

**DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY
KURUKSHETRA UNIVERSITY KURUKSHETRA**

INFORMATION ABOUT ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS FOR WEB-PORTAL

DEPARTMENT PROFILE

The Department of Philosophy is one of the premier institutions of teaching and research in Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra. Established in 1961, it has taken quantum leaps in both teaching and research. Known for its faculty, ever since inception, the Department has been engaged in improving teaching methods and materials in consonance with the requirements of the fast-changing scenario of Philosophical Studies. As a result, it has kept pace with the NET/SET programmes which is a part of UGCs comprehensive plan to provide competent teachers to the Nation. Besides above, the Department of Philosophy has been teaching essential papers like Logic (Indian & Western), Epistemology and Metaphysics (Indian), Epistemology and Metaphysics (Western), Ethics (Indian & Western), Modern Indian Thought, Contemporary Western Philosophy, Philosophy of Action, Philosophy of Religion-I & II, and Western Ethics.

Currently, the thrust areas in research of the Department are Classical Indian Philosophy, Contemporary Indian Thought, Philosophy of Religion, Philosophy of Action, Western Analytical Philosophy, Buddhism, Bhagwadgita, and Existentialism.

The Department of Philosophy has been playing an important role in preparing the candidates for different competitive examinations through the *Diploma in Reasoning*.

Mission of the Department of Philosophy –

- ❖ To promote Indian culture, Yoga, Spiritualism, Indian Philosophy particularly and Moral Values.
- ❖ To promote Philosophy of Religion for avoiding the religious riots particularly in age of Globalization.
- ❖ To promote moral values for building national and humanist character.
- ❖ Study of comparative Religions and promotion of Religious Tolerance.
- ❖ To develop the analytical ability to comprehend conceptual issues alongwith foundational-rational insight into different domains of human knowledge and activity. This is what the philosophy in its strict academic sense aims at.
- ❖ To prepare the candidates for different competitive tests with respect to their part concerning reasoning ability of different sorts. The course covers generally tests like NET, B.Ed. entrance test entrance tests for M.B.A., M.C.A. etc.
- ❖ Ph.D. research in philosophy aims at critical-analytical investigation into the conceptual and foundational issues in regard to a specified field of study. This sort of research is different from that research which is mostly undertaken by empirical disciplines like physics, chemistry etc. on the one hand, and political science, sociology, economics etc. on the other hand. Philosophical research is neither field study nor practical exercise performed in a laboratory. It is primarily conceptual that is theoretically presupposed by all the sciences and different forms of human activity. Consequently, philosophical research is academically inevitable for the proper growth of all the sciences as well as performance of all human activities with the understanding of their rational justification and a critical insight into their own conceptual structures.

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Faculty Information:

	Joining Date	Specialization	Qualifications	Contact information
Chairperson:				
Dr. R. K. Deswal	July 28, 1990	Indian Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion & Ethics.	M.A., Ph.D. (Philosophy), Diploma in Sanskrit and Diploma in Yoga.	01744-238708 (R), Mob. 98964-77599
Professor:				
Dr. N.N. Gupta	Feb. 13, 1985	Western Analytical Philosophy, Philosophy of Spiritualism	M.A., Ph.D.	01744-238243 (R) Mob. 9416347668
Reader:				
Dr. R. K. Deswal	July 28, 1990	Indian Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion & Ethics.	M.A., Ph.D. (Philosophy), Diploma in Sanskrit and Diploma in Yoga.	01744-238708 (R), Mob. 98964-77599
Lecturer:				
Dr. Anamika Girdhar	Oct. 11, 1994	Philosophy of Action, Ethics	M.A., Ph. D	01744-223203 (R)

Courses offered :

Type of Course (Postgraduate & others)

- (i) M.A.
- (ii) M.Phil.
- (iii) Diploma in Reasoning
- (iv) Ph. D. Course

System of Examination

- Annual Examination
- Annual Examination
- Six month Examination

Profile of different courses offered:

Degree Type	Course Duration	No. of sanctioned seats	Scheme of Exam. (Annual/Semester)
M.A.	Two Years	30	Annual Examination
M. Phil.	One & a half year	10	Annual Examination
Ph. D.	Four Years		

Details of different Courses:

Course Name : M.A. (Philosophy)
Course Type : Post Graduate

Exam Scheme : Annual Examination
Duration : Two Years

M.A. Previous:

Paper Code/No.	Paper Name	Paper Type	Paper Remarks	Max Marks	Internal Marks	External Marks
I	Logic (Indian & Western)	Core	-	100	NIL	100
II	Epistemology and Metaphysics (Indian)	Core	-	100	NIL	100
III	Epistemology and Metaphysics (Western)	Core	-	100	NIL	100
IV	Ethics (Indian & Western)	Core	-	100	NIL	100
V	Modern Indian Thought	Core	-	100	NIL	100

M.A. Final:

Paper Code/No.	Paper Name	Paper Type	Paper Remarks	Max Marks	Internal Marks	External Marks
VI	Contemporary Western Philosophy	Core	-	100	NIL	100
VII	Philosophy of Action	Group-A optional	-	100	NIL	100
VIII	Philosophy of Religion-I	Group-A optional	-	100	NIL	100
IX	Philosophy of Religion-II	Group-A optional	-	100	NIL	100
X	Western Ethics	Group-A optional	-	100	NIL	100

Course Name : M. Phil. (Philosophy)
Course Type : Post Graduate
Exam Scheme : Annual Examination
Duration : One & a half year

M. Phil (Philosophy)

Paper Code/No.	Paper Name	Paper Type	Paper Remarks	Max Marks	Internal Marks	External Marks
I	Fundamental Concepts of Philosophy: (a) Theory Paper (b) Seminar Internal Assessment	Core Core	-	100 80 } 100 20 }	 80 } 100 20 }	100 NIL
II	Research Methodology	Core	-	100	NIL	100
III	Dissertation	Core	Grades	NA	NA	NIL

Course Name : Diploma in Reasoning
Course Type : Certificate
Exam Scheme : Six monthly
Duration : Six Months

Diploma in Reasoning:

Paper	Paper Name	Paper	Paper	Max	Internal	External
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Code/No.		Type	Remarks	Marks	Marks	Marks
I	Principles of Logic	Core	-	100	NIL	100
II	Applied Reasoning	Core	-	100	NIL	100

Facilities:

LCD Projector with Laptop is available for teaching, & seminars.

Others facilities : Computers & Internet and Xeroxing Machine.

Placement cell:

Placement information for the year 2005-06: NIL.

Information on Seminar and Conferences:

Departmental Seminars : NIL.

Information on Research Activities (Projects):

NIL.

Information on Achievement:

Achievement Details:

The Department has trained students in different systems of Indian Philosophy and contemporary Indian and Western Philosophy. 17 books and hundreds of research papers have been published by the teachers of Department in different fertile areas of Philosophy such as Indian Philosophy, Philosophy of Culture, Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Action Philosophy of Sri. Aurobindo, Gandhi, Vivekananda, J.Krishnamurty, K.C. Bhattacharya, Wittgenstein, Kant, Plato, and so on.

Besides the above, the Department has been preparing the candidates for reasoning in different competitive tests like M.B.A. Entrance, M.C.A. Entrance, B.Ed., NET, different provincial and Indian Administrative services by imparting reasoning ability to hundreds of the candidates through its very popular course '*Diploma in Reasoning*' since last several years.

CHAIRMAN