

Chanchal College

SEC Syllabus in Philosophy for Sem II

Paper - SEC 2

The Process of Knowing and the Art of Arguing

Credit 3.

Total course: 90 hrs.

Objective of the Course:

The aim of the course is to know the true ways to knowing, the valid knowledge - Prama, the hierarchy and sequences of the Pramas. Actual knowledge gives actual efficiency and valid outcome. So, by knowing the valid process, technically the assurance of the knowledge can be determined easily. Alongside, the art of arguing helps to get a true conclusion of any kind of discussion. It also helps to defend and place our statements more logically to get a systematic and valid conclusion.

Learning Outcomes:

True knowledge is the actual way to get true result. So, it's very important in everyday life. A systematic way helps to place statements more clearly. And as the conclusion comes following a system, so, the result would be more admissible.

Proposed Syllabus

Module-1

The Process of Knowing - I

Introduction, Valid Knowledge(Prama), Invalid Knowledge(Aprama), Instruments of Valid Knowledge.

Module-2

The Process of Knowing - II

Perception as valid source of Knowledge, Inference, Comparison, Testimony, Postulation and Non-Perception.

Module-3

The Art of Arguing -

What is Critical Thinking, Standards of Critical Thinking, Arguments, Tarka, Types of Tarka, Vada, Jalpa and Vitanda.

Module-4

Practice -

Real life importance of True Knowledge and placing statements logically, such as -

- Inference of raining by observing the dark clouds.
- Direct knowledge of fire in a fire-place vs knowledge of fire by smoke.
- Debate and extempore.

Course Model:

Modules	Topics	Contents	Hours
1	The Process of Knowing - I	Introduction, Valid Knowledge(Prama), Invalid Knowledge(Aprama), Instruments of Valid Knowledge.	10
2	The Process of Knowing - II	Perception as valid source of Knowledge, Inference, Comparison, Testimony, Postulation and Non-Perception.	20
3	The Art of Arguing	What is Critical Thinking, Standards of Critical Thinking, Arguments, Tarka, Types of Tarka, Vada, Jalpa and Vitanda.	20
4	Practice sessions	Real life importance of True Knowledge and placing statements logically.	40

Helps and resources:

1. Dutta, D. M., Six Ways of Knowing.
2. Dutta & Chatterjee, Introduction to Indian Philosophy.
3. Tarkabagisa Phanibhusan, Nyaya Parichaya.
4. Mondal Pradyot, Bharatiya Darsan.
5. Bhattacharya Samarendra, Bharatiya Darsan.