

Syllabus for DEEP 2026

INDIAN PHILOSOPHY

Sections	Topics	Primary Text	Additional Resources
1.The Bhagavad Gītā and the Upaniṣads	<p>Knowledge, Action, Ātman, Dharma, Avatāra</p> <p>Relation between God/Lord (Īśa) and the World (jagat), Self (Ātman), Knowledge and Ignorance.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bhagavad Gītā, Chapter IV (The Way of Renunciation of Action in Knowledge – Jñāna-karma-samnyāsa-yoga chapter with 42 verses) • Īśa Upaniṣad (18 verses) with Śaṅkara’s commentary 	<p><i>Śrīmad Bhagavad-Gītā</i>, Swami Swarupananda (tr) (Calcutta: Advaita Ashrama, 1996).</p> <p><i>Īśa Upaniṣad, in Eight Upaniṣads with the Commentary of Śaṅkarācārya, Vol. 1</i>, Swami Gambhirananda (tr) (Calcutta: Advaita Ashrama, 1998), pp. 1-32)</p>
2.Sutta Nipāta (in Khuddaka Nikāya) Anguttara Nikāya	<p>Food and Purity, externally bad smelling food, and internal corruptions.</p> <p>Free inquiry, experiential knowledge.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Āmagandha Sutta (Sutta Nipāta 2:2 titled ‘Raw Stench’) • Kālāma Sutta (or Kesamutti Sutta) – Anguttara Nikāya 3: 65) 	<p><i>The Sutta Nipāta (Buddha’s Teachings: Being the Sutta-Nipāta or Discourse-Collection)</i> Lord Chalmers (tr) (Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass, 1999), pp. 58-62</p> <p><i>Anguttara Nikāya (The Book of Gradual Sayings) Vol. 1</i>, F. L. Woodward (tr), (Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass, 2006), pp. 170-175</p>
3.Indian Materialism (The Cārvāka system)	<p>Ethics, Epistemology, Metaphysics</p>		<p><i>Outlines of Indian Philosophy</i> by Jadunath Sinha, (Kolkata: New Central Book Agency, 2013)</p>
4.Jainism	<p>Pramāṇa and Naya, Anekāntavāda and Syādvāda, Categories (Jīva and Ajīva)</p>		<p><i>An Introduction to Indian Philosophy</i> by Christopher Bartley, 2011, New York:</p>

<p>5. Early Schools of Buddhism</p>	<p>Vaibhāṣika and Sautrāntika Schools</p>		<p>Continuum.</p> <p><i>An Introduction to Indian Philosophy: Perspectives on Reality, Knowledge, and Freedom</i> by Gupta, Bina, 2012, New York: Routledge.</p>
<p>6. Later Schools of Buddhism</p>	<p>Mahāyāna Philosophy (Mādhyamika philosophy & Yogācāra-Vijñānavāda Philosophy)</p>		<p><i>Outlines of Indian Philosophy</i> by Jadunath Sinha, (Kolkata: New Central Book Agency, 2013)</p> <p><i>An Introduction to Indian Philosophy</i> by Christopher Bartley, 2011, New York: Continuum.</p> <p><i>An Introduction to Indian Philosophy: Perspectives on Reality, Knowledge, and Freedom</i> by Gupta, Bina, 2012, New York: Routledge.</p>
<p>7. Sāṅkhya</p>	<p>Theory of Causation, Puruṣa and Prakṛti, Sāṅkhya Epistemology</p>		<p><i>Outlines of Indian Philosophy</i> by Jadunath Sinha, (Kolkata: New Central Book Agency, 2013)</p> <p><i>An Introduction to Indian Philosophy: Perspectives on Reality, Knowledge, and Freedom</i> by Gupta, Bina, 2012, New York: Routledge.</p> <p>Chapter 8 in <i>Indian Philosophy: An Introduction to Hindu and Buddhist Thought</i>, by Richard King. (1999) Edinburg University Press, Edinburg.</p>

