

VIDYASAGAR UNIVERSITY



Curriculum for 3-year B.A (Honours)

Philosophy

**Revised Syllabus under CBCS
(w. e. f. 2022-2023)**

**Vidyasagar University
Midnapore 721102
West Bengal**

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Curriculum for B.A (Honours) in Philosophy [Revised Syllabus w.e.f. 2022-23]

SEMESTER-I

Course Structure

Course	Course Code	Name of the Subjects	Course Type/ Nature	Teaching Scheme in hour per week			Credit	Marks
				L	T	P		
CC1		C1T: Indian Philosophy-I	Core Course-1	5	1	0	6	75
CC2		C2T: History of Western Philosophy -I	Core Course-2	5	1	0	6	75
GE1		TBD (from other Discipline)	Generic Elective-1	5-1-0/ 4-0-4			6	75
AECC		English	AECC (Elective)	1	1	0	2	50
Semester Total							20	275

L=Lecture, T=Tutorial, P=Practical, CC- Core Course, TBD - To be decided, AECC- Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course

Generic Elective (GE) (Interdisciplinary) from other Department [Paper will be of 6 credits]

Semester-I
Core Course (CC)

CC-1: Indian Philosophy – I

Credit 06

C1T: Indian Philosophy – I

Credit 06

Course Contents:

- A. Introduction: The Vedas and the Upanishads, Āstika and Nāstika Schools.
- B. Cārvāka System - Epistemology, Metaphysics, Ethics.
- C. Jaina System - Basic concepts of Jaina Philosophy, Anekāntavāda, Syādvāda and Saptabhaṅginaya.
- D. Bauddha System: Four Noble Truths, Theory of Dependent Origination (Pratītyasamutpāda vāda), Definition of Reality (Arthakriyākāritva), Doctrine of Momentariness, (Kṣanabhangavāda), Theory of no-soul (Nairātmyavāda), Four Schools of Buddhism (Basic tenets).
- E. Nyāya System: Pramā and Aprama, Different kinds of Pramāṇa, Pratyakṣa (Definition), Sannikarṣa, Classification of Pratyakṣa : Nirvikalpaka, Savikalpaka, Laukika, Alaukika
- F. Anumāna (Definition), vyāpti, parāmarśa, Classification of Anumāna: pūrvavat, śesavat, smānyatodṛṣṭa, kevalānvayī, kevalavyātirekī, anvayavyātirekī, svārthānumāna, parārthānumāna, Upamāna (definition), Śabda (definition),
- G. Vaiśeṣika System: Seven Padārthas, dravya, guṇa, karma, sāmānya, viśeṣa, samavāya, abhāva, Atomism.

Suggested Readings:

English:

1. Outlines of Indian Philosophy: M. Hiriyanna
2. A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy: C.D. Sharma
3. An Introduction to Indian Philosophy: D. M. Dutta & S.C. Chatterjee
4. Classical Indian Philosophy: J.N. Mohanty
5. History of Indian Philosophy: S.N. Dasgupta
6. Indian Philosophy (Vol. I & II): S. Radhakrishnan
7. Indian Philosophy (Vol. I & II): J.N. Sinha
8. Studies on the Carvaka/Lokayata: Ramakrishna Bhattacharya
9. The Central Philosophy of Buddhism: T.R.V. Murti
10. Yogacara Idealism: A.K.Chatterjee
11. An Introduction to Mādhyamika Philosophy: Jaydev Singh
12. Reflections on Indian Philosophy: K.P. Sinha

13. Philosophy of Jainism: K.P. Sinha
14. Nyaya Theory of Knowledge: S.C. Chatterjee
15. Six Ways of Knowing: D.M. Dutta
16. Nyaya-Vaisesika Metaphysics: Sadananda Bhaduri
17. The Doctrine of Maya: A.K. Roychoudhuri
18. Self and Falsity in Advaita Vedanta: A.K. Roychoudhuri
19. The Word and the world: Bimal Krishna Matilal
20. Logic, Language and Reality: Bimal Krishna Matilal

Bengali:

21. Bharatiya Darshan: Debabrata Sen
22. Bharatiya Darshan: Nirodbaran Chakraborty
23. Sayan Madhaviya Sarva Darshan Samgraha: Satyajyoti Chakraborti
24. Lokayata Darshan: Debiprasad Chatoopadhyay
25. Carvakacarca: Ramakrisna Bhattacharya
26. Carvaka Darshan: Panchanan Sastri
27. Carvaka Darshan: Amit Kumar Bhattacharya
28. Bauddha Dharma O Darshan: Swami Vidyaranya
29. Bauddha Darshan: Panchanan Sastri
30. Gautama Buddher Darshan o Dharma: Sukomol Choudhury
31. Bauddha Darshan: Amit Kumar Bhattacharya
32. Ksanabhangavada: Bidhubhushan Bhattacharya
33. Jainadarshaner Digdarshan: Satindra Chandra Bhattacharya
34. Nyaya Darshan: Phanibhushan Tarkavagisha
35. Nyaya Paricaya: Phanibhushan Tarkavagisha
36. Nyaya-Vaisesika Darshan: Karuna Bhattacharya
37. Nyaya Tattva Parikrama: Kalikrishna Bandyopadhyaya
38. Samkhya Darshan: Bhupendranath Bhattacharya
39. Samkhya Darshaner Vivarana: Bidhubhushan Bhattacharya
40. Samkhyamata Samiksa: Yogendranath Bagchi
41. Samkhya Tattva Kaumudi: Narayan Chandra Goswami
42. Samkhya-Patanjal Darshan: Kanakprabha Bandyopadhyaya
43. Patanjali Darshan: Purnachandra Vedantachanchu
44. Puva Mimasa Darshan: Sukhamaya Bhattacharya
45. Vedanta Darshan: Roma Choudhury
46. Vedanta Darshan: Advaitavada: Ashutosh Sastri
47. Mayavada: Pramatha Nath Tarkabhushan
48. Vedanta Darshan: Swami Vidyaranya

CC-2: History of Western Philosophy – I

Credit 06

C2T: History of Western Philosophy – I

Credit 06

Course Contents:

- a) Pre Socratic Philosophy
- b) Socratic Method of philosophizing.
- c) Plato: Theory of Knowledge, Theory of Forms.
- d) Aristotle: Critique of Plato's theory of Forms, Doctrine of four causes, Form and Matter
- e) St. Thomas Aquinas: Faith and Reason, Essence and Existence.
- f) Descartes: Cartesian method of doubt, Cogito ergo sum, Criterion of truth, Types of Ideas, Proofs for Existence of External World.
- g) Spinoza: Method of Spinoza, Theory of Knowledge - three orders of knowing, Doctrine of Substance, Attributes and Modes, Pantheism, Freedom of will.
- h) Leibniz: Theory of Substance- the Monadology, Truths of reason, Truth of Facts.
Some Metaphysical Principles: Laws of identity of indiscernible, Law of sufficient reason, Law of continuity, The Doctrine of Pre-established Harmony.

Suggested Readings:

English:

- 1. The Greek Philosophers from Thales to Aristotle: W. K. C. Guthrie
- 2. A Critical History of Greek Philosophy: W.T. Stace
- 3. Encyclopedia of Philosophy: P. Edwards (ed.)
- 4. A History of Philosophy: F. Copleston, vols. I, II, IV, V, VI
- 5. History of Western Philosophy: B. Russell
- 6. History of Modern Philosophy: R. Falckenberg
- 7. A Critical History of Modern Philosophy: Y.H. Masih
- 8. A History of Philosophy: F. Thilly
- 9. A History of Modern Philosophy: W.K. Wright
- 10. A Critical History of Western Philosophy: D.J. O'Connor
- 11. A History of Philosophy from Descartes to Wittgenstein: R. Scruton
- 12. The Fundamental Questions of Philosophy: A.C. Ewing
- 13. A Brief History of Western Philosophy: A. Kenny
- 14. The Works of Descartes: Haldane & Ross (eds.)
- 15. Descartes: The Project of Pure Enquiry: B. Williams
- 16. Descartes: A. Kenny
- 17. Spinoza: Leon Roth
- 18. Leibniz: An Introduction to His Philosophy: N. Rescher
- 19. The Rationalists: J. Cottingham

Bengali:

- 20. Paschatya Darshaner Itihas: Tarak Candra Roy (pratham o dwitiya khanda)
- 21. Paschatya Darshaner Itihas: Kalyan Chandra Gupta
- 22. Paschatya Darshaner Itihas: Susanta Chakraborty
- 23. Paschatya Darshaner Itihas: Samarendra Bhattacharya (pratham o dwitiya khanda)
- 24. Paschatya Darshaner Itihas(Plato o Aristotle): N.B. Chakraborty
- 25. Paschatya Darshaner Itihas(Plato o Aristotle): Debabrata Sen
- 26. Paschatya Darshaner Itihas(Adhunik Yuga-Yuktivada (Descartes), Spinoza,Leibniz:): Chandrodaya Bhattacharya

Generic Elective (GE)
GE-1 [Interdisciplinary for other department]

GE-1: Ethics: Indian and Western

Credit 06

GE-1T: Ethics: Indian and Western

Credit 06

Course Contents:

- A.** Four Purusarthās – dharma, artha, kāma and mokṣa and their interrelation. Karma (Sakāma & Niṣkāma), Cārvāka Ethics.
- B.** Buddhist Ethics: The Four Noble Truths and the Eight-Fold Path.
- C.** Moral and Non-Moral Actions, Object of Moral Judgment.
- D.** Teleological Ethics: Utilitarianism (Bentham and Mill). Deontological Ethics: Kant's Moral Theory. Virtue Ethics.
- E.** Theories of Punishment.

