

The University of Burdwan



Syllabus for B.A.(Hons.)

in

Philosophy

Under Choice Based Credit System

w.e.f. 2017-2018 onward

THREE YEAR B.A HONOURS IN PHILOSOPHY

(SIX SEMESTER PATTERN)

(To be effective from 2017-2018)

There will be six semesters in the Three Year B.A (Honours) programme. It is constituted of **14** Core courses, **2** Ability Enhancement courses, **2** Skill Enhancement courses, **4** Discipline Specific Elective courses and **4** Interdisciplinary Generic Elective courses. Each course, except Ability Enhancement course and Skill Enhancement course, is of **75** marks; of which **60** marks is for Semester-End Examination (written) and **15** marks for internal assessment.

Ability Enhancement course will be as per General Instruction; while Skill Enhancement course is of **50** marks; of which **40** marks is for Semester-End Examination (written) and **10** marks for Internal Assessment.

B.A.(Honours) in Philosophy: 1st Semester

In this semester, for the Philosophy Honours Students the Core courses and the Ability Enhancement Course (Centrally framed) are compulsory; while they are to opt for one Interdisciplinary Generic Elective course from any subject other than Philosophy. Students of any other Honours subject may opt for the Interdisciplinary Generic Elective course of Philosophy.

Course Code	Course Title	Course type	L - T - P	Credit	Marks
CC- 1	Outlines of Indian Philosophy—I	Core course	5 - 1 - 0	6	75
CC- 2	Outlines of Western Philosophy—I	Core course	5 - 1 - 0	6	75
GE- 1	Indian Philosophy	Interdisciplinary(Generic Elective)	5 - 1 - 0	6	75
AECC- 1	ENVS	Ability Enhancement course	4 - 0 - 0	4	100

B.A.(Honours) in Philosophy: 2nd Semester

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Course Code	Course Title	Course type	L - T - P	Credit	Marks
CC- 3	Outlines of Indian Philosophy—II	Core course	5 - 1 - 0	6	75
CC- 4	Outlines of Western Philosophy—II	Core course	5 - 1 - 0	6	75
GE- 2	Western Philosophy	Interdisciplinary(Generic Elective)	5 - 1 - 0	6	75
AECC- 2	Communicative Eng./ MIL	Ability Enhancement course	2 - 0 - 0	2	50

B.A.(Honours) in Philosophy: 3rd Semester

In this semester, for the Philosophy Honours Students the Core courses and the Skill Enhancement course are compulsory; while they are to opt for one Interdisciplinary Generic Elective course from any subject other than Philosophy. Students of any other Honours subject may opt for the Interdisciplinary Generic Elective course of Philosophy.

Course Code	Course Title	Course type	L - T - P	Credit	Marks
CC- 5	Indian Ethics	Core course	5 - 1 - 0	6	75
CC- 6	Western Ethics	Core course	5 - 1 - 0	6	75
CC- 7	Indian Logic	Core course	5 - 1 - 0	6	75
GE- 3	Logic	Interdisciplinary(Generic Elective)	5 - 1 - 0	6	75
SEC- 1	Philosophy in Practice	Skill Enhancement course	2 - 0 - 0	2	50

B.A.(Honours) in Philosophy: 4th Semester

In this semester, for the Philosophy Honours Students the Core courses and the Skill Enhancement course are compulsory; while they are to opt for one Interdisciplinary Generic Elective course from any subject other than Philosophy. Students of any other Honours subject may opt for the Interdisciplinary Generic Elective course of Philosophy.

Course Code	Course Title	Course type	L - T - P	Credit	Marks
CC- 8	Western Logic-I	Core course	5 - 1 - 0	6	75
CC- 9	Psychology	Core course	5 - 1 - 0	6	75
CC- 10	Philosophy of Religion	Core course	5 - 1 - 0	6	75
GE- 4	Contemporary Indian Philosophy	Interdisciplinary(Generic Elective)	5 - 1 - 0	6	75
SEC- 2	Philosophy of Human Rights	Skill Enhancement course	2 - 0 - 0	2	50

B.A.(Honours) in Philosophy: 5th Semester

In this semester, for the Philosophy Honours Students, besides the two compulsory Core courses there are two Discipline Specific Elective courses containing Special Texts.

Course Code	Course Title	Course type	L - T - P	Credit	Marks
CC- 11	Socio-Political Philosophy	Core course	5 - 1 - 0	6	75
CC- 12	Western Logic-II	Core course	5 - 1 - 0	6	75
DSE- 1	Special Text: <i>Kaṭhōpaniṣad</i>	Discipline Specific Elective	5 - 1 - 0	6	75
DSE- 2	Special Text: B. Russell: Problems of Philosophy	Discipline Specific Elective	5 - 1 - 0	6	75

B.A.(Honours) in Philosophy: 6th Semester

In this semester, for the Philosophy Honours Students, besides the two compulsory Core courses there are two Discipline Specific Elective courses containing Special Texts.

