



**Sub Committee for Philosophy
Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Curriculum Development**

Name of Institute: Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts (SSLA)

Course Name: Philosophy Elective - Philosophical Reflections on Money & Wealth

(UG/PG): UG, Elective

Number of Credits: 4

Level: 2

Introduction:

The aim of this course is to take a philosophical look at the phenomenon of money and its associated complexities. Money, given its central place in everyday life and in policy decisions, ought to be understood in depth and can gainfully be studied outside of the confines of economics. The course is interdisciplinary, and will often refer to foundational economic and social theorists. While ethical issues are the first to arise when one mentions philosophy and money in the same sentence, this course will not be restricted to just that. In addition to questions of ethics arising out of the systematic use of money, students will gain an understanding of what may be termed the 'Metaphysics of Money'. This course will also explore the socio-economic antecedents and consequences, of the ascent of money.

The main objectives of this course are to discuss the intersection between money and philosophy, to understand key philosophical terms related to money, and to understand the contemporary issues arising out of the use of money and the monetary system.

The course outline will largely cover the importance and centrality of money, Aristotelian questions related to money, Georg Simmel's philosophy of money, and the concept of money and happiness.