Suggested Readings:

English:

- 1. The Fundamentals of Hinduism-A Philosophical Study: S.C. Chatterjee
- 2. An Introduction to Ethics: W. Lillie

Bengali:

- 3. Nitividya: Shibapada Chakrabarty
- 4. Nitividyar Tattvakatha: Somnath Chakrabarty
- 5. Nitisastra: Dikshit Gupta

Or

GE-1: Western Logic

Credits 06

GE1T: Western Logic

Credits 06

Course Contents:

- a) Introductory topics: Difference between deduction and induction, Sentence, proposition, argument, truth and validity.
- b) Aristotelian classification of categorical propositions, distribution of terms. Existential Import.
- c) Boolean interpretation of categorical propositions. Immediate inference: square of opposition, conversion, obversion and contraposition.
- d) Categorical syllogism: Figure, mood, rules and testing validity, Venn Diagram method: testing validity and fallacies.
- e) Symbolic Logic: Use of symbols, Truth-functions: Negation, Conjunction, disjunction, implication, equivalence.
- f) Tautology, Contradiction, Contingent statement forms. Construction of truth-table, using truth-tables for testing the validity of arguments and statement forms.

Suggested Readings:

English:

1. Introduction to Logic (13th edn): I. M. Copi and C. Cohen

Bengali:

2. Paschatya Darshan O Yuktivijnan: Ramaprasad Das
3. Paschatya Darsan O Yuktivijnan: Samir Kumar Chakrabarty

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SEMESTER-II

Course Structure

Course	Course Code	Name of the Subjects	Course Type/ Nature	Teaching Scheme in hour per week			Credit	Marks
				L	T	P		
CC3		C3T: Indian Philosophy - II	Core Course-3	5	1	0	6	75
CC4		C4T: History of Western Philosophy - II	Core Course-4	5	1	0	6	75
GE2		<i>TBD (by other Discipline)</i> GE2T: Gender Studies Or GE2T: Psychology and Philosophy of Mind	Generic Elective-2	5-1-0/ 4-0-4			6	75
AECC		ENVS	AECC-2 (Elective)				4	100
Semester Total							22	325

L=Lecture, **T**=Tutorial, **P**=Practical, **CC**- Core Course, **TBD** - To be decided, **AECC**- Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course, **ENVS** - Environmental Studies

Generic Elective (GE) (Interdisciplinary) from other Department [Paper will be of 6 credits]

Semester-II
Core Course (CC)

CC-3: Indian Philosophy – II

Credit 06

C3T: Indian Philosophy – II

Credit 06

Course Contents:

1. **Sāṃkhya** - Satkāryavāda, Nature of Prakṛti, its constituents and proofs for its existence. Nature of Puruṣa and proofs for its existence, Plurality of Puruṣas, theory of evolution.
2. **Yoga** - Citta, Cittavṛtti, Cittabhūmi. Eight fold path of Yoga, God.
3. **Mīmāṃsā (Prābhakara and Bhāṭṭa)**: Basic concepts of Veda, dharma, Yoga, apurva, method of Veda pramāṇya vicāra, Arthāpatti and Anupalabdhi as sources of knowledge
4. **Advaita Vedānta** - Sankara's view of Brahman, Saguṇa and Nirguṇa Brahman, Three grades of Sattā: prātibhāsika, vyavahārika and pāramārthika, Jīva, Jagat and Māyā.
5. **Viśiṣṭādvaita** - Rāmānuja's view of Brahman, Jīva, Jagat. Refutation of the doctrine of Māyā.

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English:

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11. The Word and the world: Bimal Krishna Matilal
12. Logic, Language and Reality: Bimal Krishna Matilal
13. Arthasamgraha: Loughakshibhaskar: Gajendra Gadkar

Bengali:

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2. Bharatiya Darshan: Nirodbaran Chakraborty
3. Sayan Madhaviya Sarva Darshan Samgraha: Satyajyoti Chakraborti
4. Lokayata Darshan: Debiprasad Chatoopadhyay
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25. Vedanta Darshan: Roma Choudhury
26. Vedanta Darshan: Advaitavada: Ashutosh Sastri
27. Mayavada: Pramatha Nath Tarkabhushan
28. Vedanta Darshan: Swami Vidyaranya

CC-4: History of Western Philosophy – II

Credit 06

C4T: History of Western Philosophy – II

Credit 06

Course Contents:

1. **Locke:** Refutation of innate ideas, the origin and formation of ideas, simple and complex ideas, substance, modes and relations, nature of knowledge and its degrees, limits of knowledge, primary and secondary qualities, representative realism.
2. **Berkeley:** Refutation of abstract ideas. Criticism of Locke's distinction between primary and secondary qualities, Idealism, esse-est-percipi, role of God.
3. **Hume:** Impression and ideas, association of ideas, distinction between judgements concerning relations of ideas and judgments concerning matters of fact, theory of causality, theory of self and personal identity, scepticism.
4. **Kant:** Conception of critical Philosophy, distinction between a priori and a posteriori judgements, distinction between analytic and synthetic judgements. Synthetic a priori judgements, Copernican Revolution in Philosophy, Space & time
5. **Hegel:** Idealism, Dialectic method

Suggested Readings:

English:

1. Encyclopedia of Philosophy: P. Edwards (ed.)
2. A History of Philosophy: F. Coppleston, vols. I, II, IV, V, VI
3. History of Western Philosophy: B. Russell
4. History of Modern Philosophy: R. Falckenberg
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7. A History of Modern Philosophy: W.K. Wright
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9. A History of Philosophy from Descartes to Wittgenstein: R. Scruton
10. The Fundamental Questions of Philosophy: A.C. Ewing
11. A Brief History of Western Philosophy: A. Kenny
12. The Rationalists: J. Cottingham
13. An Essay Concerning Human Understanding: J. Locke
14. John Locke: R. Aron
15. Berkeley: G. Pitcher
16. The Works of George Berkeley: T.E. Jessop & A.R. Luce(eds.) 8 vols
17. An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding-D. Hume: J. N. Mohanty (ed)
18. A Treatise on Human Nature: D. Hume
19. Locke, Berkeley, Hume: J. Bennett
20. Locke, Berkeley, and Hume: C.R. Morris
21. A Critique of Pure Reason-Immanuel Kant: N.K. Smith(tr. & ed.)
22. Kant's Metaphysics of Experience: H.J. Paton vols I & II
23. The Philosophy of Kant: J. Kemp
24. Kant: Paul Guyer
25. A Handbook to Kant's Critique of Pure Reason: Rasvihari Das
26. Kant: S. Körner
27. Kant: Allen W. Wood
28. Lectures on Kant's Critique of Pure Reason: J.N. Mohanty

Bengali:

1. Paschatya Darshaner Itihas: Tarak Candra Roy (pratham o dwitiya khanda)
2. Paschatya Darshaner Itihas: Kalyan Chandra Gupta
3. Paschatya Darshaner Itihas: Susanta Chakraborty
4. Paschatya Darshaner Itihas:Ikshanvada(Locke, Berkeley,Hume): Chandrodaya Bhattacharya
5. Paschatya Darshaner Itihas:(Locke, Berkeley,Hume): N.B. Chakraborty
6. Hume-er Enquiry-Ekti Upasthapana: Ramaprasad Das
7. Kanter Darshan-Tattva o Prayog: Prahlad Kumar Sarkar (ed.)
8. Kanter Darshan:Rasvihari Das
9. Kanter Shuddha Prajnar Bichar: Mrinal Kanti Bhadra
10. Bishuddha Prajnar Bichar: Gopal Chandra Khan

Generic Elective (GE)
GE-2 [Interdisciplinary for other department]

GE-2: Gender Studies

Credit 06

GE-2T: Gender Studies

Credit 06

Course Contents:

- F.** Scope and rationale of Gender Studies.
- G.** Gender as social construction vis-à-vis sex.
- H.** Levels of misogyny: Sexism, Patriarchy and Phallogocentrism; Androcentrism.
- I.** Feminism and its different stands: Liberal, Marxist, Radical, Socialist and Post colonial.
- J.** Third Gender issues.
- K.** Masculinism.

