

INTRODUCTION

The Department (formerly Averroes Centre for Philosophical Studies) is the first Department of Philosophy to be established in the valley of Kashmir. The Department functions as a teaching and research centre with regard to classical, medieval and modern schools of philosophy across spatio-temporal trajectories with a focus on the relevance of philosophy in the fields of technology and AI intervention. The Department provides opportunities to students and researchers to build a formidable foundation in philosophical studies and contribute to the existing body of scholarly work through learning and understanding of diverse branches such as Ontology and Epistemology (Western, Indian and Islamic), Metaphysics (Western, Indian and Islamic), Value theory, Symbolic Logic, Philosophy of Religion, Social and Political Philosophy, Applied & Contemporary philosophy etc.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

The Department offers following academic programmes and courses:

- ❖ **M.A. Philosophy**
- ❖ **Ph.D.**
- ❖ **Open Elective Courses**

ABOUT THE PROGRAMMES AND COURSES

M.A. Philosophy

The programme has been designed to impart an all-inclusive, multi-disciplinary and comprehensive understanding of philosophy at basic and advanced levels. It aims to develop a thorough understanding of the debates and discourses of diverse traditions of philosophy (Indian, Western, Islamic) from the classical to contemporary times. The entire programme constitutes of 80 credits, divided evenly (20 credits) across four semesters. The M.A. degree is awarded to a student who completes a total of 80 credits (20 credits per Semester) in a minimum period of two years.

OBJECTIVES:

1. The programme offers a holistic and multidimensional approach to engage with the debates prevalent within global philosophy from the classical to contemporary times.
2. It offers a special focus on the nature of theory-praxis gap and encourages problem-based and experiential approaches to explore teaching and research.
3. It offers the learners an opportunity to engage with other disciplines to

collaborate on innovative thinking, understanding and ways ahead of philosophical problems.

OUTCOMES:

1. To inculcate and enhance critical thinking, interrogative propensity, rational apprehension and problem-solving capacities.
2. To understand, analyse and interpret philosophical concepts, thinkers and texts across traditions.
3. To appreciate the diversity of philosophical thinking through the study of thinkers, schools, perspectives from various traditions across space and time.

DURATION: 02 years (4 semesters)

WHO CAN APPLY?

Bachelor's degree in any stream with 50% marks in aggregate for general candidates and 45% for reserved candidates.

Ph.D Philosophy:

In recent years, attempts have been made to locate traditionally established canons of philosophical thought within a plurality of global intellectual traditions. The Department with its focus on multidisciplinary research aims to study and examine the points of convergence, divergence and intercultural intersections between the wide-ranging global philosophical perspectives. A central component of this approach is to interrogate, interpret and reinterpret texts, traditions, the dominant histories of philosophy and established conceptual frameworks to excavate fresh perspectives that align with contemporary challenges. The aim is to study and critically evaluate the mainstream history of ideas that has hitherto shaped the fundamentals of knowledge, reality, morality, politics, community, economics, technology etc. so that a philosophy anchored in past, permeated in the present and normatively focused on the future becomes possible. The Department invites motivated aspirants to apply for research/PhD vacancies as and when advertised by the University.

Open Elective Courses

Open elective courses in philosophy helps instill formative principles of critical and theoretical thinking and creates awareness with regard to some fundamental philosophical perplexities. The courses offered by the Department aim to foster a mutual understanding of disciplines be it Science, Technology, Literature,

Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts and thereby necessarily pave way for an innovative and interdisciplinary approach to learning and research.

The Department offers the following 08 courses of 02 credits each as Open Electives:

PHI-001 Foundations of Philosophy

PHI-002 Introduction to Political Philosophy

PHI-003 Philosophical Foundations of Research

PHI-004 Introduction to Indian Philosophy

PHI-005 Introduction to Islamic Philosophy

PHI-006 Ethics in the Public Domain

PHI-007 Society and Public Sphere

PHI-008 Facets of Philosophy

FACILITIES

The Department offers a supportive and facilitative platform with focused mentorship programs, Career Counselling and allied student support services to hone the professional skills of students and scholars. The Department houses a library with essential texts and references related to multiple areas of philosophy. Rumi Library ensures an unhindered access to online scholarly resources/journals to cater to immediate and long term academic and research needs of students.

THRUST AREAS

- ❖ Classical, Modern and Contemporary Philosophies
- ❖ Indian Knowledge Systems
- ❖ Philosophy of Technology and AI
- ❖ Applied Philosophy
- ❖ Philosophical Thought of Kashmir
- ❖ Ethics and Socio-Political Philosophy

CULBS AND ACTIVITIES

- ❖ Averroes Club for Philosophy and Society (ACPS) promotes activities such as Reading Groups, Philosophy Roundtables, Book Talks, Guest Lectures.

- ❖ Traditional Knowledge Club (TKC) encourages the exploration and incorporation of the age-old, classical, and wisdom-laden insights from tradition with contemporary theory and praxis in diverse fields of study.

FUTURE FOCUS

The Department aspires to evolve and emerge as a thriving and vibrant teaching-research space at state and national levels. To achieve this milestone, the Department is proactively pursuing following goals:

- ❖ Initiate dedicated programmes of teaching and research in contemporary and applied fields of philosophy
- ❖ Promote cutting-edge teaching and research aligned with national priorities and normative global challenges
- ❖ Establish research networks and collaborations with premier institutions
- ❖ Encourage problem-based and experiential learning approaches

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