

UNIVERSITY OF PUNE

Faculty of Mental, Moral and Social Sciences

Philosophy

Lower Diploma in Ethics Today

1. Name of the Course: Lower Diploma in Ethics Today

2. Objectives of the course: It is felt that in all spheres of life we are faced with moral problems and conflicts

The objectives of the course are:

- 1. To understand the moral problems and to equip the student to handle these dilemmas with a broader vision in the light of the different theories of morality.**
- 2. To understand the different theories of morality and punishment.**
- 3. To enable the student to resolve conflicts in a more mature way.**

3. Eligibility :

Any graduate from a statutory university OR

Any diploma awarded by the Board of Technical Education of any State Government or Central Government OR

Post SSC three year Diploma with 2 Years of Post diploma experience OR

Post HSC two year Diploma with one year Post Diploma experience

4. Assessment :

The final total assessment of the candidates shall be made in terms of an internal assessment for 40 marks and an external assessment for 60 marks

External assessment:

The external assessment for 60 marks shall be based on the external written examination to be held at the end of each semester for each course.

5. Duration: 1 year, 2 Semesters

Program Structures

Credit I Nature and Scope of Ethics

Human Values and Necessity of Ethics.

Authority, laws, rules, regulations and conscience as sources of ethical guidance.

Moral Relativism.

Role of Social institutions in inculcating moral values

- a) Family
- b) Society
- c) Educational institutions

Credit II Aristotle's Virtue Ethics Eudemonia as the goal

Virtue: definition, examples of virtuous action

Credit III Consequentialism - Bentham

Mill's utilitarianism - meaning of utilitarianism, qualitative pleasures, proof of the principle of utility, relation between utility and justice.

Credit IV Deontological Ethics- Kants concept of goodwill, duty and the moral law, Categorical v/s hypothetical Imperative, Various formulations of the Categorical Imperative, Autonomy of the will

Credit V John Rawls -Notion of a well ordered society, the original position, the veil of ignorance, two principles of justice, justice as fairness v/s justice as equality, Ethical views of Vivekananda, Gandhi, Ambedkar.

Credit VI Theories of Punishment

1. Deterrent Theory
2. Retributive Theory
3. Preventive Theory
4. Reformatory Theory
5. Expiatory Theory

Credit VII Ethical Concerns and Dilemmas in Practice

Values in Nature, Animal Liberation, Principle of autonomy in medical practice

Credit VIII Case Studies on above issues.

Books for Reading :

Apostle, H. G., Aristotle : The Nicomachean Ethics, D. Reidel Pub. Co. 1975

MacIntyre, Alasdair, After Virtue, University of Notre Dame Press: Notre Dame 1981

Paton H. J. – The Moral Law : Kant's Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals, Hutchinson University Press.

Mill J. S. : Utilitarianism : Everyman's Library, London.

Williams Bernard and Smart, J. J. C (ed.) Utilitarianism : For and Against

The Blackwell Guide to Ethical Theory ed. Hugh LaFollette Blackwell, Massachusetts, 2000

Louis Pojman (Ed.)Global Environmental Ethics

Environmental Ethics : Readings in Theory and Application

Light Andrew and Holmes RolstonIII | Environmental Ethics ,Blackwell Publishing Company 2003

Steven Luper and Curtis Brown,The Moral Life,Second edition,Harcourt Brace College publishers