Suggested Readings:

1. Feminist Thought: Androcentrism, Communication and Objectivity: Shefali Moitra, Munshiram Monoharlal Publishers Pvt. Ltd., 2002, New Delhi
2. Understanding Gender: Kamla Bhasin, Women Unlimited, 2001, New Delhi
3. Handbook of Feminist Theory : Lisa Disch And Mary Hawkesworth, Oxford University Press, 2016
4. Practical Ethics: Peter Singer
5. Applied Ethics: Peter Singer
6. Redefining Ethics As Care: Bidisha Mukherjee, Papyrus, Kolkata 2008
7. The Ethics Of Care : Virginia Held
8. The Core Of Care Ethics : S. Collins, P. Macmillan Publishers, 2015
9. In a Different Voice : Gilligan, C., Harvard University Press, 1982
10. Naitikata O Narivada : Shefali Moitra
11. Nitividya: Samarendra Bhattacharya

Or

GE-2: Psychology and Philosophy of Mind

Credits 06

GE2T: Psychology and Philosophy of Mind

Credits 06

Course Contents:

- a. Philosophy of Mind: Introduction
- b. Mind-Body Problem, different solutions: Dualism, Behaviourism and Identity theory.
- c. Psychology: Introduction
- d. Methods of Psychology: Introspection, Extrospection, Experimental Methods
- e. Sensation and Perception: Relation and Difference between sensation and perception. Gestalt theory of perception. Illusion and Hallucination

- f. Consciousness: What is consciousness? and Problems of consciousness.
- g. Levels of Mind – Conscious, Sub-conscious, Unconscious, Proofs for the existence of Unconscious, Freud's Theory of Dream.
- h. Learning: the trial and error theory, Pavlov's Conditioned Response theory, Gestalt theory
- i. Intelligence: Measurement of Intelligence, I.Q., Test of Intelligence

Suggested Readings:

English:

4. A Textbook of Psychology: Paresh Nath Bhattacharya
5. Introduction to Psychology: G.T. Morgan, R. A. King Jr.
6. A Modern Introduction to Psychology: Rex Knight & M. Knight
7. A Manual of Psychology: G.F. Stout
8. Psychology: Woodworth & Marquis
9. Science and Human Behaviour: B.F. Skinner
10. About Behaviorism: B.F. Skinner
11. General Psychology: G.D. Boaz
12. General Psychology: G. Murphy
13. Psychology: W. James
14. A Textbook of Psychology: E.B. Titchener
15. Principles of Psychology: W. James
16. Introduction to Psychology: N.L. Muna
17. A Materialist Theory of Mind: D.M. Armstrong
18. Philosophy of Mind: J. Heil
19. Philosophy of Mind: J. Shaffer
20. An Introduction to Philosophy of Mind: C.J. Lowe
21. Ten Problems of Consciousness: Michael Tye

Bengali:

1. Monovidya: Priti Bhushan Chattopadhyay
2. Monovidya: Pareshnath Bhattacharya
3. Monovidya: Ira Sengupta
4. Monovidya: Samarendra Bhattacharya
5. Monosamikksha: M. N. Mitra o Pushpa Mishra
6. Monodarshan-Sarirvada o Tar Vikalap: M. N. Mitra o P. Sarkar (Sampadito)
7. Monovijana Prasanga: Saradindu Bandyopadhyay
8. Adhunik Monovijana: Ira Sengupta
9. Shikshashrayi Monovidya: Sushil Roy
10. Monodarshan: Arabinda Basu o Nibedita Chakraborty

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SEMESTER-III

Course Structure

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				L	T	P		
CC5		C5T: Psychology and Philosophy of Mind	Core Course-5	5	1	0	6	75
CC6		C6T: Socio-Political Philosophy	Core Course-6	5	1	0	6	75
CC7		C7T: Western Logic-I	Core Course-7	5	1	0	6	75
GE3		<i>TBD (by other Discipline)</i> GE3T: Theory of Inference in Nyāya Or GE3T: : Nyāya Metaphysics	Generic Elective-3	5-1-0/ 4-0-4			6	75
SEC1		SEC-1: Computer Application Or SEC-1: Philosophy of Human Rights	SEC-1	1	1	0	2	50
Semester Total							26	350

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Generic Elective (GE) (Interdisciplinary) from other Department [Paper will be of 6 credits]

Semester-III
Core Course (CC)

CC-5: Psychology and Philosophy of Mind

Credit 06

C5T: Psychology and Philosophy of Mind

Credit 06

Course Contents:

- a) Psychology: Definition, Nature and Scope
- b) Methods of Psychology: Introspection, Extrospection, Experimental Methods – variables - dependent & independent, controls in experiment, limitations of experimental method.
- c) Sensation and Perception: Nature of sensation, nature of perception, relation between sensation and perception, Gestalt theory of perception. Illusion and Hallucination.
- d) Learning: Theories of Learning - Trial and error theory, Thorndike's laws of learning, Gestalt Theory, Pavlov's theory of conditioned response, B.F. Skinner's theory of Operant Conditioning (reinforcement, extinction, punishment).
- e) Philosophical Theories of Mind: Interactionism, Double-aspect theory, Philosophical Behaviorism, Materialism mind - brain identity theory, The Person theory (Strawson).
- f) Consciousness: Levels of mind—Conscious, Sub-conscious, Unconscious, proofs for the existence of Unconscious, Freud's theory of Dream.
- g) Personality: Types, Factors and Traits of Personality.

Suggested Readings:

English:

1. A Textbook of Psychology: Paresh Nath Bhattacharya
2. Introduction to Psychology: G.T. Morgan, R. A. King Jr.
3. A Modern Introduction to Psychology: Rex Knight & M. Knight
4. A Manual of Psychology: G.F. Stout
5. Psychology: Woodworth & Marquis
6. Science and Human Behaviour: B.F. Skinner
7. About Behaviorism: B.F. Skinner
8. General Psychology: G.D. Boaz
9. General Psychology: G. Murphy
10. Psychology: W. James
11. A Textbook of Psychology: E.B. Titchener
12. Principles of Psychology: W. James
13. Introduction to Psychology: N.L. Muna
14. A Materialist Theory of Mind: D.M. Armstrong
15. Philosophy of Mind: J. Heil
16. Philosophy of Mind: J. Shaffer
17. An Introduction to Philosophy of Mind: C.J. Lowe

Bengali:

1. Monovidya: Priti Bhushan Chattopadhyay
2. Monovidya: Pareshnath Bhattacharya
3. Monovidya: Ira Sengupta
4. Monovidya: Samarendra Bhattacharya
5. Monosamikksha: M. N. Mitra o Pushpa Mishra
6. Monodarshan-Sarirvada o Tar Vikalap: M. N. Mitra o P. Sarkar (Sampadito)
7. Monovijana Prasanga: Saradindu Bandyopadhyay
8. Adhunik Monovijana: Ira Sengupta
9. Shikshashrayi Monovidya: Sushil Roy
10. Monodarshan: Arabinda Basu o Nibedita Chakraborty

CC-6: Socio-Political Philosophy**Credit 06****C6T: Socio-Political Philosophy****Credit 06****Course Contents:**

- a) Nature and Scope of Socio-Political Philosophy.
- b) Primary concepts: Society, community, association, institution, family: nature, different forms of family, role of family in the society.
- c) Social Class and Caste: Principles of class and caste, Varnasrama dharma, Marxist conception of class, Ambedkar's concept of class.
- d) Secularism—its nature, Secularism in India.
- e) Social Change: Nature, Relation to Social progress, Marx-Engles on social change, Gandhi on social change.
- f) Political Ideals: Nature of Democracy and its different forms, direct and indirect democracy, liberal democracy, Socialist democracy, Socialism: Utopian and Scientific.

Suggested Readings:**English:**

1. Philosophy: A Guide through the subject: A.C. Grayling (Ed.)
2. Individuals: An Essay in Descriptive Metaphysics: P.F. Strawson
3. The Concept of Person and Other Essays: A.J. Ayer
4. Fundamentals of Sociology: P. Gisbert
5. Outlines of Social Philosophy: J.S. Mackenzie
6. Problems of Political Philosophy: D.D. Raphael
7. Society: R.M. MacIver & C.H. Page
8. Sociology: M. Ginsberg
9. Sociology: Tom Bottomore
10. Sociology: S.N. Shankar Rao
11. Sociology: D.C. Bhattacharya
12. Sociology: P.B. Kar
13. Guide to Modern Thought: C.E.M. Joad
14. Introduction to Modern political Theory: C.E.M. Joad
15. The Evolution of Political Philosophy of Gandhi: Buddhadeb Bhattacharya
16. Social and Political Thought of Gandhi: Jayantanuja Bandyopadhyay

17. The Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi: D.M. Dutta
18. The Philosophy of Sarvodaya: K.S. Bharathi
19. Communist Manifesto: Karl Marx & Frederick Engels
20. Socialism: Utopian and Scientific: F. Engels
21. Open Society and Its Enemies: Karl Popper
22. The Open Philosophy and The Open Society: M. Cornforth
23. Religion in India: T.N. Madan(ed.)
24. Religion and Society: S. Radhakrishnan
25. Secularism in the Present Indian Society, Amal Kumar Mukhopadhyay in Bulletin of the Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Vol.LVII, No. 11
26. Secularism and Its Critics: Rajeev Bhargava (ed.)
27. Civil Society and Its Institutions: Andre Beteille
28. Unravelling the Nation: Sectarian Conflict and India's Secular Identity: Kaushik Basu & Sanjay Subramaniam (eds.)
29. India as A Secular State: D.E. Smith
30. Political Thought: C.L. Wayper
31. Political Philosophy: An Introduction: W.T. Blackstone
32. Political Philosophy: East and West: Krishna Roy
33. Political Philosophy: V.P. Verma
34. Essays in Social and Political Philosophy: Krishna Roy & Chhanda Gupta (eds.)
35. Western Political Thought: Brian R. Nelson
36. Western Political Thought: From Plato to Marx: Shefali Jha

