

4th Semester

PHI -253- Greek and Medieval Philosophy

Credits: 4

Objectives: To introduce students to the Greek philosophical tradition as the root of Western Philosophy and to compare with the medieval tradition.

Unit – I Early Greek Philosophy

- (a) Thales and Pythagoras
- (b) Democritus and Anaximander
- (c) Parmenides, Heraclitus and Zeno
- (d) Protagoras and Socrates

Unit – II Plato

- (a) Theory of Knowledge
- (b) Theory of Forms
- (c) Theory of Soul
- (d) Idea of the Good

Unit – III Aristotle

- (a) Refutation of Plato's of Ideas
- (b) Categories
- (c) Causation
- (d) Theory of Soul

Unit – IV Medieval Philosophers: St Augustine and St Aquinas

- (a) Theory of Knowledge
- (b) The Problem of Evil according to St Augustine
- (c) Freedom of the Will according to St Augustine
- (d) Beatitude Philosophy according to Thomas Aquinas

Learning outcome: Students will be acquainted with the Greek and medieval philosophy as the main source of the western philosophy.

Suggested Readings:

1. F. Copleston, History of Philosophy, Vol.II & IV, Burns and Oates Ltd., London, 1993, Edn.
2. Burnet, J., Greek Philosophy from Thales to Plato, London and New York: MacMillan, 1960.
3. Stace, W.T., A Critical History of Greek Philosophy, London , 1970 Edn.
4. Russell, B., History of Western Philosophy, London : George Allen & Unwin Ltd., 1957.
5. Windleband, History of Philosophy, Harper & raw Publishing, New York,1958.
6. Frank Thilly, A History of Philosophy, Central Publishing House, Allahabad, 1985.