<p>8. Patañjali's Yogasūtra</p>	<p>Aṣṭāṅga Yoga (Yogasūtra 2.29)</p>		<p><i>Outlines of Indian Philosophy</i> by Jadunath Sinha, (Kolkata: New Central Book Agency, 2013)</p> <p>Chapter 8 in <i>Indian Philosophy: An Introduction to Hindu and Buddhist Thought</i>, by Richard King. (1999) Edinburg University Press, Edinburg.</p>
<p>9. Vaiśeṣika</p>	<p>Padārthas and Theory of Atomism</p>	<p><i>Tarkasaṃgraha</i> of Aṅṅambhaṭṭa translated by Swami Virupakshananda, Sri Ramakrishna Math, Madras, 2001.</p>	<p><i>Outlines of Indian Philosophy</i> by Jadunath Sinha, (Kolkata: New Central Book Agency, 2013)</p> <p><i>An Introduction to Indian Philosophy</i> by Christopher Bartley, 2011, New York: Continuum.</p> <p><i>An Introduction to Indian Philosophy: Perspectives on Reality, Knowledge, and Freedom</i> by Gupta, Bina, 2012, New York: Routledge.</p>

<p>10. Nyāya</p>	<p>Pramānas; Perception, Inference and Hetvābhāsa</p>	<p><i>Tarkasaṃgraha</i> of Anṅambhaṭṭa translated by Swami Virupakshananda, Sri Ramakrishna Math, Madras, 2001.</p>	<p><i>An Introduction to Indian Philosophy</i> by Christopher Bartley, 2011, New York: Continuum.</p> <p><i>Outlines of Indian Philosophy</i> by Jadunath Sinha, (Kolkata: New Central Book Agency, 2013)</p>
			<p><i>An Introduction to Indian Philosophy: Perspectives on Reality, Knowledge, and Freedom</i> by Gupta, Bina, 2012, New York: Routledge.</p>
<p>11. Mīmāṃsā</p>	<p>Injunction, Kinds and Function of Injunction</p> <p>Intrinsic Validity (Svataḥprāmāṇya) of Knowledge.</p>	<p><i>Mīmāṃsā-paribhāṣā</i> of Kṛṣṇa Yajvan translated by Swami Madhavananda, Advaita Ashrama, Calcutta, 2000.</p>	<p><i>An Introduction to Indian Philosophy</i> by Christopher Bartley, 2011, New York: Continuum.</p> <p><i>An Introduction to Indian Philosophy: Perspectives on Reality, Knowledge, and Freedom</i> by Gupta, Bina, 2012, New York: Routledge.</p> <p><i>Outlines of Indian Philosophy</i> by Jadunath Sinha, (Kolkata: New Central Book Agency, 2013)</p>

<p>12. Vedānta</p>	<p>Superimposition, Jīva and Superimposition and De-superimposition</p> <p>Metaphysical View of Śankara: (Brahma, Ātman, Jīva, Māyā, Mokṣa)</p> <p>Rāmānuja: Cit, Acit and Īśvara</p>	<p><i>Vedānta-sāra</i> of Sadānanda translated by Swami Nikhīlananda, Advaita Ashrama, Calcutta, 1990.</p>	<p><i>An Introduction to Indian Philosophy</i> by Christopher Bartley, 2011, New York: Continuum.</p> <p><i>An Introduction to Indian Philosophy: Perspectives on Reality, Knowledge, and Freedom</i> by Gupta, Bina, 2012, New York: Routledge.</p> <p><i>Outlines of Indian Philosophy</i> by Jadunath Sinha, (Kolkata: New Central Book Agency, 2013)</p>
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WESTERN PHILOSOPHY