Course Code	Course Title	Course type	L - T - P	Credit	Marks
CC- 13	Philosophy in the Twentieth Century: Indian	Core course	5 - 1 - 0	6	75
CC- 14	Philosophy in the Twentieth Century: Western	Core course	5 - 1 - 0	6	75
DSE- 3	Special Text: Rabindranath Tagore: <i>Sādhanā</i>	Discipline Specific Elective	5 - 1 - 0	6	75
DSE- 4	Special Text: Hume: <i>An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding</i>	Discipline Specific Elective	5 - 1 - 0	6	75

DETAIL SYLLABUS

Semester- 1

Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	L - T - P	Credit	Marks
CC- 1	Outlines of Indian Philosophy—I	Core Course	5 - 1 - 0	6	75

Recommended Topics:

1. Detailed Introduction:

(a) General Features of Indian Philosophy, (b) Spirit of Indian Philosophy, (c) Basic concepts of the Vedic and the Upaniṣadic world-views

2. Cārvāka:

(a) Perception as the only Source of Knowledge, Refutation of Inference and Testimony as Sources of Knowledge, (b) *jaḍavāda* and *dehātmavāda*

3. Jainism:

(a) *anekāntavāda*, (b) *syādvāda* and *nayavāda*, (c) Theory of Self and Liberation (d) Nature of Substance: Relation between Substance, Attributes & Modes

4. Buddhism:

(a) Four Noble Truths, (b) *pratītyasamutpāda* (c) *kṣārabhangavāda*, (d) *nairātmyavāda* (e) Four Major Schools of Buddhism

5. Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika:

(a) Nyāya Epistemology : *pratyakṣa* (Perception), *anumāna* (Inference), *upamāna* (Comparison) and *ābda* (Testimony); *khyātivāda* (Theory of Error)

(b) Vaiśeṣika Metaphysics : *saptapadārta* (Seven Ontological Categories), *paramârṇuvāda*

Recommended Texts :

- Sāyana Mādhavâcārya : *Sarvadarṣanasamgraha*
- S. C. Chatterjee & D. M. Dutta : *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy*
- Haridas Bandyopadhyay : *Bhāratīya Darūaner Marmakathā*

References :

- C. D. Sharma : *A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy*
- J. N. Mohanti : *Classical Indian Philosophy*
- Satyajyoti Chakraborty (ed. & Bengali. tr.): *Sarvadarṣanasamgraha*
- Niradbaran Chakraborty : *Bhāratīya Darūan*
- Deepak Kumar Bagchi : *Bhāratīya Darūan*
- Debabrata Sen : *Bhāratīya Darūan*
- Pradyot Kumar Mandal : *Bhāratīya Darūan*
- Panchanan Shastri : *Cārvāk Darūan*
- Ramkrishna Bhattacharya : *Cārvāk Carcā*
- Shailendra Brahmachari : *Abhidhamma Darpan*
- Panchanan Shastri : *Bauddha Darṣan*
- Satindra Chandra Nyâyâcārya : *Jaina Darṣan Digdarṣan*
- Karuna Bhattacharya : *Nyaya-Vaiśeṣik Darṣan*

Course Code	Course Title	Course type	L - T - P	Credit	Marks
CC- 2	Outlines of Western Philosophy—I	Core course	5 - 1 - 0	6	75

Recommended Topics:

1. The Pre-Socratic Period :

(a) Ionian School, (b) Parmenides, (c) Heraclitus and (d) Zeno (Paradox)

2. Plato :

(a) Theory of Knowledge, (b) Theory of Ideas

3. Aristotle :

(a) Refutation of Plato's Theory of Ideas, (b) Theory of Substance, (c) Form and Matter, (d) Theory of Causation

4. Descartes :

(a) Method of Doubt, (b) *Cogito Ergo Sum*, (c) Criterion of Truth, (d) Classification of Ideas, (e) Interactionism, (f) Substance

5. Spinoza :

(a) The Doctrine of Substance, Attributes and Modes, (b) Parallelism, (c) Degrees of Knowledge, (d) Determinism and Freedom

6. Leibniz :

(a) Monadology and Pre-established Harmony (b) Truths of Reason and Truths of Fact, (c) Theory of Knowledge

Recommended Texts :

- F. Copleston : *A History of Philosophy* [Vols. I, IV, V, & VII]
- W. T. Stace : *A Critical History of Greek Philosophy*

References :

- B. Russell : *A History of Western Philosophy*
- Y. Masih : *A Critical History of Western Philosophy*
- R. Falckenberg : *History of Modern Philosophy*
- Anders Wedberg : *A History of Philosophy, Vol.-I & II*
- Tom Sorell & G. A. J. Rogers (ed.): *Analytic Philosophy and History of Philosophy*
- Niradbaran Chakraborty : *Pâúcâtya Darúaner Itihâs* (Plato, Aristotle)
- Sushanta Chakraborty : *Pâúcâtya Darúaner Itihâs*
- Kalyan Chandra Gupta : *Pâúcâtya Darúaner Itihâs*
- Chandrodoy Bhattacharya: *Pâúcâtya Darúaner Itihâs*
- Tarak Chandra Das : *Pâúcâtya Darúaner Itihâs, Vol.-I, II & III*
- Shyamal Kumar Mukhopadhyay : *Socrateser Bicâr o Mṛtyu* (Pub: Darúan O Samâj Trust, 1996)
- Sardar Fajlul Karim: *Plator Sarñlâp* (Bengali Tr. of Plato's Dialogues), Dhaka Bangla Academy

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GE- 1	Indian Philosophy	Interdisciplinary Generic Elective	5 - 1 - 0	6	75

Recommended Topics:

