



(Shri Ramkrishna Seva Mandal's)  
**ANAND COMMERCE COLLEGE**

An Autonomous College (2025-26 to 2034-35)

(Affiliated to Sardar Patel University)

NAAC ACCREDITED 'A' GRADE (3.04 CGPA)

ISO 9001:2015

Syllabus as per NEP 2020 with effect from the Academic Year 2025-26



**Bachelor of Commerce**  
**B COM Semester – I**

Course Code	UC01IKCOM03	Title of the Course	Gautama's Nyaya Darshan
Total Credit of Course	02	Hours Per Week	02

Course Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>To introduce students to the foundational principles and methodology of Gautama's Nyāyadarśana.</li><li>To cultivate analytical reasoning through the study of inference, debate, and fallacies in classical logic.</li><li>To develop comparative understanding between Nyāya epistemology and other Indian and Western philosophical systems</li></ol>
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Unit	Description	Weightage
1.	<b>Foundations of Nyāya Philosophy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Historical background and emergence of the Nyāya school</li><li>Structure and significance of Gautama's <i>Nyāya Sūtras</i></li><li>Definition of knowledge (<i>pramā</i>) and non-valid knowledge (<i>apramā</i>)</li></ul> Four valid means of knowledge ( <i>pramāṇas</i> ): <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Perception (<i>pratyakṣa</i>)</li><li>Inference (<i>anumāna</i>)</li><li>Comparison (<i>upamāna</i>)</li><li>Testimony (<i>śabda</i>)</li></ul>	35%
2.	<b>Inference and Logical Frameworks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Detailed study of <i>anumāna</i> (inference): types and structure</li><li>The five-membered syllogism (<i>pañcāvayava-vākya</i>)</li><li>Elements of inference: <i>pakṣa</i>, <i>hetu</i>, <i>sādhya</i>, <i>udāharaṇa</i>, <i>upanaya</i>, <i>nigamana</i></li><li>Fallacies (<i>hetvābhāsa</i>): definition, types, and examples</li></ul> Method of debate ( <i>vāda</i> , <i>jalpa</i> , <i>vitandā</i> ) and rules of discussion ( <i>vāda-vidhi</i> )	35%
3.	<b>Ontology and Comparative Epistemology</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The sixteen categories (<i>ṣoḍaśa padārthāḥ</i>) of Nyāya</li><li>Reality and categories: substance (<i>dravya</i>), quality (<i>guṇa</i>), action (<i>karman</i>), etc.</li><li>Concept of self (<i>ātman</i>), mind (<i>manas</i>), and liberation (<i>mokṣa</i>)</li><li>Nyāya's response to Buddhist and Mīmāṃsā epistemology</li><li>Relevance of Nyāya logic in modern philosophical discourse</li></ul>	30%

Teaching – Learning Methodology	lectures (theoretical), Group discussions, Q&A sessions, and student-led presentationS.
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## Internal and / or External Examination Evaluation

<b>Evaluation and Exam Pattern</b>			
<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Details of Evaluation / Exam Pattern</b>	<b>50 Marks (%)</b>	<b>25 Marks (%)</b>
1.	<b>Class Test</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>
2.	<b>Quiz</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5</b>
3.	<b>Active Learning</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-</b>
4.	<b>Home Assignment</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>
5.	<b>Class Assignment</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-</b>
6.	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Total Internal (%)</b>		<b>50 (100%)</b>	<b>25 (100%)</b>
<b>Total External (%)</b>		<b>50 (100%)</b>	<b>25 (100%)</b>

<b>Course Outcomes: Having completed this course, the learners will be able to</b>	
1.	Comprehend and interpret the key philosophical arguments of Gautama's Nyāya Sūtras in context..
2.	Cultivate analytical reasoning through the study of inference, debate, and fallacies in classical logic..
3.	Develop comparative understanding between Nyāya epistemology and other Indian and Western philosophical systems.

<b>Suggested References:</b>	
<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>References</b>
1.	Gautama. (2013). <i>The Nyaya Sutras of Gautama</i> (S. C. Vidyabhusana, Trans.). Munshiram Manoharlal Publishers. (Original work published c. 6th–2nd century BCE)
2.	A comprehensive English translation with Sanskrit text, detailed vocabulary, introduction, indexes, and Vātsyāyana's commentary
3..	Gautama. (2018). <i>The Nyaya Sutras of Gautama: Original Text, English Translation and Commentary</i> (S. C. Vidyabhusana & S. Sukhram, Eds.). Parimal Publications
4	Jha, G. (1999). <i>The Nyaya-Sutras of Gautama</i> (4 vols.). Motilal Banarsidass. Definitive four-volume English translation of sutras with Vātsyāyana's Bhāṣya and Uddyotakara's Vārttika
5	Phillips, S., & Dasti, M. R. (Eds.). (2017). <i>The Nyāya-sūtra: Selections with Early Commentaries</i> .
Digital resources to be used if available as reference material	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gotama Muni. (1913). <i>The Nyāya Sūtras of Gotama</i> (S. C. Vidyabhushan, Trans.). Indian Press. Available via Archive.org</li> <li>• HolyBooks.com. (n.d.). <i>Nyaya Sutras of Gautama</i> [PDF]. HolyBooks Digital Library.</li> </ul>	



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