



**INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY  
SCHOOL OF INTERDISCIPLINARY AND TRANS- DISCIPLINARY STUDIES**

**LOCF for M.A. Philosophy**

**Knowledge:** The graduates should be able to demonstrate the acquisition of knowledge to:

- Literally the word “philosophy” (Greek philosophia) means “love of wisdom”. It is described as search for knowledge, truth, wisdom, virtue and happiness. Philosophy as a discipline is universal, transcending cultures, religions and ethnic identities.
- Philosophy is an intellectual activity and has for its subject matter the concepts, theories and presuppositions present in various disciplines and in everyday life.
- Philosophy is a fundamental discipline.
- There are as many philosophies as there are peoples and cultures.
- Hence students can acquired the knowledge of Indian philosophies, Asian philosophies; Western philosophies, Eastern philosophies; Ancient philosophy, Modern philosophy, contemporary philosophy; religious philosophies, materialist philosophies; philosophy of man, philosophy of religion, philosophy of morality, philosophy of nature, philosophy of science, philosophy of technology, philosophy of mind, philosophy of history, philosophy of culture, philosophy of knowledge; Islamic philosophy, Jewish philosophy, Christian philosophy, Hindu philosophy, Buddhist philosophy, Jaina philosophy, Tribal philosophy, etc.

**Skills:** The graduates should be able to demonstrate the acquisition of skills required to:

- Develop pedagogical and instructional design models appropriate for distance learners.

- It provides opportunity to students in ODL System who may prefer inter-disciplinary approach while pursuing Postgraduate programmes by opting courses from the discipline of Philosophy.
- It provides specialization in Philosophy to those in service people, and young students who have a natural inclination to speculation and critical and abstract thinking.
- It provides an inter-disciplinary approach to the study of Philosophy discipline.
- Philosophy is a much appreciated discipline in Universities abroad. Hence, for those seeking admission in foreign universities, doing a course in philosophy would be an added advantage.

**Application of Knowledge & Skills:** The graduates should be able to demonstrate the ability to:

- Utilize learnt concepts and skills obtained from MAPY in day to day problems.
- Apply knowledge and skills to prepare self learning material.
- To deliberate in National Policies regarding human development ethnic issues and community welfare.
- To contribute to communal harmony, national integration and promote social transformation.
- To promote Indian culture, Indian heritage and Indian spiritual traditions.

**Generic Learning Outcomes:** The graduates should be able to demonstrate the ability to:

- Enhance the rational capacities to think, to question, and to find solutions of fundamental problems and questions.
- Encourage the debate culture, the culture of discussion and questioning.
- To ground our vision (*darshana*) on reason and argumentation.
- Open up new possibilities to ask question, enlarge and enrich our reflective canvas by

pondering and rethinking again and again on philosophical issues.

**Constitutional, Humanistic, Ethical, and Moral Values:** The graduates should be able to demonstrate the willingness to:

- Imbibe moral and constitutional values like compassion, honesty, integrity, equality and justice in order to become a responsible citizen.
- Develop an ability to become a law abiding individual of the society.
- Develop an ability to understand, critically analyze, and resolve conflicting situations and moral/social dilemma.
- Develop an ability to think and act in minimizing violence and increase efforts to maintain and bring peace in the society.
- Develop an ability to understand the value system and critically analyze the problems of society by introducing papers like 'Human Duties', 'Human Values', 'Human Person', 'Peace and Conflict Resolution'.

**Employability & Entrepreneurship skills:** The graduates should be able to:

- To provide opportunity to candidates from ODL System who desire to pursue studies in Philosophy so as to appear for civil service, UPSC, PCS and other competitive exams.
- To provide career prospects for students from ODL System in the discipline of Philosophy.
- Teaching and research