1. Introduction:

(a) General Features of Indian Philosophy

2. Cârkvâka:

(a) *pratyakṣa* (perception) as the only Source of Knowledge

(b) Refutation of *anumāna* (inference) and *œabda* (testimony) as Sources of Knowledge

(c) *jaḍavâda* and *dehâtmavâda*

3. Jainism:

(a) *anekântavâda*

(b) *syâdvâda* and *nayavâda*

4. Buddhism:

(a) Four Noble Truths

(b) *pratīyasamutpâda*

(c) *kṣaṇabhañjavâda*

(d) *nairâtmyavâda*

5. Nyâya-Vaiúeṣika:

(a) *pramâṇa*: *pratyakṣa* (perception), *anumāna* (inference), *upamâna* (comparison) and *œabda* (testimony)

(b) *Saptapadârtha* (Seven Categories)

6. Sâṁkhya:

(a) *Satkâryavâda* (Theory of Causality)

(b) *Pariñâmvâda* (Theory of Evolution)

7. Yoga :

(a) *cittavṛttinirodha*

(b) *aṣṭâñgayoga*

8. Mīmâṁsâ

(a) *arthâpatti*

(b) *anupalabdhi*

8. Advaita Vedânta:

(a) Brahman, *jîva* and *jagat*

Recommended Texts :

- S. C. Chatterjee & D. M. Dutta: *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy*
- C. D. Sharma : *A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy*
- Haridas Bandyopadhyay : *Bhâratîya Darúaner Marmakathâ*

References :

- J. N. Mohanti : *Classical Indian Philosophy*
- Niradbaran Chakraborty : *Bhâratîya Darúan*
- Karuna Bhattacharya : *Nyâya-Vaiúeṣika Darœan*

- Panchanan Shastri : *Cârvâka Darúan*
- Panchanan Shastri : *Bauddha Darœan*
- Rajat Bhattacharya : *Sâmkhyakârikâ O Sâmkhyatattvakumudî*
- Niradbaran Chakraborty : *Bhâratîya Darúan*
- Deepak Kumar Bagchi : *Bhâratîya Darúan*
- Debabrata Sen : *Bhâratîya Darúan*
- Pradyot Kumar Mandal : *Bhâratîya Darúan*
- Kanakprabha Bandyopadhyay : *Sâmkhyapâtañjaladarœan*
- Tarakishor Sharma Choudhury : *Pâtañjaladarœan*
- Gobindagopal Mukhopadhyay : *Yoger Kathâ : Patañjalir Dṛṣṭe*
- Purnachandra Vedanta Chunchu : *Pâtañjal Darœan*

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AECC- 1	ENVS	Ability Enhancement Course	4 -0 -0	4	100

Semester- 2

Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	L - T - P	Credit	Marks
CC- 3	Outlines of Indian Philosophy-II	Core course	5 - 1 - 0	6	75

Recommended Topics:

1. Sâmkhya

(i) *satkâryavâda*, (ii) *pañcaviñœati tattva* and *tattvaparinâma*, (iii) *prakṛti* and its *guṇa*-s, (iv) Notion of *puruṣa*, *bahupuruṣavâda*

2. Yoga:

(i) *citta*, (ii) *cittabhūmi*, (iii) *cittavṛtti*, (iv) *cittavṛttinirodha* and (v) *īśvara*

3. Pūrva Mīmāṃsā :

(i) *pramāṇa*-s with special reference to *arthāpatti* and *anupalabdhi*, (ii) *prāmāṇyavâda*

4. Advaita Vedânta :

(i) *vivartavâda*, (ii) *māyā*, (iii) Brahman, *jīva* and *jagat*

5. Viśiṣṭadvaita Vedânta:

(i) Distinction between *advaitavâda* and *viśiṣṭadvaitavâda*, (ii) Nature of *īśvara*, *jīva* and *jagat*, (iii) Criticism of Saṃkara's Doctrine of *māyā*

6. *khyâtivâda* (Theory of Error): Bhāṭṭa and Advaita

Recommended Texts :

- S. C. Chatterjee & D. M. Dutta: *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy*
- Haridas Bandyopadhyay : *Bhâratîya Darśaner Marmakathâ*

References :

- C. D. Sharma : *A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy*
- M. Hiriyanna : *Outlines of Indian Philosophy*
- Niradbaran Chakraborty : *Bhâratîya Darúan*

- Deepak Kumar Bagchi : *Bhâratîya Darúan*
- Debabrata Sen : *Bhâratîya Darúan*
- Pradyot Kumar Mandal : *Bhâratîya Darúan*
- Rajat Bhattacharya : *Sâmkhyakârikâ O Sâmkhyatattvakumudî*
- Bidhubhushan Bhattacharya : *Sâmkhya Darœaner Bibaran*
- Kanakprabha Bandyopadhyay : *Sâmkhyapâtañjaladarœan*
- Harihrânanda Āraṇya : *Yogdarśana*
- Tarakishor Sharma Choudhury : *Pâtañjaladarœan*
- Gobindagopal Mukhopadhyay : *Yoger Kathâ : Patañjalir Dṛṣṭe*
- Purnachandra Vedanta Chunchu : *Pâtañjal Darśan*
- Sukhamaya Bhattacharya : *Pūrva Mīmāṃsā Darśana*
- Roma Choudhury : *Vedānta Darśan*
- Pramathanath Sharma : *Māyāvād*

