

# The University of Burdwan



## **Syllabus for B.A. (Hons.)**

in

## **Philosophy**

**Under Choice Based Credit System**

**w.e.f. 2017-2018 onwards**

# 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 consists 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: 1<sup>st</sup> 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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- 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: 3<sup>rd</sup> 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: 4<sup>th</sup> 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: 5<sup>th</sup> 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-I I	Core Course	5 - 1 - 0	6	75
DSE- 1	Special Text: Kaṭhapaniṣad	Discipline Specific Elective	5 - 1 - 0	6	75
DSE- 2	Special Text: B. Russell: The Problems of Philosophy	Discipline Specific Elective	5 - 1 - 0	6	75

### B.A.(Honours) in Philosophy: 6<sup>th</sup> 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: Sadhana	Discipline Specific Elective	5 - 1 - 0	6	75
DSE- 4	Special Text: Hume: An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding	Discipline Specific Elective	5 - 1 - 0	6	75

# DETAILED 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:

- Detailed Introduction:** (a) General Features of Indian Philosophy, (b) Spirit of Indian Philosophy, (c) Basic Concepts of the Vedic and the Upaniṣadic World-Views
- Cārvāka:** (a) Perception as the only Source of Knowledge, Refutation of Inference and Testimony as Sources of Knowledge, (b) jaḍavāda and dehātma vāda
- Jainism:** (a) anekāntavāda, (b) syādvāda and nayavāda, (c) Theory of Self and Liberation (d) Nature of Substance: Relation between Substance, Attributes & Modes
- Buddhism:** (a) Four Noble Truths, (b) praṭīyasamutpāda (c) kṣaṇabhangavāda, (d) nairātmyavāda (e) Four Major Schools of Buddhism
- Nyāya–Vaiśeṣika:** (a) Nyāya Epistemology : pratyakṣa (Perception), anumāna (Inference), upamāna (Comparison) and śabda (Testimony); khyātivāda (Theory of Error) (b) Vaiśeṣika Metaphysics : saptapadārtha (Seven Ontological Categories), paramāṇuvāda

### Recommended Texts :

- Sāyana Mādhavācārya : Sarvadarśanasamgraha
- S. C. Chatterjee & D. M. Dutta : An Introduction to Indian Philosophy
- Haridas Bandyopadhyay : Bharatiya Darshaner Marmakatha

### References :

- C. D. Sharma : A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy
- J. N. Mohanti : Classical Indian Philosophy
- Satyajyoti Chakraborty (ed. & Bengali. tr.): Sarvadarśanasamgraha
- Niradbaran Chakraborty : Bharatiya Darshan
- Deepak Kumar Bagchi : Bharatiya Darshan
- Debabrata Sen : Bharatiya Darshan
- Pradyot Kumar Mandal : Bharatiya Darshan
- Panchanan Shastri : Carvak Darshan
- Ramkrishna Bhattacharya : Carvak Carca
- Shailendra Brahmachari : Abhidhamma Darpan
- Panchanan Shastri : Bauddha Darshan
- Satindra Chandra Nyayacarya : Jaina Dashaner Digdasha

- Karuna Bhattacharya : Nyaya-VasheshikDarshan

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 (Paradoxes)
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, vols. -I & II
- Tom Sorell & G. A. J. Rogers (ed.): Analytic Philosophy and History of Philosophy
- Niradbaran Chakraborty : Pashcatya Darshaner Itihas (Plato, Aristotle)
- Sushanta Chakraborty : Pashcatya Darshaner Itihas
- Kalyan Chandra Gupta : Pashcatya Darshaner Itihas
- Chandroday Bhattacharya: Pashcatya Darshaner Itihas
- Tarak Chandra Das : Pashcatya Darshaner Itihas, vols. -I, II & III
- Shyamal Kumar Mukhopadhyay : Socrateser Bicar o Mrtyu (Pub: Darshan O Samaj Trust, 1996)
- Sardar Fajlul Karim: Plator Samlap (Bengali Tr. of Plato's Dialogues), Dhaka Bangla Academy

Course Code	Course Title	Course type	L - T - P	Credit	Marks
GE- 1	Indian Philosophy	Interdisciplinary Generic Elective	5 - 1 - 0	6	75