Sections	Topics	Primary Text	Additional Resources
<p>1. Plato</p>	<p>Knowledge, Belief, Perception, Refutation of Meno’s Paradox and Protagoras’ Doctrine.</p>	<p>Plato, <i>Theaetetus</i></p>	<p>John M. Cooper, <i>Plato’s Theaetetus</i>, Routledge, 1990</p>
<p>2. Aristotle</p>	<p>Soul, Virtue, Intellectual Virtues, Phronesis</p>	<p>Aristotle, <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i>, Book VI.</p>	<p>C.D.C. Reeve, <i>Aristotle on Practical Wisdom: Nicomachean Ethics VI</i>, Harvard University Press, 2013.</p> <p>Ronald Polansky (ed.), <i>The Cambridge Companion to Aristotle’s Nicomachean Ethics</i>, Cambridge University Press, 2014.</p>

3. Deductive Logic	Nature of Categorical Propositions, Distribution, Square of Opposition, Aristotelian Syllogism, Moods and Fallacies	Irving M. Copi a and Carl Cohen, <i>Introduction to Logic.</i>	
4. Inductive Logic	Cause and Effect, The meaning of Cause; Induction by Simple Enumeration; Mill’s Method of Experimental Inquiry; Mill’s Method of Agreement, Method of Difference, Joint Method of Agreement and Difference, Method of Residues, Method of Concomitant Variations; Criticism of Mills Methods, Vindication of Mill’s Methods.	Irving M. Copi a and Carl Cohen, <i>Introduction to Logic.</i>	
5. Descartes	Method of Doubt; I think, therefore, I am; Nature of the Ego Cogito; Innate ideas; Proof for the Existence of God	Descartes, <i>Meditations</i> , 1, 2, and 3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Margaret Dauler Wilson, <i>Descartes</i>, Routledge, 1978. • F. Thilly, <i>History of Western Philosophy</i>, Henry Holt & Co., 1941.
6. Locke	Refutation of Innate Ideas, Ideas and their Classification, Substance, Primary and Secondary qualities, Operations of the Mind, Degrees and of Human Knowledge	Locke, <i>An Essay Concerning Human Understanding</i> , Book 1, Chapter 2; Book 2 Chapters 1, 2, 11, 12, 23, 24. Book 4: Chapter 2 & 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Ayers, <i>Locke: Epistemology and Ontology</i>, Routledge, 1991. • F. Thilly, <i>History of Western Philosophy</i>, Henry Holt & Co., 1941.

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7. Leibniz	Monads, Coordination of Monads, Perception and Appetition, Rational Order, God, the principle of sufficient reason.	Leibniz, G.W. <i>The Monadology</i> (1714). Section 1-40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anthony Kenny, <i>A New History of Western Philosophy Volume III: The Rise of Modern Philosophy</i>, 2006.
8. Hume	Ideas and Impressions, Causation	Hume, <i>An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding</i> , Sections 2, 3, 4, and 5.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barry Stroud, <i>Hume</i>, Routledge, 1977. • F. Thilly, <i>History of Western Philosophy</i>, Henry Holt & Co., 1941.
9. Kant	Distinction between Analytic and Synthetic Judgments, Possibility of Synthetic a priori judgments, Will and Inclination, Distinction between Hypothetical and Categorical Imperative, Formulations of the Categorical Imperative, Concept of Duty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kant, <i>Prolegomena to Any Future Metaphysics</i>, Preface; Chapters 1, 2, 3. • Kant, <i>Groundwork of the Metaphysic of Morals</i>, Introduction; Books 1 and 2. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allen W. Wood, <i>Kant</i>, Blackwell Publishing, 2005. • S Korner, <i>Kant</i>, Penguin Books, 1955. • Roger J. Sullivan, <i>An Introduction to Kant's Ethics</i>, Cambridge University Press, 1994. • John Deigh, <i>An Introduction to Ethics</i>, Cambridge University Press, 2010.
10. Mill	Principle of Utility, Types of Pleasure, Response to Objections	Mill, <i>Utilitarianism</i> , Chapters 1 and 2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Deigh, <i>An Introduction to Ethics</i>, Cambridge University Press, 2010.

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