



**FIRST SEMESTER 2024–2025**  
**Course Handout Part II**

Date: 01.08.2024

In addition to part-I (General Handout for all courses appended to the time table) this portion gives further specific details regarding the course.

**Course No.** : **GS F312**  
**Course Title** : **Applied Philosophy**  
**Instructor-in-Charge** : **A. K. Jayesh**

**Scope and Objective of the Course:**

This course intends to serve as an introduction to the following key concepts in contemporary political philosophy: state, state of nature, democracy, liberty, property, and justice. Designed primarily for students new to the subject, this will be an ideal first course for anyone interested in the fundamentals of political philosophy.

**Textbook:**

1. Wolff, Jonathan. 2016. *An Introduction to Political Philosophy*. 3rd ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

**Reference Books:**

1. Bird, Colin. 2019. *An Introduction to Political Philosophy*. 2nd ed. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
2. Christman, John. 2018. *Social and Political Philosophy: A Contemporary Introduction*. 2nd ed. New York: Routledge.
3. Goodin, Robert E., and Philip Pettit, eds. 2019. *Contemporary Political Philosophy: An Anthology*. 3rd ed. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley Blackwell.
4. Rosen, Michael, and Jonathan Wolff, eds. 1999. *Political Thought*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
5. Simmons, John. 2007. *Political Philosophy*. New York: Oxford University Press.

In addition to the sources mentioned above, students will be required to go through a number of articles made available at various points in the course.

**Course Plan:**

Lecture No.	Learning objectives	Topics to be covered	Chapter in the Text Book
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1	Understand the nature and objective of the course		Introduction (TB)
2	Understand the content of philosophical perspectives	Content of philosophical perspectives: ethical, logical, epistemological, and metaphysical	Lecture
3–8	Examine the concept of state of nature	Hobbes; Locke; Rousseau; anarchism.	Chapter 1 (TB)
9–14	Evaluate the attempts to justify the state	The social contract; utilitarianism; the principle of fairness; ethics and social dilemmas.	Chapter 2 (TB)
15–20	Analyze the arguments for and against various forms of government	Plato against democracy; Rousseau and the general will; representative democracy.	Chapter 3 (TB)
21–27	Examine the concept of liberty	Mill on liberty; justifying the principle of liberty; problems with liberalism; freedom of expression; democratic values and the Internet; computer and the Internet crime; social and value dimensions of technology; impact of information technology on the quality of life.	Chapter 4 (TB)
28–35	Understand the salience of the arguments for distribution of property	The problem of distributive justice; property and markets; Rawls's theory of justice; Rawls and his critics; social justice and equality.	Chapter 5 (TB)
36–42	Analyze the concept of justice	"Oversights" of justice; justice for everyone?; justice everywhere?	Chapter 6 (TB)

#### Evaluation Scheme:

Component	Duration	Weighting	Date & Time	Nature of
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Mid-semester Examination	90 Minutes	30	07/10 - 4.00 - 5.30PM	CB
Assignments	NA	20 + 15	To be announced	OB + CB
Comprehensive Examination	180 Minutes	35	10/12 AN	CB

**Chamber Consultation Hour:** Consultation hours will be announced on the CMS.

**Notices:** Notices, if any, will be displayed on the CMS.

**Make-up Policy:** Make-up cases will be permitted in line with the existing institute policy.

**Academic Honesty and Integrity Policy:** Academic honesty and integrity are to be maintained by all the students throughout the semester and no type of academic dishonesty is acceptable.

**INSTRUCTOR-IN-CHARGE**