Bengali:

1. Samaj Darshan Dipika: Pritibhushan Chattopadhyay
2. Samaj Tattva: Parimal Bhushan Kar
3. Samaj Tattva: T. Bottomore
4. Bisay Samaj Tattva: Anadi Kumar Mahapatra
5. Samajdarshan o Rashtradarshaner Parichoy: A.K. Mahapatra o P. Mukherjee
6. Rashtradarshaner Dhara: Amal kumar Mukhopadhyay
7. Samajdarshan o Rashtradarshan: Samarendra Bhattacharya
8. Samaj o Rajnaitikdarshan: Sandip Das
9. Samyabader Itihas: Marx o Engels
10. Samajtantra: Kalpanik o Baijnanik: F. Engels
11. Marxiya Rashtrachinta: Shovan Lal Dutta Gupta
12. Sarvodaya Andoloner Itihas: Gurudas Bandyopadhyay
13. Gandhi Rachanasambhar: M.K. Gandhi
14. Bharater Dharmanirapekshatar Sankat, Bholanath Bandyopadhyay in Essays on Science and Society: Biplab Chakraborti
15. Dharmanirapekshata Birodhi Istahar: Ashis Nandy.

CC-7: Western Logic –I

Credit 06

C7T: Western Logic –I

Credit 06

Course Contents:

- a) Logic and Arguments, Deductive and Inductive Arguments, Argument forms and arguments, statement forms and statement, Truth and Validity. Categorical propositions and classes: quality, quantity and distribution of terms, Translating

- categorical propositions into standard form.
- b) Immediate inferences: Conversion, Obversion and Contraposition, Traditional square of opposition and Immediate Inferences based there on; Existential Import, symbolism and Diagrams for categorical propositions.
 - c) Categorical Syllogism: Standard Form categorical Syllogism; The Formal nature of Syllogistic Argument, Rules and Fallacies, General Rules; To test Syllogistic Arguments for validity (by applying general rules for syllogism); To solve problems and prove theorems concerning syllogism.
 - d) Boolean Interpretation of categorical propositions; Logic concerning immediate inference and syllogism; Venn Diagram Technique for Testing Syllogisms, Hypothetical and Disjunctive Syllogisms.
 - e) Induction: Argument by Analogy, Appraising Analogical Arguments, Refutation by Logical Analogy.
 - f) Causal Connections: Cause and Effect, the meaning of "Cause"; Induction by Simple Enumeration; Mill's Method of Experimental Inquiry; Mill's Method of Agreement, Method of Difference, Joint Method of Agreement and Difference, Method of Residues, Method of Concomitant Variations; Criticism of Mill's Methods, Vindication of Mill's Methods.
 - g) Science and Hypothesis: Explanations; Scientific and Unscientific, Evaluating Scientific Explanations; The pattern of Scientific Investigation; Crucial Experiments and Ad Hoc Hypotheses.
 - h) Probability: Alternative Conception of Probability; The Probability Calculus; Joint Occurrences; Alternative Occurrences.

Suggested Readings:

English:

1. Introduction to Logic (13th Edn.): I.M. Copi & C. Cohen
2. Symbolic Logic: I.M. Copi
3. Methods of Logic (Part I, Ch.s 5,7,9): W.V.O. Quine
4. Introduction to Logic and Scientific Method: Cohen & Nagel
5. Logic: Informal, Symbolic and Inductive: Chhanda Chakraborty
6. Logic: Stan Baronett & Madhuchhanda Sen
7. The Elements of Logic: Stephen Barker
8. Understanding Symbolic Logic: Virginia Klenk
9. Logic- A Comprehensive Introduction; S.D. Guttenplan & M. Tamney
10. Logic & Philosophy- A Modern Introduction: Howard Kahne
11. Logic- A First Course: A.E. Blumberg

Bengali:

1. Nabya Yuktibijnana (Pratham theke caturtha khanda): Ramaprasad Das
2. Sanketik Yuktibijnana: Ramaprasad Das
3. Samsad Yuktibijnana Abhidhan: Ramaprasad Das o Subirranjan Bhattacharya

Generic Elective (GE)
GE-3 [Interdisciplinary for other department]

GE-3: Theory of Inference in Nyāya

Credit 06

GE-3T: Theory of Inference in Nyāya

Credit 06

Course Contents:

- a) Basic concepts of three terms of the inference or *anumāna* in Indian logic: *pakṣa*, *sādhya* and *hetu*. Definition of *anumāna*, *anumiti*, *parāmarśa* and *pakṣatā*. *Parāmarśa* as the *karaṇa* (special causal condition) of *anumiti*.
- b) Definition of *vyāpti*, *Vyāptigrahopāya*. Kinds of *anumāna*: (i) *svārthānumāna* and *parārthānumāna*
- c) (ii) *pūrvavat*, *śeṣavat* and *sāmānyatodṛṣṭa* (iii) *kevalānvayī*, *kevala-vyātirekī* and *anvaya-vyātirekī*. Analysis of *pañcāvayavī nyāya*.
- d) *Liṅga* or *hetu* and its three kinds - *kevalānvayī*, *kevala-vyātirekī* and *anvaya-vyātirekī*. Definition of *pakṣa*, *sapakṣa* and *vipakṣa* with illustrations. Marks of *saddhetu*.
- e) Definition and illustration of *hetvābhāsa* and its five kinds.

Suggested Readings:

1. *Nyāya Theory of Knowledge*: S.C. Chatterjee
2. *Six ways of Knowing*: D.M. Dutta
3. *Bhāṣāpariccheda* with *Siddhāntamuktāvalī*: Pancanan Shastri (ed.)
4. *Tarkasaṃgraha* with *Dipika*: Narayan Chandra Goswami (ed.)

Or

GE-3: Nyāya Metaphysics

Credits 06

GE3T: Nyāya Metaphysics

Credits 06

Course Contents:

1. Relevance of the acceptance of God in Nyāya Philosophy.
2. Arguments in favour of the existence of God.
3. The Nyāya theory of Self.
4. Proof for the existence of Self.
5. Liberation of Self.
6. The Nyāya theory of Liberation.

Suggested Readings:

1. Udayanacaryakrita Nyāyakusumāñjali: Shyamapada Misra
2. Udayanacaryakrita Nyāyakusumāñjali: Srimohan Bhattacharya
3. Nyayatattvaparikrama: Kalikrishna Bandopadhyaya

Skill Enhancement Course (SEC)

SEC-1: Computer Application

Credit 02

SEC-1T: Computer Application

Credit 02

Course Contents:

1. Computer and its Basic Organisation, Working with Flow Charts
2. Working with tools in MS Word
3. Introduction to spreadsheets (MS Excel)
4. First step to Multimedia Presentation (MS Power point)
5. Internet and E mail services
6. Computer virus, Ethical hacking.

Suggested Readings:

1. Understanding Information Technology 7: Vijay Kumar Pandey, Arya Publishing Company
2. Computer Fundamentals: P.K. Sinha
3. Computer Fundamentals and Programming: P.Dey& M.Ghosh
4. Microsoft Word [Version 97, 2000, 2002 (XP)]: Mahbabur Rahaman

Or

SEC-1: Philosophy of Human Rights

Credits 02

SEC-1T: Philosophy of Human Rights

Credits 02

Course Contents:

1. Definition and Nature of Human Rights
2. The Idea of Human Rights: Its Origins and Historical Developments during Ancient period, Modern period and Contemporary period
3. The Idea of Natural Law and Natural Rights: Thomas Hobbes and John Locke.
4. The Natural Rights Tradition: Some Reactions from Jeremy Bentham, Edmund Burke and Thomas Paine
5. Natural Right, Fundamental Right and Human Right
6. Preamble, Fundamental Rights and Duties (Indian Constitution)

Suggested Readings:

1. Patrick Hayden (ed.): The Philosophy of Human Rights, Paragon House, St. Paul, First Edition,
2. Morton E. Winston (ed.): The Philosophy of Human Rights, Wadsworth Publishing Co. Belmont, California,
3. Jeremy Waldron (ed.): Theories of Rights, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 1984
4. Ashwani Peetush and Jay Drydyk: Human Rights: *India and West*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi,
5. James Nickel: Making Sense of Human Rights, Blackwell Publishing, Oxford,
6. Henry Shue: Basic Rights: Subsistence, Affluence and U. S. Foreign Policy, Princeton University Press, Princeton,
7. Gary, B. Herbert: Philosophical History of Human rights, Transaction Publishers, New Jersey
8. Michael Freeden: Rights, Worldview Publications, New Delhi, 1998.
9. Lynn Hunt: Inventing Human Rights: A History, Norton & Company, New York,
10. Jack Donnelly: Universal Human rights in Theory and Practice, Manas Publications, New Delhi,