**Recommended Topics:**

1. **Introduction:** General Features of Indian Philosophy

2. **Cārvāka:** (a) pratyakṣa (Perception) as the only Source of Knowledge, (b) Refutation of anumāna (Inference) and śabda (Testimony) as Sources of Knowledge (c) Jaḍavāda and dehātmavāda
3. **Jainism:** (a) anekāntavāda (b) syādvāda and nayavāda
4. **Buddhism:** (a) Four Noble Truths, (b) praṭītyasamutpāda, (c) kṣaṇabhāṅgavāda (d) nairātmyavāda
5. **Nyāya–Vaiśeṣika:** (a) pramāṇa: pratyakṣa (Perception), anumāna (Inference), upamāna (Comparison) and śabda (testimony) (b) saptapadārtha (Seven Categories)
6. **Sāṃkhya:** (a) satkāryavāda (Theory of Causality), (b) pariṇāmavāda (Theory of Evolution)
7. **Yoga:** (a) cittavṛttinirodha (b) aṣṭāṅgayoga
8. **Mīmāṃsā:** (a) arthāpatti (b) anupalabdhi
8. **Advaita Vedānta:** Brahman, jīva 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 : Bharatiya Darshaner Marmakatha

**References :**

- J. N. Mohanti : Classical Indian Philosophy
- Niradbaran Chakraborty : Bharatiya Darshan
- Karuna Bhattacharya : Nyaya-Vaisheṣika Darshan
- Panchanan Shastri : Carvaka Darshan
- Panchanan Shastri : Bauddha Darshan
- Rajat Bhattacharya : Samkhyakarika O Samkhyatattvakaumudi
- Niradbaran Chakraborty : Bharatiya Darshan
- Deepak Kumar Bagchi : Bharatiya Darshan
- Debabrata Sen : Bharatiya Darshan
- Pradyot Kumar Mandal : Bharatiya Darshan
- Kanakprabha Bandyopadhyay : Samkhyapatanjaldarshan
- Tarakishor Sharma Choudhury : Patanjaldarshan
- Gobindagopal Mukhopadhyay : Yoger Katha : Patanjali Dristi
- Purnachandra Vedantachunchu : Patanjali Darshan
- Purnachandra Vedantachunchu: Samkhyakarika

Course Code	Course Title	Course type	L - T - P	Credit	Marks
AECC- 1	ENVS	Ability Enhancement Course	4 -0 -0	4	100

## Semester- 2

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

### Recommended Topics:

1. **Sāṅkhya**: (i) satkāryavāda, (ii) pañcaviṁśati tattva and tattvaparīṇāma, (iii) prakṛti and its guṇa-s, (iv) Notion of puruṣa, bahupuruṣavāda
2. **Yoga**: (i) citta, (ii) cittabhūmi, (iii) cittavṛtti, (iv) cittavṛttinirodha (v) īśvara
3. **Pūrva-Mīmāṃsā**: (i) pramāṇa-s with special reference to arthāpatti and anupalabdhi, (ii) prāmāṇyavāda
4. **Advaita Vedānta**: (i) vivartavāda, (ii) māyā, (iii) Brahman, jīva and jagat
5. **Viśiṣṭādvaita Vedānta**: (i) Distinction between advaitavāda and viśiṣṭādvaitavāda, (ii) Nature of īśvara, jīva and jagat, (iii) Criticism of Sāṅkara's Doctrine of māyā
6. **Khyātivāda**: (Theory of Error): Bhāṭṭa and Advaita

### Recommended Texts :

- S. C. Chatterjee & D. M. Dutta: An Introduction to Indian Philosophy
- Haridas Bandyopadhyay : Bharatiya Darshaner Marmakatha

### References :

- C. D. Sharma : A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy
- M. Hiriyanna : Outlines of Indian Philosophy
- Niradbaran Chakraborty : Bharatiya Darshan
- Deepak Kumar Bagchi : Bharatiya Darshan
- Debabrata Sen : Bharatiya Darshan
- Pradyot Kumar Mandal : Bharatiya Darshan
- Rajat Bhattacharya : Samkhyakarika O Samkhyatattvakaumudi
- Bidhubhushan Bhattacharya : Samkhyā Darshaner Bibaran
- Kanakprabha Bandyopadhyay : Samkhyapatānjaldarshan
- Harihrananda Aranya : Yogdarshan
- Tarakishor Sharma Choudhury : Patanjaldarshan
- Gobindagopal Mukhopadhyay : Yogekatha : Patanjali Dristite
- Purnachandra Vedantachunchu : Patanjaldarshan
- Sukhamaya Bhattacharya : Purva Mimamsa Darshan
- Roma Choudhury : Vedanta Darshan
- Pramathanath Sharma : Mayavad

