. Body – mind problem – parallelism.</p> <p>Leibniz : Substance as the centre of activity, monadology, the distinction between truths of reason and truths of fact ; the principles of non – contradiction and sufficient reason, The Doctrine of pre – established harmony</p> <p>3. Empiricism: Locke: Origin and validity of knowledge, representative theory of knowledge, ideas and their classification, primary and secondary qualities. Berkeley: Rejection of materialism, esse est percipi; Berkeley's idealism and the problem of intersubjectivity; the centrality of notion of God. Hume: distinction between ideas and impressions; distinction between statements of relation of ideas and statements of matters of fact – rejection of metaphysics; skepticism regarding the external world and the self; Hume's critique of causality.</p> <p>4. Kant: The Critical Philosophy: Classification of judgment, how are synthetic a priori judgments possible? Copernican Revolution ; forms of intuition (space &amp; time) categories of understanding ; ideals of metaphysics ; ideas of Practical Reason ; Soul ; God ; Freedom ; Immortality</p> <p>5. Hegel: The points of departure from Kant; his conception of Geist (Spirit): dialectic; method, thesis; antithesis and synthesis; his conceptions of Being non – being and Becoming Absolute Idealism.</p>	<p>12 hours</p> <p>12 hours</p> <p>12 hours</p> <p>8 hours</p> <p>4 hours</p>