**Axiology**

Course Code: PHI 3108

**Course Unit: 3**

***Course Description:***

Is a branch of philosophy devoted to Value/worth. The subject is an explanation of the principles of general theory of values. It is conceived as a philosophical discipline which reflects other philosophical and/or scientific disciplines theorizing on distinctive aspects of values, norms and valuation (ethics, esthetics, law, economics etc.). It attempts to discover, properly formulate, and defend principles determining the intrinsic values of various things. It develops awareness in students of the value of scientific theories and their own standards of judgment as well as the standards of others and the environment. The course examines the traditional views of Values and their Weaknesses, and elucidates on the basis for establishing a new view of Value.

***Course Objective :***

The aim is to provide the students with the knowledge and skills for appreciating the various aspects of values and value systems.

***Learning Objectives***

1. Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to;
2. Clearly and unambiguously define the term “Axiology”
3. Critically internalize the principal philosophical reflexion of the sphere of values and preferences and be able to reflect on their own value-orientations and formulation of adequate arguments in putting those orientations in practice.
4. Clearly articulate a personal, principled critique of traditional and modern views of value
5. Develop an appreciation of both human other values
6. Examine the different types of valuations and.

***Course Outline***

1. Introduction to Axiology
2. Basis for Values
3. Different kinds of value
4. Description of different Value systems
5. Different value determination systems
6. Determining different value bases
7. Analysis of different political, social and economical value systems
8. Values in legal systems and jurisprudence
9. Values and evaluating humanity and other species

***Methodology***

Lecturing; Small Group discussions; Guided discovery

***Assessment Mode***

Coursework (Out of 30)

Final written examination ( Out of70**)**

***Reading List***

1. Edwards Paul(ed). *The Encyclopedia of Philosophy,* Vol. Seven, Macmillan Publishing co., Inc. and The Free Press, New York, 1967
2. May Larry. *The Socially Responsible Self: Social Theory and Professional Ethics*. The University of Chicago Press, Chicago, 1996.
3. "Value Theory" article in the *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*
4. Hartman, Robert S.(1967). *The Structure of Value*. USI Press.  384 pages.
5. Findlay, J. N. (1970). *Axiological Ethics*. New York: Macmillan.. 100 pages.
6. Rescher, Nicholas (2005). *Value Matters: Studies in Axiology*, Frankfurt: Ontos Verlag.