Course Code	Course Title	Course type	L - T - P	Credit	Marks
CC- 4	Outlines of Western Philosophy—II	Core Course	5 - 1 - 0	6	75

**Recommended Topics:**

- Locke:** (a) Refutation of Innate Ideas and Principles, (b) Theory of Ideas, (c) Theory of Substance, (d) Distinction between Primary and Secondary Qualities and (e) Theory of Knowledge
- Berkeley:** (a) Rejection of the Lockean Notion of Substance, (b) Refutation of Abstract Ideas (c) Rejection of the Distinction between Primary and Secondary Qualities and (d) *Esse Est Percipii*
- 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 and (f) Scepticism
- 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 and (f) Space and Time
- Hegel:** (a) Dialectical Method and (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, vols-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 : Pashcatya Darshaner Itihas
- Kalyan Chandra Gupta : Pashcatya Darshaner Itihas
- Chandroday Bhattacharya: Pashcatya Darshaner Itihas
- Tarak Chandra Das : Pashcatya Darshaner Itihas, vols. -I, II & III
- Monornjan Basu : Pashcatya Darshaner Itihas
- Rashbihari Das : Kanter Darshan
- Tafajol Hossain: Immanuel Kanter Pratham Kritik: Ekti Upasthapan

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:**

- Metaphysics:** Nature of Metaphysics, Elimination of Metaphysics
- Realism:** Naive Realism, Scientific Realism, Representative Realism
- 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 : Darshan Parichay
- Rama Prasad Das & Sibapada Chakraborty : Pashcatya Darshaner Ruprekha
- Niradbaran Chakraborty : Pashcatya Darshaner Bhumika

Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	L - T - P	Credit	Marks
AECC- 2	Communicative Eng./ MIL	Ability Enhancement Course	2-0-0	2	50

**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 and Āstika views)
2. **Vedic Concepts** : ṛta, satya, yajña, ṛṇa
3. **Ethics in Śrīmadbhagavadgītā** : niṣkāmakarma and sthitaprajña
4. **Buddhist Ethics** : pañcaśīla and brahmavihāra
5. **Jaina Ethics** : pañcavrata: mahāvratā and anuvratā, and triratna
6. **Yoga Ethics** : yama and niyama

**Recommended Texts:**

- S. K. Maitra : The 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 : Purvamimamsa Darshan

- Jagadish Chandra Ghosh :Bhagavadgita
- Somnath Chakraborty : NitividyarTattvakatha
- Sibapada Chakraborty : Nitividya
- Dikshit Gupta : Nitishastra
- Indrani Sanyal & Ratna Dutta Sharma (ed.) : Dharmaniti O Sruti
- Amita Chatterjee (ed.) : Bharatiya Dharmaniti
- Dhruva Acharyya: Nitishastre Sukhabad

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
8. Theories of Punishment: Retributive, Deterrent and Reformatory Theory
9. Issues in Applied Ethics: (a) Suicide, (b) Euthanasia, (c) Gender Equality, (d) 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 : NitividyarTattvakatha
- Somnath Chakraborty : NitividyarTattvakatha
- Somnath Chakraborty : Kathay Karme Ethics
- Mrinal Kanti Bhadra : Nitividya
- Dikshit Gupta : Nitishastra
- Dhruva Acharyya: Paribesh Nitishastre Paricay
- Shefali Moitra: Naribad o Naitikata
- Shefali Moitra: Feminist Thought
- Rajshree Basu : Naribad
- Rajshree Basu & Basabi Chakraborty (ed.): Prasanga: Manavidya

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 :Tarkasaṁgraha with Dīpikā**

[From the text “sarvavyavahāraheturguṇo buddhirjñānam” to the end of upamāna]

**References:**

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

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 Concepts of Logic:** (a) Nature and Scope of Logic, (b) Sentence, Proposition and Statement, (c) Inference and Argument,
2. **Types of Argument:** Deductive Argument and Inductive Argument
3. **Opposition of Propositions**
4. **Immediate Inference:** Conversion, Obversion and Contraposition
5. **Categorical Syllogisms :** Rules and Fallacies, Venn Diagram
6. **Truth-functional Argument**
7. **Science and Hypothesis**

**Recommended Texts:**

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

**References:**

- Bo Bennett : Logical Fallacious: The Ultimate Collection of Over 300 Logical Fallacies (Academic Edition)  
(This ebook is available in the downloadable formats: pdf (for reading on PC or MAC), epub (iPad, Nook, and most e-book readers), mobi (Amazon Kindle))

Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	L - T - P	Credit	Marks
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*,

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 (*kathā*)**: (a) *vāda*, (b) *jalpa*, (c) *vitaṇḍā*, (d) *chhala*, (e) *jāti* and (f) *nigrahasthāna*

**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: The Problems of Philosophy

**References:**

- Paul F. Kisak: Philosophical Methodology: The Methods of Philosophical Inquiry, CSI Publishing Platform, 2016
- E. V. Stubbley: Philosophic as a Method of Inquiry
- R. M. Keon: Philosophic Semantics and Philosophic Inquiry
- The Methods of Philosophy is the Methods of Inquiry (<https://explicitblog.wordpress.com>)
- Plato : The Republic
- G. E. Moore: Some Main Problems of Philosophy, New York
- Īśvarakṛṣṇa : Sāṃkhyakārikā
- Sadānanda Yogīndra: Vedāntasāra
- Gautama : Nyāyasūtra
- Th. Stcherbatsky: Buddhist Logic, vol.-I
- B.K. Matilal: Perception, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 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 : Darshan Parichay
- Rama Prasad Das & Sibapada Chakraborty : Paschatya Darshaner Ruprekha
- Niradbaran Chakraborty : Paschatya Darshaner Bhumika
- Phanibhushan Tarkabagish: Nyay 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Order Predicate Logic (Up to singly general proposition).

#### Recommended Texts :

- M. Copi, C. Cohen, P. Jetli & M. Prabhakar : Introduction to Logic (13<sup>th</sup> Edition) [Chapters 3 to 8]
- Ramaprasad Das: Navya-yuktivijnan

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. Central Nervous 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 : Monovidya
- Priti Bhusan Chattopadhyay : Monovidya
- Ira Sengupta : Monovidya

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 and (b) Philosophy of

## Religion, Comparative Religion and Theology

2. **Origin and Development of Religion: Anthropological and Freudian Theories**
3. **Fundamental Features of Major Religions: Hinduism, Christianity, Islam, Buddhism : Basic Tenets, Bondage and Liberation**
4. **Arguments for the Existence of God (Indian and Western): Yoga Arguments, Nyāya Arguments, Cosmological Arguments, Teleological Arguments, Ontological Arguments**
5. **Arguments against the Existence of God: Sociological Arguments, Freudian Arguments, Buddhist Arguments**
6. **The Problem of Evil**
7. **Monotheism, Polytheism and Henotheism**

### 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 Darshaner Katipay Samasya
- Kalyan Gupta & Amitava Chakraborty : Dharma Darshan
- 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 : Islamic Cinta O Chetanar Kramabikash (vol. 10)
- 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 Darshan Parichay

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**

- Rabindranath Tagore:** (a) Nature of Man : The Finite Aspect of Man, the Infinite Aspect of Man, (b) Nature of Religion and (c) Surplus in Man
- **Swami Vivekananda :** (a) Practical Vedānta and (b) Universal Religion
- **Sri Aurobindo:** (a) Nature of Reality, (b) Human Evolution– its different stages and (c) Integral Yoga
- S. Radhakrishnan:** (a) Nature of Man, (b) Nature of Religious Experience
- Md. Iqbal:** (a) Nature of the Self, (b) Nature of the World and (c) Nature of God
- Mahatma Gandhi:** (a) God and Truth and (b) Ahimsa

**Recommended Texts :**

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

**References:**

- The Complete Works of Swami Vivekananda (vol. II), Advaita Ashram, Calcutta

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. **Natural Right, Fundamental Right and Human Right**
5. **Preamble, Fundamental Rights and Duties (Indian Constitution) 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
- Michael Freedon: Rights, Worldview Publications, New Delhi, 1998
- Lynn Hunt: Inventing Human Rights: A History, Norton & Company, New York, 2007

- Jack Donnelly: Universal Humanrights inTheory andPractice, Manas Publications, New Delhi, 2013
- Benulal Dhar: The Philosophical UnderstandingofHumanRights, D. K. Print World, New Delhi, 2013
- William A. Edmundson: AnIntroductiontoRights, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 2012
- CarlWellman: TheMoralDimensionsofHumanRights, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2011
- Benulal Dhar, Manavadhikar KiEbong Kena ,Pragati Prakashak, Kolkata, 2016
- J. K. Das: HumanRights 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 ConstitutionalLaw, Lexis Nexis, 2016
- L. K. Thakur, Comparative InternationalHumanRights, 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. Natureand Scopeof Social Philosophy and Political Philosophy
2. BasicConcepts :Society, Social Group, Community, Association, Institution, Customs, Folkways and Mores
3. SocialClassand Caste:Class Attitude and ClassConsciousness, Marxian Theory of Class, B. R. Ambedkar's Criticism of Caste System, Dalit Movement
4. PoliticalIdeals:
  - i) Democracy – its different forms
  - ii) Socialism – Utopian andScientific
  - iii) Nation, Nationalism and Internationalism (Rabindranath)
  - iv) Radical Humanism (Manabendranath Roy)

#### Recommended Texts :

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

#### 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, vols. LVII No. II
- D.E. Smith : Indianas A Secular State
- Amal Kumar Mukhopadhyay : Rastradarshaner 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-II	Core Course	5 - 1 - 0	6	75

**Recommended Topics:**

1. Induction
2. Philosophy of Logic and Language : Meaning, De finition and Truth

**Recommended Texts**

- M. Copi, C. Cohen, P. Jetli & M. Prabhakar : Introduction to Logic (13<sup>th</sup> Edition) Chapters 11 & 14
- John Hospers : An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis (Chapters 1 & 2)

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* (First Chapter : vallis – I,II and III)

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

**Recommended Text and Topics:**

- B. Russell: *The Problems of Philosophy* (Chapters- 1 to 6)

## Semester- 6

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

**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, (b) Nature of Religion, and (c) Surplus in Man
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3. **Sri Aurobindo:** (a) Nature of Reality, (b) Human Evolution– its different stages and (c) Integral Yoga
4. **S. Radhakrishnan:** (a) Nature of Man, (b) Nature of Religious Experience and (c) Nature of Intuitive Apprehension
5. **Md. Iqbal:** (a) Nature of the Self, (b) Nature of the World and (c) Nature of God
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- Binay Gopal Roy : Contemporary Indian Philosophers

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CC- 14	<b>Philosophy in the Twentieth Century: Western</b>	<b>Core Course</b>	<b>5 - 1 - 0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>75</b>

**Suggested Topics:** Philosophical Thoughts of G.E. Moore, B. Russell, A.J. Ayer, M. Heidegger and J.P. Sartre

1. **G.E. Moore:** A Defence of Common Sense
2. **B. Russell:** Knowledge by Acquaintance and Knowledge by Description
3. **L. Wittgenstein:** Theory of Meaning
4. **A.J. Ayer:** Verifiability Theory of Meaning
5. **M. Heidegger:** (a) Being in the World : Existenz, Facticity and Fallenness and (b) Authenticity and Inauthenticity
6. **J. P. Sartre:** (a) Nothingness and (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 Years 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 : Pratibhashvigan O Astivad
- Swapan Sarkar : Astibadidarshan O prativashvigan
- Amit Sen : Binsha Shatabdir Bishleshani Darshana
- Blackham: Six Existentialist Thinkers

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

**Suggested Text and Topics:**

- Rabindranath Tagore: *Sadhana* (Lectures- 1 to 5)

**References:**

Kamalika Roy: Rabindranath Sadhana Bakritamala- Ekti Darshanik Biksha, Karigar, 1912

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

**Suggested Text and Topics:**

- Hume: *An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding* (1,2,3,4,5 &7)