

A	Justification for introducing / Replacing the Course : Expansion of the course
B	Name of the Course : Pre - Buddhist Philosophical Background
C	Course Code : BPHE 101
D	Number of Credits : 03
E	Degree Programme : Bachelor of Arts General (External) Degree
F	Core/Optional Course : Core
G	Prerequisites : None
H	Aim of the Course The aim of this course is to introduce the Philosophical Background of early Buddhism.
I	Intended Learning Outcomes At the end of the course students will be able to explain the beginnings of philosophical speculation in the early Vedic period and the gradual development of philosophical notions represented in the Brahmanas, Aranyakas and the Upanishads. They will also be able to comment on the Pre-Buddhist non-Vedic systems such as Jainism, materialism and skepticism, and the representation of Pre-Buddhist philosophical views in the Buddhist canonical literature.
J	Number of Hours : Lectures - 45
K	Course Content Vedic, Brahmanic, Arnyaka and the Upanishadic texts; Pre- Buddhist non-Vedic and Buddhist canonical literature.
L	Assessment Scheme i. Time of assessment - End of the year ii. Assessment Method - Written examination iii. Assigned percentage for each Component – 100%
M	Recommended Reading 1. I'myk" ã' fÊ' 1963' Ndr;Sh o¾Yk b;sydih" rdcH NdId fomd¾;fika;=j 2. ;s,lisß" chfoaj' 1967' ffjosl idys;Hh' fld<U(f,alayjqia bkafjiaÜukaÜia' 3. f;dauia" B' fÊ' 1962' fn!oaO Ñka;dfõ b;sydih' fld<U(.=Kfiak iy iud.u' 4. fiOdkkao ysn" foajdf,a.u' 1995' uq,a nqÿiuh' iduhsl miqiu' 5. ysßhkak" ti' ixCIsma; bkaoSh o¾Ykh' fld<U' wOHdmk m%ldYk fomd¾;fika;=j' 6. Basham, A. L. 1994. <i>The Wonder that was India-Asirimat Indiyawa</i> . India: Rupa & 7. Bolvakar, S. K., and Ranade, R. D. 1927. <i>History of Indian Philosophy</i> . Poona: 8. Das Gupta, S. N. <i>A History of Indian Philosophy</i> . Vol. I. Cambridge. 9. Davids, Rhys T. W. 1881. <i>Lectures on Origin and Growth of Religion as illustrated by some points in the History of Indian Buddhism</i> . 10. Conze, Edward. 1962. <i>Buddhist Thoughts in India</i> . London: Allen & Unwin. 11. Jayatilake KN.1963. <i>Early Buddhist Theory of Knowledge</i> , London 12. Radhakrishnan, S. 1953. <i>History of Indian Philosophy</i> . London