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CC- 4	Outlines of Western Philosophy—II	Core course	5 - 1 - 0	6	75

Recommended Topics:

1. Locke :

(a) Refutation of Innate Ideas and Principles, (b) Theory of Ideas, (c) Theory of Substance, (d) Distinction between Primary and Secondary Qualities, (e) Theory of Knowledge

2. Berkeley :

(a) Rejection of the Lockean notion of Substance, (b) Refutation of Abstract Ideas (c) Rejection of the Distinction between Primary and Secondary Qualities, (d) *Esse Est Percipii*

3. Hume :

(a) Origin of Knowledge : Impressions and Ideas, (b) Laws of Association, (c) Relations of Ideas and Matters of Fact, (d) Notion of Causality, (e) Problem of Personal Identity, (F) Scepticism.

4. Kant :

(a) Idea of the Critical Philosophy, (b) Possibility of Metaphysics, (c) Kant's Copernican Revolution in Philosophy, (d) Role of Sensibility and Understanding in the origin of Knowledge, (e) Possibility of Synthetic *a-priori* Judgments, (f) Space and Time

5. Hegel:

(a) Dialectical Method, (b) The Absolute.

Recommended Texts :

- Y. Masih : *A Critical History of Western Philosophy*
- R. Falckenberg : *History of Modern Philosophy*
- I. Kant : *Critique of Pure Reason, Tr. N. K. Smith*

References :

- F. Copleston : *A History of Philosophy* [Vols. I, IV, V, & VII]
- B. Russell : *A History of Western Philosophy*

- W.T. Stace : *A Critical History of Greek Philosophy*
- Anders Wedberg : *A History of Philosophy*, Vol.-I & II
- Tom Sorell & G. A. J. Rogers (ed.): *Analytic Philosophy and History of Philosophy*
- Humayun Kabir : *Immanuel Kant*
- Rashbihari Das : *A Handbook on Kant's Critique of Pure Reason*
- Sushanta Chakraborty : *Pâúcâtya Darúaner Itihâs*
- Kalyan Chandra Gupta : *Pâúcâtya Darúaner Itihâs*
- Chandrodoy Bhattacharya: *Pâúcâtya Darúaner Itihâs*
- Tarak Chandra Das : *Pâúcâtya Darúaner Itihâs*, Vol.-I, II & III
- Monornjan Basu : *Pâúcâtya Darúaner Itihâs*
- Rashbihari Das : *Kanter Darśan*
- Tafajol Hossain: *Immanuel Kanter Pratham Kritik: Akti Upasthapana*

Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	L - T - P	Credit	Marks
GE- 2	Western Philosophy	Interdisciplinary (Generic Elective)	5 - 1 - 0	6	75

Recommended Topics:

1. **Metaphysics** : Nature of Metaphysics, Elimination of Metaphysics
2. **Realism** : Naïve Realism, Scientific Realism, Representative Realism
3. **Idealism**: Subjective Idealism, Objective Idealism
4. **Critical Theory of Kant**
5. **Theories of Causation** : Regularity Theory and Entailment Theory
6. **Substance** : Views of Descartes, Spinoza, Locke and Berkeley
7. **Relation between Mind and Body**: Interactionism and Parallelism
8. **Theories of Evolution** : Mechanistic and Emergent

Recommended Texts:

1. Falkenberg : *History of Western Philosophy*
2. Sibapada Chakraborty : *General Philosophy*

Reference:

- Sibapada Chakraborty : *An Introduction to General Philosophy*
- Ramchandra Pal : *Darœan Parichaya*
- Rama Prasad Das & Sibapada Chakraborty : *Pâúcâtya Darúaner Rûprekhâ*
- Niradbaran Chakraborty : *Pâúcâtya Darúaner Bhûmikâ*

Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	L - T - P	Credit	Marks
AECC- 2	Communicative Eng./ MIL	Ability Enhancement Course			

Semester- 3

Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	L - T - P	Credit	Marks
CC- 5	Indian Ethics	Core Course	5 - 1 - 0	6	75

Recommended Topics:

1. **puruṣārtha** (Cārvāka, Buddha and āstika views)
2. **Vedic Concepts** of ṛta, satya, yajña, ṛṇa, vidhi and niṣedha
3. **Ethics in Śrīmadbhagavadgītā** : niṣkāmakarma and sthitaprajña
4. **Buddhist Ethics** : pañcaśīla and brahmavihārabhāvanā
5. **Jaina Ethics** : pañcamahāvratā, triratna, anuvratā and mahāvratā
6. **Yoga Ethics** : hiṛṣā, ahiṛṣā, yama and niyama

Recommended Texts:

- S. K. Maitra : *Ethics of the Hindus*
- I. C. Sharma : *The Ethical Philosophy of India*

References :

- K. N. Tewari, *Classical Indian Ethical Thought*
- Peter Hervey : *Buddhist Ethics*
- Sukhamoy Bhattacharya : *Pūrvamimāṃsā Darśan*
- Jagadish Chandra Ghosh : *Bhagavadgītā*
- Somnath Chakraborty : *Nītividyār Tattvakathā*
- Sibapada Chakraborty : *Nītividyā*
- Dikshit Gupta : *Nītiśāstra*

Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	L - T - P	Credit	Marks
CC- 6	Western Ethics	Core Course	5 - 1 - 0	6	75

Recommended Topics:

1. **Nature and Scope of Ethics**
2. **Nature of Morality**
3. **Moral and Non-moral actions**
4. **Object of Moral Judgment:** Motive and Intention
5. **Postulates of Morality**
6. **The Development of Morality**
7. **Normative Theories :**
Consequentialism (Teleology): (a) Hedonism, (b) Act Utilitarianism and Rule Utilitarianism; (c) Act Deontology and Rule Deontology, (d) Kant's Moral Theory, (e) Divine Command Theory, (f) Eudemonism
7. **Theories of Punishment:** Retributive, Deterrent and Reformatory Theory

8. Issues in Applied Ethics :

(a) Suicide, (b) Euthanasia, (c) Gender Equality, (d) Basic Moral Concerns of Environment, (e) Affluence and Morality

Recommended Texts:

- W. Frankena: *Ethics*
- Y. V. Satyanarayan : *Ethics : Theory and Practice*

References:

- W. Lillie : *An Introduction to Ethics*
- J. S. Mackenzie : *A Manual of Ethics*
- P. Singer : *Practical Ethics*
- A.S.M. Abdul Khalek : *Nītibidyār Tattvakathā*
- Somnath Chakraborty : *Nītividyār Tattvakathā*
- Somnath Chakraborty : *Kathāy Karme Ethics*
- Mrinal Kanti Bhadra : *Nītividyā*
- Dikshit Gupta : *Nītiśāstra*
- Dhruva Acharyya: *nītiśāstre sukhvād*
- Dhruva Acharyya: *Paribesh Nītiśāstrer Paricay*

Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	L - T - P	Credit	Marks
CC- 7	Indian Logic	Core Course	5 - 1 - 0	6	75

Recommended Topics & Text :

1. Annambhatta : *Tarkasaṃgraha* with *Dīpikā*

[From the *sūtra* "sarvavyavahāraheturguṇo buddhirjñānam" to the end of *śabda pramāṇa*]

References:

- Gopinath Bhattacharyya (tr. & elucidated) *Tarkasaṃgrahadīpikā on Tarkasaṃgraha*, Progressive Publishers, Calcutta
- Narayan Chandra Goswami (ed. & Tr.) : *Tarkasaṃgraha of Annambhatta*
- Anamika Roychoudhury (ed. & Tr.) : *Tarkasaṃgraha*
- Kanailal Poddar (ed. & Tr.): *Tarkasaṃgraha*
- Indira Mukhopadhyay (ed. & Tr.): *Tarkasaṃgraha*

Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	L - T - P	Credit	Marks
GE- 3	Logic	Interdisciplinary Generic Elective	5 - 1 - 0	6	75

Recommended Topics:

1. Basic Concept of Logic :

(a) Nature and Scope of Logic, (b) Sentence, Proposition and Statement , (c) Inference and Argument,

2. Types of Argument and Inference:

(a) Deductive Argument and Inductive Argument, (b) Immediate inference and Mediate inference, (c) Categorical Syllogism, (d) Truth Functional Argument and Quantificational Argument

3. **Opposition of Propositions:** Rules and Fallacies
4. **Immediate Inference:** Rules and Fallacies
5. **Categorical Syllogisms :** Rules and Fallacies, Venn diagram
6. **Truth functional Argument :** Rules and Fallacies
7. **Inductive Argument :** Rules and Fallacies
8. **Analogical Reasoning**
9. **Science and Hypothesis**

Recommended Texts :

- M. Copi, C. Cohen, P. Jetli & M. Prabhakar : *Introduction to Logic* (14th Edition)
- R. S. Agarwal: *A Modern Approach to Logical Reasoning*, Paperback, 2007

References:

- Bo Bennett : *Logically Fallacious: The Ultimate Collection of Over 300 Logical Fallacies* (Academic Edition)

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SEC- 1	Philosophy in Practice	Skill Enhancement course	2 - 0 - 0	2	50

Recommended Topics:

1. **Common and Differentiating Characteristics of Philosophy and *darśana***
2. **Nature of Inquiry in Philosophy and *darśana***
3. **Outlines of the types of Inquiry in Philosophy and *darśana*:**
(a) Epistemic Inquiry in Philosophy and *darśana*, (b) Metaphysical Inquiry in Philosophy and *darśana*, (c) Axiological Inquiry in Philosophy and *darśana*
4. **A few Model World-views and corresponding paths leading to Perfection**
(a) Plato's view, (b) Kant's view, (c) Sāṃkhya view and (d) Advaita Vedānta View
5. **Methods of Philosophical Discourse**
(a) Reasoned Speculation, (b) Conceptual Analysis, (c) Linguistic Analysis, (d) Logical Argumentation, (e) Critical Reflection
6. **Methods of *Dārśanika* Discourse (*kathā*)**
(a) *chala*, (b) *jāti*, (c) *nigrahasthāna*, (d) *vāda*, (e) *jalpa*, (f) *vitaṇḍā*

Recommended Texts :

- H. Cappelen: *The Oxford Handbook of Philosophical Methodology*, Oxford University Press, 2016
- B.K. Matilal: *The Word and The World*, Oxford University Press, 2001
- Bimal Krishna Matilal: *The Character of Logic in India*
- Bertrand Russell: *Problems of Philosophy*