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SEMESTER-IV

Course Structure

Course	Course Code	Name of the Subjects	Course Type/ Nature	Teaching Scheme in hour per week			Credit	Marks
				L	T	P		
CC8		C8T: Philosophy of Religion	Core Course-8	5	1	0	6	75
CC9		C9T Western logic - II	Core Course-9	5	1	0	6	75
CC10		C10T: Epistemology and Metaphysics (Western)	Core Course-10	5	1	0	6	75
GE4		<i>TBD (by other Discipline)</i> GE4T: Environmental Ethics Or GE4T: Termination of Life & Ethics	Generic Elective-4	5-1-0/ 4-0-4			6	75
SEC2		SEC-1: Value Education Or SEC-1: Man and Environment	SEC-2	1	1	0	2	50
Semester Total							26	350

CC = Core Course, AECC = Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course, GE = Generic Elective,
SEC = Skill Enhancement Course, DSE = Discipline Specific Elective, CA= Continuous Assessment,
ESE= End Semester Examination, L = Lecture, T = Tutorial, P = Practical , MIL = Modern Indian
Language

Semester-IV
Core Course (CC)

CC-8: Philosophy of Religion

Credit 06

C8T: Philosophy of Religion

Credit 06

Course Contents:

- a) Nature and scope of Philosophy of Religion.
- b) Doctrine of *karma* and rebirth, doctrine of *dharma*, doctrine of liberation (Vaidika, Bauddha and Jaina views)
- c) Basic Tenets of Islam: God the ultimate Reality, His attributes, His relation to the world and man.
- d) Basic tenets of Christianity: The doctrine of Trinity, The theory of Redemption
- e) Religious Pluralism, Inter-religious dialogue and Possibility of Universal Religion.
- f) Arguments for the existence of God: 1) Nyāya arguments, 2) Cosmological, Teleological and Ontological arguments
- g) Grounds for Disbelief in God: Sociological theory (Durkheim), Freudian theory, Marxian theory.

Suggested Readings:

1. Philosophy of Religion: J. Hick
2. An Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion: Brian Davies
3. Indian Philosophy of Religion: A. Sharma
4. Comparative Religion: P.B. Chatterjee
5. Comparative Religion: Eric J. Sharpe
6. Patterns in Comparative Religion: M. Eliade (Ch I, Sec. I)
7. Atheism in Indian Philosophy: D.P. Chattopadhyay
8. Essays in Indian Philosophy : Sukharanjan Saha (ed.)
9. Studies in Nyaya-Vaisesika Theism: Gopika Mohan Bhattacharya
10. The Religions of the World: R.K.M. Institute of Culture
11. Encyclopedia Britannica, Vol. I
12. Encyclopedia of Islam, Vols. I & II
13. Indian Religions: S. Radhakrishnan
14. Foundations of Living Faith: H.D. Bhattacharya
15. Aspects of Hindu Morality: Saral Jhingram
16. A History of Muslim Philosophy (Vols.I &II): M.M. Sharif
17. Islam and Secularism: Sayed Muhammad Al-Naquib Al-Attas
18. The History of Philosophy in Islam-T.J. de Boer: E. Jones (tr.)
19. The Holy Quran: Mohammad Yusuf Ali (tr.)
20. The Spirit of Islam: Syed Amir Ali
21. The Meaning of the Glorious Koran: M. Pickthall
22. A History of Islamic Philosophy: M. Fakhry
23. The Spirit of Islam's Message, Muhammad Qamaruddin in Religions of the People of India: S.R. Saha (ed.)
24. Cultural Heritage of Islam: Osman Ghani
25. Old Testament: R. Kittel (ed.)

26. New Testament: Kilpatrick
27. The Doctrine of the Trinity: R.S. Franks
28. The Doctrine of the Trinity: Loenard Hodgson
29. The Idea of the Holy: R. Otto
30. A Brief Account of the Religion of the Hindus: Srilekha Dutta in Religions of the People of India: S.R. Saha (ed.)
31. Dharma in Hinduism: An Ideal Religion: Tapan Kumar Chakraborty in Religions of the People of India: S.R. Saha (ed.)
32. Jainism - A Religion of Non-Theistic Humanism: Tushar Sarkar in Religions of the People of India: S.R. Saha (ed.)
33. Essays in Analytical Philosophy (Ch.VII): Gopinath Bhattacharya
34. Buddhism in India and Abroad: Anukul Badyopadhyay

CC-9: Western Logic – II

Credit 06

C9T: Western Logic – II

Credit 06

Course Contents:

- a) Symbolic Logic: The value of special symbols; Truth-Functions; Symbols for Negation, Conjunction, Disjunction, Conditional Statements and Material Implication; Material Equivalence and Logical Equivalence;
- b) Tautologous, Contradictory and Contingent Statement-Forms; The Paradoxes of Material Implication; The three Laws of Thought.
- c) Testing Argument Form and Argument for validity by
 - i) The Method of Truth-table.
- d) Determining the logical character of statement form and statements by
 - i) The Method of Truth-table.
- e) The Method of Deduction: Formal Proof of Validity: Difference between Implicational Rules and the Rules of Replacement; Construction of Formal Proof of Validity by using nineteen rules; Proof of invalidity by assignment of truth-values.
- f) Quantification Theory: Need for Quantification Theory, Singular Propositions; Quantification; Translating Traditional subject predicate proposition into the logical notation of propositional function and quantifiers;
- g) Quantification Rules and Proving Validity; Proving Invalidity for arguments involving quantifiers.

Suggested Readings:

English:

1. Introduction to Logic (13th Edn.): I.M. Copi & C. Cohen
2. Symbolic Logic: I.M. Copi
3. Methods of Logic (Part I, Ch.s 5,7,9): W.V.O. Quine
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3. Samsad Yuktibijnana Abhidhan: Ramaprasad Das o Subirranjan Bhattacharya

CC-10: Epistemology and Metaphysics (Western)

Credit 06

C10T: Epistemology and Metaphysics (Western)

Credit 06

Course Contents:

- 1) Concepts, Truth: Theories of Truth- Correspondence, Coherence, Pragmatic theory.
- 2) Some Principal uses of the verb “To know”, Conditions of Propositional Knowledge, Strong and weak senses of “know”.
- 3) Analytic truth and logical possibility.
- 4) The a-priori.
- 5) The Problem of Induction.
- 6) Cause and Causal Principles
- 7) Realism, Idealism, Phenomenalism

Suggested Readings:

English:

1. An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis—John Hospers
2. The Problem of Knowledge: A.J. Ayer
3. Language, Truth and Logic: A.J. Ayer
4. Readings in Philosophical Analysis: J. Hospers
5. The Central Questions of Philosophy: A.J. Ayer
6. Theory of Knowledge: A.J. Woozley
7. An Introduction to Philosophy: Shibapada Chakraborty

Bengali:

1. Darshanik Jijnasa (Bagarthatattva): Ramaprasad Das
2. Darshanik Jijnasa (Jnanatattva-Jnaner Svarup): Ramaprasad Das
3. Darshanik Jijnasa (Jnanatattva): Ramaprasad Das
4. Darshanik Jijnasa (Paratattva o Bhauto Jagater Jnana): Ramaprasad Das
5. Darshanik Bishlesaner Ruparekha (Pratham O dvitiya khanda): Samarikanta Samanta
6. Paschatya darshaner Ruparekha: Ramaprasad Das o Shibapada Chakraborty

Generic Elective (GE)
GE-4 [Interdisciplinary for other department]

GE-4: Environmental Ethics

Credit 06

GE-4T: Environmental Ethics

Credit 06

Course Contents:

1. Definition, Nature, and scope of Environmental Ethics.
2. Concepts of Anthropocentrism and non-anthropocentrism.
3. Value beyond sentient beings.
4. Reverence for life.
5. Deep Ecology.
6. Concepts of Kinship Ethics
7. Holism
8. Ecological Concern in Indian thoughts: Jaina and Bauddha views

Suggested Readings:

1. 'The Shallow and the Deep, Long-Range Ecology Movements: A Summary', Inquiry, Arne Naess
2. The Economy of the Earth: Philosophy, Law and the Environment, Second Edition-Mark Sagoff.
3. Ethics and the Environment: An Introduction-Dale Jamieson.
4. Falita Nītiśāstra, First edition – Dr Santosh Kumar Pal.
5. Paribesh o Naitikata, Nirmalya Narayan Chakraborty, Progressive Book Forum, Kolkata.
6. Byboharik Nitividya: Samarendra Bhattacharya, Book Syndicate Private Limited, Kolkata.

Or

GE-4: Termination of Life & Ethics

Credits 06

GE4T: Termination of Life & Ethics

Credits 06

Course Contents:

1. Taking non-human life
2. Terminating Human life, Definition of death, Withholding and withdrawing treatment, Suicide, assisted suicide
3. Euthanasia: Voluntary, non-voluntary, involuntary. Active and Passive Euthanasia, Arguments for and against euthanasia.
4. Abortion: status of embryo and fetus, non-identity preserving status of early stage fetus, spare embryo, Conservative arguments against abortion, Feminist arguments for abortion, women's rights to body.

Suggested Readings:

1. Practical Ethics, Second Edition, Cambridge University Press- Peter Singer.
2. A Companion to Bio-ethics, Blackwell Publisher – Peter Singer and Helga Kuhse.

3. Walter Glannon: Biomedical Ethics, Oxford University Press.
4. Peter Singer: Practical Ethics, Cambridge University Press
5. J. Mc Mahan: The Ethics of Killing: Life at the Margins, Oxford University Press.
6. F. M. Kamm, Morality Morality, vol. 1, Oxford University Press.

Skill Enhancement Course (SEC)

SEC-2: Value Education

Credit 02

SEC-2T: Value Education

Credit 02

Course Contents:

- a) Meaning, Characteristics, significance and objectives of Value education
- b) Values in different contexts: Individual, Social, Cultural, Moral and Global and Spiritual.
- c) Meaning and Characteristics of Peace education
- d) Aims and Objectives of Peace Education
- e) Types of peace education
- f) Peace and Value education in Global Perspective

Suggested Readings:

1. Introduction to Peace Studies: David P. Barash Belmont
2. 'International Relations', in The English Writings of Rabindranath Tagore: A Miscellany, (ed) Sisir Kumar Das: Rabindra Nath Tagore New Delhi: Sahitya Akademi.
3. Handbook of Peace and Conflict Studies: Charles Webel and Johan Galtung(eds.), Routledge, London and New York,
4. Peace and Value Education: Babu Muthuja,
5. Philosophy of Value: Aditya Mohanty

Or

SEC-2: Man and Environment

Credits 02

SEC-2T: Man and Environment

Credits 02

Course Contents:

- a) Classical Indian attitude to Environment**
 - a. Bhumisukta: Atharvaveda
 - b. Bio-centric outlook to nature,
 - c. The idea of intrinsic worth of nature.
- b) Intrinsic Value of nature**
 - a. Callicott's idea of intrinsic value of nature,
 - b. Rolston III on intrinsic value of nature

c) Deep ecology and its third world critique

- a.** Arne Naess on Deep Ecology,
- b.** Ramchandra Guha's Critique of Deep Ecology

Suggested Readings:

1. John Passmore, 'Attitudes to Nature', Environmental Ethics (ed.) Robert Elliot, Oxford University Press, Oxford,
2. Rabindranath Tagore, Sadhana (first Chapter), Macmillan, New York,
3. Paul Taylor, Respect for Nature: A Theory of Environmental Ethics (Select Parts), Princeton University Press, Princeton,
4. Robert Elliot, 'Intrinsic value, Environmental Obligation and Naturalness', Monist,
5. Arne Naess, 'The Shallow and the Deep, Long-Range Ecology Movements: A Summary', Inquiry,
7. Val Plumwood, Nature, Self and Gender: Feminism, Environmental Philosophy and the Critique of Rationalism, Environmental Ethics (ed.) Robert Elliot, Oxford University Press, Oxford,
8. Nirmalya Narayan Chakraborty, Paribesh o Naitikata, Progressive Book Forum, Kolkata.

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SEMESTER-V

Course Structure

Course	Course Code	Name of the Subjects	Course Type/ Nature	Teaching Scheme in hour per week			Credit	Marks
				L	T	P		
CC11		C11T: Nyāya Epistemology	Core Course-11	5	1	0	6	75
CC12		C12T Ethics(Indian)	Core Course-12	5	1	0	6	75
DSE-1		DSE-1: Philosophy of language (Indian)	Discipline Specific Elective-1	5	1	0	6	75
DSE-2		DSE-2: Ethics (Applied Ethics) Or DSE-2: Philosophy of Language (Western)	Discipline Specific Elective-2	5	1	0	6	75
Semester Total							24	300

CC = Core Course, **AECC** = Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course, **GE** = Generic Elective, **SEC** = Skill Enhancement Course, **DSE** = Discipline Specific Elective, **CA** = Continuous Assessment, **ESE** = End Semester Examination, **L** = Lecture, **T** = Tutorial, **P** = Practical, **MIL** = Modern Indian Language

Semester-V
Core Course (CC)

CC-11: Nyāya Epistemology –I

Credit 06

C11T: Nyāya Epistemology –I

Credit 06

Course Contents:

- a) Definition of definition: Uddesa, Laksana and Pariksha
- b) Definition of *buddhi* or *jñāna* (cognition), Two kinds of *buddhi* or *jñāna*, Definition of *smṛti*, Two kinds of *smṛti* (memory), Definition of *anubhava*, The division of *anubhava* into veridical (*yathārtha*) and non-veridical (*ayathārtha*), Three kinds of non-veridical *anubhava*. (the definitions and kinds are clarified in *Tarkasaṃgraha* and *Tarkasaṃgraha Dīpikā Tīkā*)
- c) Four-fold division of ‘*pramā*’ and ‘*pramāṇa*’, Definition of ‘*kāraṇa*’ (special causal condition) and ‘*kāraṇa*’ (general causal condition), the concept of *anyathāsiddhi* (irrelevance) and its varieties, The definition of ‘*kārya*’ (effect), Kinds of cause: *smavāyi*, *a-samavāyi* and *nimitta kāraṇa* (as defined and analysed in *Tarkasaṃgraha* and *Tarkasaṃgraha Dīpikā Tīkā*)
- d) Definition of *pratyakṣa* (as *pramāṇa* and *jñāna*), Two-fold division of *pratyakṣa jñāna*: *nirvikalpaka* and *savikalpaka*. The definition of *pratyakṣa jñāna* as ‘*nirvikalpaka*’ and ‘*savikalpaka*’, Evidence for the actuality of ‘*nirvikalpaka*’ (as defined and analysed in *Tarkasaṃgraha* and *Tarkasaṃgraha Dīpikā Tīkā*)
- e) *Sannikarṣa* and its six varieties, Problem of transmission of sound, the claim of ‘*anupalabdhi*’ as a distinctive *pramāṇa* (as analysed and examined in *Tarkasaṃgraha* and *Tarkasaṃgraha Dīpikā Tīkā*)
- f) “*Upamāna pramāṇa*”: Definition and analysis. “*Śabda pramāṇa*” : Definition and analysis. “*Śakti*” (the direct signifying power), the *padapadārtha- sambandha* considered as *Īśvara-saṃketa*, Controversy between the *Mīmāṃsakas* and the *Naiyāyikas* regarding the nature of *Śakti* as universal or particular.

Suggested Readings:

English:

1. Tarkasaṃgraha with Dipika: Gopinath Bhattacharya
2. Tarkasaṃgraha: M.R. Bodas & Y.V. Athalye (tr. & ed.)
3. The Elements of Indian Logic and Epistemology: Chandrodaya Bhattacharya
4. A Primer of Indian Logic: Kuppaswami Shastri
5. Fundamental Questions of Indian Metaphysics & Logic: S.K. Maitra
6. The Nyaya Theory of Knowledge: S.C. Chatterjee

Bengali:

7. Tarkasaṃgraha with Dipika: Narayan Chandra Goswami
8. Tarkasaṃgraha with Dipika: Indira Mukhopadhyay
9. Tarkasaṃgraha with Dipika: Panchanan Shastri
10. Tarkasaṃgraha with Dipika: Kanailal Poddar

CC-12: Ethics (Indian)

Credit 06

C12T: Ethics (Indian)

Credit 06

Course Contents:

- a) Introduction: Concerns and Presuppositions, Concept of Sthitaprañña,
- b) Karmayoga: (Gīta) Puruṣārthas and their inter-relations.
- c) Meaning of Dharma, Concept of ṛma and ṛta. Classification of Dharma:
- d) Sādhāraṇadharmā and Asādhāraṇa Dharma, Varṇāśāṇrama Dharma
- e) Buddhist Ethics: Astāngikamārga, Pañcaśīla, Brahmavihārabhāvanā (Bauddha)
- f) Jaina Ethics: anubrata, mahābrata, Ahimsā
- g) Mimāṃsā Ethics: nitya karma, naimittika karma and kāmya karma, the concept of himsa and ahimsa
- h) Vidhi and Nisedha; Sreya and Preya

Suggested Readings:

English:

1. The Fundamentals of Hinduism-A Philosophical Study: S.C. Chatterjee
2. The Ethics of the Hindus: S.K. Maitra
3. An Outline of Hinduism: T.M.P. Mahadevan
4. Classical Indian Ethical Thought: K.N. Tewari
5. Ethics in the Gita-An Analytical Study (pp-119-145): Rajendra Prasad
6. Ethics in the Vedas, Satya Prakash Singh in Historical-Developmental Study of Classical Indian Philosophy,[History of Science, Philosophy and Culture in Indian Civilisation (Vol. XII, Part 2)]: Rajendra Prasad (ed.)
7. Ṛta, Satya, Tattva, Tathya, Samiran Chandra Chakraborty in Philosophical Concepts Relevant to Sciences in Indian Tradition,[History of Science, Philosophy and Culture in Indian Civilisation (Vol. VIII, Part 4)]: P.K. Sen (ed.)
8. Development of Moral Philosophy in India; Surama Dasgupta
9. Ethical Philosophies of India: I.C. Sharma
10. Studies on the Purusarthas: P.K. Mahapatra (ed.)
11. A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy: C.D. Sharma
12. Indian Philosophy (Vo. I): J.N. Sinha
13. Philosophy of Hindu Sadhana: N.K. Brahma

Bengali:

1. Nitividya: Mrinal Kanti Bhadra
2. Nitividyar Tattvakatha: Somnath Chakraborty
3. Nitishastra: Dikshit Gupta
4. Nitividya: Sibapada Chakraborty
5. Pashchatya Darshaner Itihas (Pratham o dwitiya khanda): S. Radhakrishnan
6. Dharma Darshan: A. Bandyopadhyay o K.C. Gupta
7. Dharma Darshan: Rabindranath Das
8. Dharmadarshaner Katipoy Samasya: Dilip Kumar Mohanto
9. Dharma Darshan: Sushil Kumar Chakraborty
10. Bharatiya Dharmaniti: Amita Chattopadhyay (Sampadita)
11. Bharatiya Darshane Nirishvarvada: B.B. Purakayastha (pp-39-50,56-66)
12. Bharatiya Darshaner Drishtite Mukti Swarup: Chandana Das
13. Sarvadarshanasangraha: Satyajyoti Chakraborty (Pratham Khanda)

Discipline Specific Elective (DSE)

DSE-1: Philosophy of Language (Indian)

Credit 06

DSE1T: Philosophy of Language (Indian)

Credit 06

Course Contents:

- a. Definition and classification of pada and padartha
- b. The process of Verbal Understanding (Sābdabodha prakriya)
- c. Padajñana and saktigrahapaya
- d. Causes of Sentential understanding: *ākāṃkṣa*, *yogyatā*, *āsatti*, *tātparya*
- e. *Lakṣanā*: Definition and classification
- f. Theories of sentential understanding: (Basic concepts)
 - i) *Spotavāda*
 - ii) *Anvitābhīdhānvāda*
 - iii) *Abhihitānvayavāda*
 - iv) *Apohavāda*

Suggested Readings:

English:

1. Tarkasamgraha: Annambhatta
2. Tarkasamgraha: M.R. Bodas & Y.V. Athalye (tr. & ed.)
3. The Elements of Indian Logic and Epistemology: Chandrodaya Bhattacharya
4. A Primer of Indian Logic: Kuppaswami Shastri
5. Fundamental Questions of Indian Metaphysics & Logic: S.K. Maitra
6. The Nyaya Theory of Knowledge: S.C. Chatterjee
7. Basic Principles of Indian Philosophy of Language: Piyali Palit

Bengali:

1. Tarkasamgraha with Dipika: Narayan Chandra Goswami
2. Tarkasamgraha with Dipika: Indira Mukhopadhyay
3. Tarkasamgraha with Dipika: Panchanan Shastri
4. Tarkasamgraha with Dipika: Kanailal Podda
5. Tarkasamgraha with Dipika: Dipak Kumar Bagchi
6. Takkabhāṣā of Keshava Mishra (in Bengali)-Gangadhar Kar Nyayāchārya
7. Śabdārthadarśanikanī (in Bengali)- Prabhat Misra
8. Ratnakirti on Apoha (by Lingual)-Madhumita Chattopadhyaya

DSE-2: Applied ethics

Credit 06

DSE-2: Applied ethics

Credit 06

Course Contents:

- a. Nature and scope of applied ethics.
- b. Killing: Suicide, Assisted Suicide, Euthanasia, Animal killing.
- c. Poverty, Affluence and Morality.
- d. Terrorism and Just war
- e. Human Rights—Discrimination on the basis of caste, gender and religion.
- f. The Ethics of Care.
- g. Animal welfare, animal rights and perspectives
- h. Ecological Concern in Indian thoughts: Jaina and Bauddha views.

Suggested Readings:

1. Ethics-The Fundamentals: Julia Driver
2. Ethics-Theory and Practice: J. Thiroux (Chs II & III)
3. Ethics-Theory and Practice: Y.V. Satyanaryana
4. Moral Reasons: J. Nuttal
5. Moral Reasons: James Rachels
6. Philosophical Ethics-An Introduction to Moral Philosophy: T.L. Beauchamp (ed.)
7. Elements of Moral Philosophy: James Rachels
8. Theories of Rights: J. Waldron (ed.)
9. Human Rights: Alan Gewirth
10. Identity and Violence: Amartya Sen
11. Aspects of Hindu Morality: Saral Jhingram
12. Practical Ethics: Peter Singer (Chs V,VII,VIII,X)
13. Applied Ethics: Peter Singer (ed.)
14. A Companion to Ethics: Peter Singer (Chs 14,19,22)
15. A Companion to Bio-Ethics: Peter Singer & H. Kuhse (eds.)
16. Human Rights-An Introduction: D.J. O'Byrne
17. Man and Nature: G.F. MacLean (ed.)
18. Human Rights, Gender and the Environment: Manisha Preya, Krishna Menon, Madhulika Banerjee
19. Gender: G. Geetha
20. A Short Introduction to Feminist Theory: Rinita Mazumdar
21. Feminist Thought: Shefali Moitra
22. Justice and Care: Essential Readings in Feminist Ethics: Virginia Held (ed.)
- Bengali:**
23. Nitishastra: Dikshit Gupta
24. Vyavaharik Nitivijnan: N. Nandy & M. Bal
25. Nitividya: Sanjib Ghosh
26. Nitividyar Tattvakatha: Somnath Chakraborty
27. Tattvagata Nitividya o Vyavaharik Nitividya: Samarendra Bhattacharya
28. Vyavaharik Nitividya-Peter Singer: Pardip Kumar Roy (tr.)
29. Prayogik Nitividya: A.S.M. Abdul Khalek
30. Nitibidya- Shibapada Chakraborty
31. Falita Nitisastra – Santosh Kumar Pal
32. Kathay Karne Ethics – Somnath Chakraborty

Or

DSE-2: Philosophy of Language (Western)

Credit 06

DSE-2: Philosophy of Language (Western)

Credit 06

Course Contents:

- a) Syntax, Semantics, Pragmatics.
- b) Word-meaning, Definitions.
- c) Vagueness.
- d) Sentence-meaning.
- e) Testability and Meaning.

Suggested Readings:

English:

- 1. The Philosophy of Language : A.P. Martinich (ed.)
- 2. An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis—John Hospers
- 3. The Problem of Knowledge: A.J. Ayer
- 4. Language, Truth and Logic: A.J. Ayer
- 5. Readings in Philosophical Analysis: J. Hospers
- 6. The Central Questions of Philosophy: A.J. Ayer
- 7. Theory of Knowledge: A.J. Woozley
- 8. An Introduction to Philosophy: Shibapada Chakraborty

Bengali:

- 9. Darshanik Jijnasa (Bagarthatattva): Ramaprasad Das
- 10. Darshanik Jijnasa (Jnanatattva-Jnaner Svarup): Ramaprasad Das
- 11. Darshanik Jijnasa (Jnanatattva): Ramaprasad Das
- 12. Darshanik Jijnasa (Paratattva o Bhauto Jagater Jnana): Ramaprasad Das
- 13. Darshanik Bishlesaner Ruparekha (Pratham O dvitiya khanda): Samarikanta Samanta
- 14. Paschatya darshaner Ruparekha: Ramaprasad Das o Shibapada Chakraborty

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SEMESTER-VI

Course Structure

Course	Course Code	Name of the Subjects	Course Type/ Nature	Teaching Scheme in hour per week			Credit	Marks
				L	T	P		
CC13		C13T: Nyāya Logic	Core Course-13	5	1	0	6	75
CC14		C14T Ethics (Western)	Core Course-14	5	1	0	6	75
DSE-3		DSE-3A: An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding - D. Hume Or DSE-3B: Kathopanisd – Samkara Bhāṣya	Discipline Specific Elective-3	5	1	0	6	75
DSE-4		DSE-4A: Swami Vivekananda Or DSE-4B: M.K. Gandhi	Discipline Specific Elective-4	5	1	0	6	75
Semester Total							24	300

CC = Core Course, AECC = Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course, GE = Generic Elective, SEC = Skill Enhancement Course, DSE = Discipline Specific Elective, CA= Continuous Assessment, ESE= End Semester Examination, L = Lecture, T = Tutorial, P = Practical, MIL = Modern Indian Language

Semester-VI
Core Course (CC)

CC-13: Nyāya Logic

Credit 06

C13T: Nyāya Logic

Credit 06

Course Contents:

- a) Definition of anumāna, anumiti and parāmarśa. Analysis of pakṣatā. Definition of vyāpti, Vyāptigraha.
- b) Definition of pakṣadharmatā—svārthānumiti and parārthānumiti; Analysis of pañcāvayavī Nyāya. Necessity of parāmarśa. Three kinds of līnga or hetu: kevalānvayī, kevalavyūṭirekī and anvayavyūṭirekī. Definition of pakṣa, Sapakṣa and vipakṣa with illustrations. Marks of sadhetu.
- c) Hetvābhāsa—two types of definition. Five kinds of hetvābhāsa:
 - (1) “Savyābhicāra” and its three kinds—defined and illustrated;
 - (2) “Viruddha” defined and illustrated;
 - (3) “Satpratipakṣa” defined and illustrated;
 - (4) Three kinds of “Asiddha” enumerated;
 - (a) āśrayāsiddha
 - (b) svarūpāsiddha and
 - (c) vyāpyatvāsiddha. Vyāpyatvāsiddha defined as “sopādhika hetu”. Upādhi and its four kinds (definition and illustration)
 - (5) “Bādhita” (definition and illustration).

Suggested Readings:

English:

1. Tarkasamgraha with Dipika: Gopinath Bhattacharya
2. Tarkasamgraha: M.R. Bodas & Y.V. Athalye (tr. & ed.)
3. The Elements of Indian Logic and Epistemology: Chanrodaya Bhattacharya
4. A Primer of Indian Logic: Kuppaswami Shastri
5. Fundamental Questions of Indian Metaphysics & Logic: S.K. Maitra
6. The Nyaya Theory of Knowledge: S.C. Chatterjee

Bengali:

7. Tarkasamgraha with Dipika: Narayan Chandra Goswami
8. Tarkasamgraha with Dipika: Indira Mukhopadhyay
9. Tarkasamgraha with Dipika: Panchanan Shastri
10. Tarkasamgraha with Dipika: Kanailal Poddar

CC-14: Ethics (Western)

Credit 06

C14T: Ethics (Western)

Credit 06

Course Contents:

- a) Nature and Scope of Ethics, (i) Normative Ethics (ii) Meta Ethics, (iii) Applied Ethics.
- b) Moral and Non-moral actions, Object of Moral Judgement - Motive and Intention
- c) Virtue Ethics: Aristotle
- d) Standards of Morality: Hedonism – Ethical Egoism, Utilitarianism: Act utilitarianism, Rule utilitarianism. Mill's Theory, Deontological Theories: Act - Deontology, Rule-Deontology, Kant's Moral Theory.
- e) Theories of Punishment, Capital Punishment
- f) Environmental Ethics: Definitions and concerns, Anthropocentrism and Non anthropocentrism.

Suggested Readings:

English:

- 1. History of Philosophy-Eastern and Western: (Vol. I & II): S. Radhakrishnan
- 2. Principles of Ethics: P.B. Chatterjee
- 3. A Manual of Ethics: J.S. Mackenzie
- 4. Ethics: W. Frankena
- 5. An Introduction to Ethics: W. Lillie
- 6. Ethics-Theory and Practice: J. Thiroux (Chs II & III)
- 7. Ethics-Theory and Practice: Y.V. Satyanaryana
- 8. Moral Reasons: J. Nuttall
- 9. Human Conduct: J. Hospers
- 10. Ethics-The Fundamentals: Julia Driver
- 11. An Introduction to Kant's Ethics: R. Sullivan
- 12. Nicomachean Ethics: Aristotle
- 13. Philosophical Ethics-An Introduction to Moral Philosophy: T.L. Beauchamp (ed.)
- 14. Virtue Ethics: Rosalind Hursthouse (Ch. III)
- 15. Karma, Causation and Retributive Morality: Rajendra Prasad

Bengali:

- 1. Nitividya: Mrinal Kanti Bhadra
- 2. Nitividyar Tattvakatha: Somnath Chakraborty
- 3. Nitishastra: Dikshit Gupta
- 4. Nitividya: Samarendra Bhattacharya
- 5. Nitividya: Sibapada Chakraborty
- 6. Pashchatya Darshaner Itihas (Pratham o dwitiya khanda): S. Radhakrishnan
- 7. Dharma Darshan: A. Bandyopadhyay o K.C. Gupta
- 8. Dharma Darshan: Rabindranath Das
- 9. Dharmadarshaner Katipoy Samasya: Dilip Kumar Mohanto
- 10. Dharma Darshan: Sushil Kumar Chakraborty
- 11. Bharatiya Dharmaniti: Amita Chattopadhyay (Sampadita)
- 12. Bharatiya Darshane Nirishvarvada: B.B. Purakayastha
- 13. Bharatiya Darshaner Drishtite Mukti Swarup: Chandana Das
- 14. Sarvadarshanasangraha: Satyajyoti Chakraborty (Pratham Khanda)
- 15. Islami Darshan: Hasan Ayub

16. Quran Sharif: Maulana Mobarak Qarim Zahar (Anudita)
17. Quran Sharif: Osman Ghani (Anubad O bhasya)
18. Islamer Chinta o Chetanar Kramabikash (dasham Khanda): Osman Gani
19. Pabitra Bible (Puratn o Natun Niyam): Bharater Bible Society
20. Bauddhadharmer Itihas: Mani Kuntala Halder
21. Bauddhadharma o Darshan: Sukomal Chowdhury

Discipline Specific Elective (DSE)

DSE-3: Text Reading (Any one text from following) Credit 06

DSE-3A T: An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding - D. Hume Credit 06

Course Contents:

Chapter 1 – 8 from *Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding* by David Hume

Suggested Readings:

1. An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding-D. Hume: J.N. Mohanty (intr.)
2. The Philosophy of David Hume: Pabitra Kumar Roy
3. The Philosophy of David Hume: N.K. Smith
4. Hume's Theory of Causality: Tapan Kumar Chakraborty
5. Hume: V.C. Chappell (ed.)
6. Hume-er Enquiry-Ekti Upasthapana: Ramaprasad Das
7. Hume -er Darshan – Prahlad Kumar Sarkar (Ed.)

Or

DSE-3B T: Kathopaniṣad with Śaṃkarabhāṣya Credit 06

Course Contents:

Kaṭhapaniṣad: Śaṃkarabhāṣya - Upto the end of third vallī of the first

Suggested Readings:

1. *Kāṭhakopaniṣada*: Brahmachari Medhachaitanya (Trans. & Ed.)
2. *Kaṭha Upaniṣad*: Swami Lokeswarananda (Trans. & Ed.)
3. *Kaṭhapaniṣad*: Dr. Sitanath Goswami (Trans. & Ed.)
4. *Kaṭhapaniṣad*: Swami Bhutesananda (Trans. & Ed.)
5. *Kaṭhapaniṣad*: Swami Justhananda (Trans. & Ed.)

DSE-4:**Credit 06**

(Any one from the following philosophical systems of contemporary Indian thought)

DSE-4A T: Swami Vivekananda**Credits 06****Course Contents:**

- a) Real nature of man.
- b) Concept of Practical Vedanta.
- c) Nature of Religion.
- d) Ideal of Universal Religion.

Suggested Readings:**English:**

1. Contemporary Indian Philosophy: T.M.P. Mahadevan & G.V. Saroja
2. Contemporary Indian Philosophy: Basant Kumar Lal
3. Contemporary Indian Philosophy: Binoy Gopal Roy
4. Practical Vedanta (Vol.II,pp-291-358): Swami Vivekananda
5. Swami Vivekananda as a Philosopher: J.L. Shaw
6. The Philosophy of Swami Vivekananda: Pradip Kumar Sengupta
7. The Complete Works of Swami Vivekananda (Vol.I,pp-333-343 & II,pp-70-87,375-396): Mayavati Memorial Edition
8. The Philosophy of Vivekananda: Govinda Dev

Bengali:

9. Bingsha Shatabdir Bharatiya Darshan - Nikhilesh Bandopadhyay
10. Bingsha Shatabdite Bharatiya Darshan Charcha – Ed. Nirmalya Narayan Chakrabarty

DSE-4B T: M. K. Gandhi**Credit 06****Course Contents:**

- a) God and Truth
- b) Nature of Man
- c) Non-Violence
- d) Satyāgraha
- e) Swaraj
- f) Theory of Trusteeship

Suggested Readings:

1. Contemporary Indian Philosophy: T.M.P. Mahadevan & G.V. Saroja
2. Contemporary Indian Philosophy: Basant Kumar Lal
3. Contemporary Indian Philosophy: Binoy Gopal Roy
4. Hind Swaraj: M.K. Gandhi
5. Trusteeship; M.K. Gandhi
6. Selections from Gandhi: N.K. Bose

7. Contemporary Indian Philosophy: S, Radhakrishnan & J.H. Murihead (eds.)
8. The Evolution of Political Philosophy of Gandhi: Buddhadeb Bhattacharya
9. Social and Political Thought of Gandhi: Jayantanuja Bandyopadhyay
10. The Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi: D.M. Dutta
11. The Philosophy of Sarvodaya: K.S. Bharathi
12. Gandhi's Political Philosophy: Bhikhu Parekh
13. Sarvodaya Andoloner Itihas: Gurudas Bandyopadhyay
14. Gandhi Parikrama: Sailesh Kumar Bandyopadhyay
15. Gandhi Rachanasambhar: M.K. Gandhi
