



GOA UNIVERSITY  
Taleigao Plateau

**SYLLABUS FOR GOA UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS RANKING TEST (GU-ART) IN PHILOSOPHY**

**The GU-ART Syllabus is based on the Syllabus of the Courses of Semester I to IV of the B.A. Programme in Philosophy.**

- **Introduction to Philosophy**
  - 1) Definition of Philosophy; its nature and scope
  - 2) Nature of Ethics and Applied Ethics
  - 3) Stages in the development of Morality
  
- **Theories of Moral Standard**
  - 1) Aristotelian Ethics
  - 2) Kant's Deontology
  - 3) Mill's and Bentham's Utilitarianism
  
- **Indian Ethics**
  - 1) Ethics of Bhagwad Gita
  - 2) Charvaka Ethics
  - 3) Gandhian Ethics
  
- **Bio-Socio Ethics**
  - 1) Euthanasia: Types of Euthanasia, Arguments for and against Euthanasia
  - 2) Suicide: Types of Suicide
  - 3) Abortion: Arguments for and against abortion, Moral issues involved in killing life
  
- **Punishment**
  - 1) Ethical justification of Punishment
  - 2) Retributive, Deterrent, and Reformative Theories.
  - 3) Capital Punishment: Arguments for and against.

- **Schools of Philosophy**

- 1) Rationalism
- 2) Empiricism
- 3) Positivism
- 4) Existentialism

- **Indian Metaphysics**

- 1) Four Noble Truths in Buddhism
- 2) Categories in Vaisesika
- 3) Prakrti and Purusa; Theory of Evolution in Sankhya
- 4) Concept of Brahman- Nirguna and Saguna Brahman in Advaita Vedanta

- **Concept of God**

- 1) Nature of God
- 2) Metaphysical and Moral Attributes of God
- 3) Types of Theisms; Atheism and Agnosticism.

- **Nature of Knowledge**

- 1) Definition and sources of Knowledge
- 2) A priori and empirical knowledge
- 3) Analytic and synthetic statements.

- **Theory of Values**

- 1) Concept of Purusharthas
- 2) Social values and Ideals : Equality, Freedom and Justice.

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