References:

- Paul F. Kisak: *Philosophical Methodology : the Methods of Philosophical Inquiry* CSI Publishing Platform, 2016
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- Sadānanda Yogīndra: *Vedāntasāra*
- Gautama : *Nyāyasūtra*
- Th. Stcherbatsky: *Buddhist Logic*, Vol.-I
- B.K. Matilal: *Perception* , Oxford University Press, 1986
- D. M. Datta & S. C. Chatterjee : *Introduction to Indian Philosophy*
- C. D. Sharma : *A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy*
- Sibapada Chakraborty : *An Introduction to General Philosophy*
- Ramchandra Pal : *Darśan Parichaya*
- Rama Prasad Das & Sibapada Chakraborty : *Pāucātya Darśaner Rūprekhā*
- Niradbaran Chakraborty : *Pāścātya Darśaner Bhūmikā*
- PhanibhushanTarkabagish: *Nyāy Parichay*

Semester- 4

Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	L - T - P	Credit	Marks
CC- 8	Western Logic-I	Core course	5 - 1 - 0	6	75

Recommended Topics:**1. Deduction:**

Propositional Logic, 1st Order Predicate Logic (Up to singly general proposition).

Recommended Texts :

- M. Copi, C. Cohen, P. Jetli & M. Prabhakar : *Introduction to Logic* (13th Edition) [Chapters 3 to 8]
- Ramaprasad Das: *Navyayuktivijñān*

Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	L - T - P	Credit	Marks
CC- 9	Psychology	Core course	5 - 1 - 0	6	75

Suggested Topics:

1. **Nature of Psychology**
2. **Research Methods in Psychology**
3. **Biological Processes and Behaviour:** Neuron, Nervous system and Endocrine system

4. **Perception** : Colour and Depth , Pattern Recognition, Perceptual Organization
5. **Attention:** Nature, Conditions, Span and Division of Attention
6. **Learning:** Classical Conditioning Theory, Instrumental (Operant) Conditioning Theory, Trial and Error Theory, Insight Theory
7. **Memory:** Factors of Memory, Marks of Good Memory, Laws of Association, Causes of Forgetfulness
8. **Consciousness:** Levels of Consciousness, Freud's theory of Dream
9. **Intelligence:** Insight and Intelligence, Measurement of Intelligence, I. Q. Test of Intelligence

Recommended Texts :

- C. T. Morgan & R. A. King Jr.: Introduction to Psychology
- Robert S. Feldman: Understanding Psychology
- Pareshnath Bhattacharya : *A Textbook of Psychology, Vols-I, II & III*

References:

- G. F. Stout : *A Manual of Psychology*
- Woodworth & Marquis : *Psychology*
- R. S. Woodworth : *Contemporary Schools of Psychology*
- E. B. Titchener : *A Text book of Psychology*
- Pareshnath Bhattacharya : *Monovidyā*
- Priti Bhusan Chattopadhyay : *Monovidyā*
- Ira Sengupta : *Monovidyā*

Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	L - T - P	Credit	Marks
CC- 10	Philosophy of Religion	Core course	5 - 1 - 0	6	75

Recommended Topics:

1. **Nature and Scope of Philosophy of Religion:** (a) Religion, Dharma, Dhamma, (b) Philosophy of Religion, Comparative Religion and Theology
2. **Origin and Development** of Religion
3. **Fundamental Features of Major Religions:**
Hinduism, Christianity, Islam, Buddhism : Basic Tenets, Prophets (if any), Incarnation, Bondage and Liberation
4. **Arguments for the Existence of God** (Indian and Western): Sāṃkhya-Yoga Arguments, Nyāya Arguments, Cosmological Arguments, Teleological Arguments, Ontological Arguments
5. **Arguments against the Existence of God:** Sociological Arguments, Freudian Arguments, Buddhist Arguments
6. **Models of Religious Pluralism**
7. **Mysticism**
8. **The Problem of Evil**
9. **Monotheism, Polytheism, Henotheism**

10. Immanence and Transcendence of God

Recommended Texts :

- J. Hick : *Philosophy of Religion*
- P. B. Chatterjee : *Studies in Comparative Religion*
- Edward : *Philosophy of Religion*

References:

- Swami Vivekananda: *A Study of Religion*
- Kalidas Bhattacharyya : *Alternative Religions*
- Amlan Datta : *Dharma O Yukti*
- D. Mahanta: *Dharma Darśaner Katipay Samasyā*
- Kalyan Gupta & Amitava Chakraborty : *Dharma Darsana*
- M. M. Sharif : *A History of Muslim Philosophy*
- M. Fakhry : *A History of Islamic Philosophy*
- S. R. Saha (ed) : *Religions of the People of India*
- R. K. M. Institute of Culture : *The Religion of the World*
- Osman Ghani : *Ilamer Chita O Chetanar Kramabikash* (Dasham Khanda)
- Hasan Ayub : *Islami Darshan*
- R. S. Franks : *The Doctrine of Trinity*
- K. N. Tiwari : *Comparative Religion*
- Pijush Kanti Ghosh : *Dharma Darshan*
- N. Arabinda Basu and Nibedita Chakraborty: *Dharma Darsan Parichaya*

Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	L - T - P	Credit	Marks
GE- 4	Contemporary Indian Philosophy	Interdisciplinary(Generic Elective)	5 - 1 - 0	6	75

