

Core II

Introduction to Moral Philosophy

Introduction:

An Introduction to Moral Philosophy is an engaging study of the realm of ethics, exploring questions about what is right and wrong, good and bad, and how we ought to live our lives. Throughout the course, students will engage in discussions, debates, and critical analyses of ethical theories and their applications to real-world issues. Assignments might include readings from classic and contemporary texts, writing reflections on moral dilemmas, and presentations on ethical topics of interest.

Course Outcomes:

1. Attaining knowledge of the relation between moral philosophy and other important disciplines.
2. Understanding of the basic ethical concepts and theories.
3. Understanding the moral standards and judgments.
4. Understanding of the fundamental concepts in Hindu ethics.

Learning Outcome :

Unit-I: Students will be able to distinguish between Ethics and Morality. They will be able to interpret events with a more rational basis.

Unit-II: By the end of Unit 2, Students can analyze the nature of a moral judgment. They will be able to differentiate between moral and other forms of judgment.

Unit-III: Students will have an understanding of the evolution of Moral Consciousness. They will be able to trace the development of Moral consciousness from Custom to Conscience

Unit-IV: Students will have a familiarity with the Indian tradition of Morality. They will have an awareness of concepts like Dharma, Guṇa-Karma-Svabhāva; Puruṣārtha.

Course Components:

Unit-I: Definition, Nature, and Scope of Moral Philosophy, Distinction between Morality and Ethics; Ethics in Relation to Other Disciplines: Sociology, Politics, Economics, and Theology;

Unit-II: Psychological Basis of Ethics: Moral and Non-Moral Actions, Voluntary Actions, **Moral** Judgement: Nature of Moral Judgement, Moral and other types of Judgments: Logical, Factual and Aesthetic Judgments, Object and Subject of Moral Judgement; Morality and Legality;

Unit-III: Moral and nonmoral senses of “Good,” Good and its senses, morality and cultivation of traits, morality of traits vs. morality of principles;

Unit-IV: Moral concepts: Right, duty and virtue, Moral pathology: Theories of Punishment, capital punishment;

Prescribed Books:

- ✓ *J. N. Sinha- A Manual of Ethics, New Central Book Agency Pvt. Ltd., Calcutta*

Reference Books:

- ✓ *N.C. Padhi & S.C. Panigrahi, Ethics: Indian and Western, Ananya Publications, Cuttack.*

E-Resource:

- ✓ <https://www.distanceeducationju.in/pdf/BA%20Sem%20III%20Course%20No%20PL-301%20Philosophy.pdf>
- ✓ <https://www.thebalancedyoga.com/tby-news/25/1/2018/dharma-yoga-3-types-of-dharma>
- ✓ <https://youtu.be/bK-afeC9TwQ?si=RDDaCxc-UNmnG0Pb>
- ✓ <https://www.lawtool.net/post/moral-judgment-philosophy#:~:text=A%20moral%20judgement%20presupposes%20a,of%20judging%20or%20moral%20faculty%20.&text=Ethics%20%2C%20Logic%20and%20Aesthetics%20are,norms%20of%20ideals%20of%20life%20>

Sample Questions: 1 for Part- I Objective; Part- II Very Short Type (in 50 Words); Par-III Short Type (in 250 Words); Par-IV Long Type (in 800 Words);

Unit – I

- (1) Ethics Is Derived From -----Word.
- (2) What Is Ethics?
- (3) Explain the Nature and Scope of Ethics
- (4) Discuss the relationship between Sociology, Ethics, and Politics.

Unit – II

- (1) What Is Moral Judgment?
- (2) What Is the Nature of Moral Judgement?
- (3) Discuss the Relation to Morality and Legality
- (4) Give An Exposition of Moral Judgement or Explain Logical, Factual, and Aesthetic Judgment.

Unit – III

- 1- The "Hedonism" Derived from Greek Word "Hedone" Means _____
- 2- What Is a Moral Standard?
- 3- What Is Customary Morality and Reflective Personal Morality?
- 4- What Is Utilitarianism? Explain Mill's Utilitarianism.

Unit – IV

- 1- How Many Purushartha Are Told in Indian Ethics?
- 2- What Is Dharma?
- 3 – Explain Briefly - Svadharma and Sadharana Dharma.
- 4- State and Explain the Definition of Purusharth and Discuss Its Classification.