Recommended Topics:

Philosophical Thoughts of Rabindranath Tagore, Swami Vivekananda, Sri Aurobindo, S. Radhakrishnan, Md. Iqbal and Mahatma Gandhi

1. Rabindranath Tagore

(a) Nature of man : The Finite Aspect of Man, the Infinite Aspect of Man ,the Finite-Infinite Aspect of Man, (b) Nature of Religion, (c) Problem of Evil (f) Surplus in man

2. Swami Vivekananda

(a) Practical Vedānta, (b) Universal Religion, (c) Yoga

3. Sri Aurobindo

(a) Nature of Reality, (b) Human Evolution– its different stages, (c) Integral Yoga

4. S. Radhakrishnan

(a) Nature of Man, (b) Nature of Religious Experience, (c) Nature of Intuitive Apprehension

5. Md. Iqbal

(a) Nature of the Self, (b) Nature of the World, (c) Nature of God

6. Mahatma Gandhi

(a) God and Truth, (b) Ahimsa, (c) Trusteeship

Recommended Texts :

- B. K. Lal : *Contemporary Indian Philosophy*
- D. M. Dutta : *Chief Currents of Contemporary Philosophy*
- Binay Gopal Roy : *Contemporary Indian Philosophers*

References:

- Swami Vivekananda : *Complete Works of Swami Vivekananda* (Vol. II)

Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	L - T - P	Credit	Marks
SEC- 2	Philosophy of Human Rights	Skill Enhancement course	2 - 0 - 0	2	50

Recommended Topics:

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)
7. Contemporary Perspectives: Joel Feinberg—Basic Rights

Recommended Texts:

- Patrick Hayden (ed.): *The Philosophy of Human Rights*, Paragon House, St. Paul, First Edition, 2001.
- Morton E. Winston (ed.): *The Philosophy of Human Rights*, Wadsworth Publishing Co. Belmont, California, 1989.
- Jeremy Waldron (ed.): *Theories of Rights*, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 1984

References:

- Ashwani Peetush and Jay Drydyk: *Human Rights: India and West*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2015.
- James Nickel: *Making Sense of Human Rights*, Blackwell Publishing, Oxford, 2007.
- Henry Shue: *Basic Rights: Subsistence, Affluence and U. S. Foreign Policy*, Princeton University Press, Princeton, 1980.
- Gary, B. Herbert: *Philosophical History of Human rights*, Transaction Publishers, New Jersey, 2002.
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- Lynn Hunt: *Inventing Human Rights: A History*, Norton & Company, New York, 2007.
- Jack Donnelly: *Universal Human rights in Theory and Practice*, Manas Publications, New Delhi, 2013,

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- William A. Edmundson: *An Introduction to Rights*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 2012.
- Carl Wellman: *The Moral Dimensions of Human Rights*, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2011.
- Benulal Dhar, *Manvadhikar Ki Ebong Kena* (PragatiPrakashak, Kolkata, 2016)
- J. K. Das: *Human Rights Law and Practice*, (PHI Learning, 2016)
- Durga Das Basu : *Introduction to the Constitution of India*, (Lexis Nexis, 2016)
- Justice Ruma Paul & M.P Jain: *Indian Constitutional Law* (Lexis Nexis, 2016)
- L. K. Thakur, *Comparative International human Rights*, Authors Press, Delhi, 2001.

Semester- 5

Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	L - T - P	Credit	Marks
CC- 11	Socio-Political Philosophy	Core course	5 - 1 - 0	6	75

Recommended Topics:

- 1. Nature and Scope of Social Philosophy and Political Philosophy**
- 2. Basic Concepts :** Society, Social Group, Community, Association, Institution, Customs, Folkways and Mores
- 3. Social Class and Caste :** Class Attitude and Class Consciousness, Marxian Theory of Class, B. R . Ambedkar's Criticism of Caste System, Dalit Movement
- 4. Political Ideas:**
 - i) Democracy – its different forms
 - ii) Socialism – Utopian and Scientific
 - iii) Secularism and its Nature, Secularism in India
 - iv) Nation, Nationalism and Internationalism (Rabindranath)
 - v) Radical Humanism (Manabendranath Roy)
 - vi) Swaraj and Sarvodaya (M.K.Gandhi)

Recommended Texts :

- Krishna Roy : *Political Philosophy : East and West*
- P. B. Chattopadhyay : *Social Philosophy*
- Andrea Veltman : *Social and Political Philosophy*
- John Somarville & Ronald Santoni : *Social and Political Philosophy*

References:

- R. M. MacIver & C. H. Page : *Society*
- M. Ginsberg : *Sociology*
- Tom Bottomore : *Sociology*
- P. Gisbert : *Fundamentals of Sociology*

- F. Engles : Socialism : *Utopian and Scientific*
- Satyabrata Chakraborty : *Bharatbarsha : Rastrabhabana*
- Amal Kumar Mukhopadhyay : '*Secularism in the Present Indian Society*' in *Bulletin of the Ramkrishna Mission Institute of Culture*, Vol. LVII No. II
- D.E. Smith : *Indian as A Secular State*
- Amal Kumar Mukhopadhyay : *Rastgradarshaner Dhara*
- D.R. Jatava : *Social Philosophy of B.R. Ambedkar*
- Sandip Das : *Samaj O Rajnaitikdarshan*
- Sailesh Kumar Bandyopadehyay : *Gandhi Parikrama*
- Bhikhu Parekh : *Gandhi's Political Philosophy*
- Samarendra Bhattacharya : *Samajdarshan O Rastradarshan*
- Sobhanlal Duttaguta : *Marxiya Rastrachinta*
- M.K.Gandhi : *Hindswraj*

Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	L - T - P	Credit	Marks
CC- 12	Western Logic-I I	Core course	5 - 1 - 0	6	75

Recommended Topics:

1. Induction

2. Philosophy of Logic and Language : Meaning and Definition, Truth and Necessary Truth

Recommended Texts

- M. Copi, C. Cohen, P. Jetli & M. Prabhakar : *Introduction to Logic* (13th Edition) Chapter 11 & 14
- John Hospers : *An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis* (Chapters 1, 2 and 3)

Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	L - T - P	Credit	Marks
DSE- 1	Special Text: <i>Kaṭhōpaniṣad</i>	Discipline Specific Elective	5 - 1 - 0	6	75

Recommended Text and Topics:

- *Kaṭhōpaniṣad*

Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	L - T - P	Credit	Marks
DSE- 2	Special Text: B. Russell: <i>Problems of Philosophy</i>	Discipline Specific Elective	5 - 1 - 0	6	75

Recommended Text and Topics:

- B. Russell: *Problems of Philosophy*

Semester- 6

Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	L - T - P	Credit	Marks
CC- 13	Philosophy in the Twentieth Century: Indian	Core course	5 - 1 - 0	6	75

Recommended Topics:

Philosophical Thoughts of Rabindranath Tagore, Swami Vivekananda, Sri Aurobindo, S. Radhakrishnan, Md. Iqbal and Mahatma Gandhi

6. Rabindranath Tagore

(a) Nature of man : The Finite Aspect of Man, the Infinite Aspect of Man ,the Finite-Infinite Aspect of

Man, (b) Nature of Religion, (c) Problem of Evil (f) Surplus in man

7. **Swami Vivekananda**

(a) Practical Vedānta, (b) Universal Religion, (c) Yoga

8. **Sri Aurobindo**

(a) Nature of Reality, (b) Human Evolution– its different stages, (c) Integral Yoga

9. **S. Radhakrishnan**

(a) Nature of Man, (b) Nature of Religious Experience, (c) Nature of Intuitive Apprehension

10. **Md. Iqbal**

(a) Nature of the Self, (b) Nature of the World, (c) Nature of God

Mahatma Gandhi

(a) God and Truth, (b) Ahimsa, (c) Trusteeship

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- D. M. Dutta : *Chief Currents of Contemporary Philosophy*
- Binay Gopal Roy : *Contemporary Indian Philosophers*

References:

Swami Vivekananda : *Complete Works of Swami Vivekananda* (Vol. II)

Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	L - T - P	Credit	Marks
CC- 14	Philosophy in the Twentieth Century: Western	Core course	5 - 1 - 0	6	75

Suggested Topics:

Philosophical thoughts of G.E. Moore, B. Russell, A.J. Ayer, M. Heidegger and J.P. Sartre

1. **G. E. Moore:**

(a) The Refutation of Idealism (b) The Defence of Common Sense

2. **B. Russell:**

(a) Knowledge by Acquaintance and Knowledge by Description

3. **L. Wittgenstein:**

(a) Theory of Meaning

4. **A. J. Ayer:**

(a) Verifiability Theory of Meaning

5. **M. Heidegger:**

(a) Being in the World : Existenz, Facticity and Fallenness
(b) Authenticity and Inauthenticity

6. **J. P. Sartre:**

(a) Nothingness
(b) Freedom

Recommended Texts

- A.J. Ayer : *Philosophy in the Twentieth Century*
- B. Russell: *The Problems of Philosophy*

References:

- A.J.Ayer : *Language Truth and Logic*
- A.J.Ayer : *The Central Questions of Philosophy*
- Mrinal Kanti Bhadra : *A Critical Survey of Phenomenology and Existentialism*
- F. Copleston : *Contemporary Philosophy*
- J. Passmore : *Recent Philosophers, A Hundred Year of Philosophy*
- Somnath Chakraborty : *Prasanga : Darsana Jignasa*
- Debika Saha : *Darshaner Samasyabali*
- Debabrata Sinha : *Phenomenology and Existentialism : An Introduction*
- M.K.Bhadra : *Astibad O Manabatabad*
- Dr. Sanjib Ghosh : *Prativashvignyana O Astivada*
- Swapan Sarkar : *Astibadidarshan O prativashvignyana*
- Amit Sen : *Bingsha Shatabdir Bishleshani Darshana*
- Blachhan: *six Existentialist Thinkers*

Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	L - T - P	Credit	Marks
DSE- 3	Special Text: Rabindranath Tagore: <i>Sādhanā</i>	Discipline Specific Elective	5 - 1 - 0	6	75

Suggested Text and Topics:

- **Rabindranath Tagore: *Sādhanā***

Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	L - T - P	Credit	Marks
DSE- 4	Special Text: Hume: <i>An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding</i>	Discipline Specific Elective	5 - 1 - 0	6	75

Suggested Text and Topics:

- **Hume: *An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding***