

VIDYASAGAR UNIVERSITY



Curriculum for 3-Year B.A. (General) in Philosophy

Under Choice Based Credit System (CBCS)
[w.e.f 2018-2019]

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Year	Semester	Course Type	Course Code	Course Title	Credit	L-T-P	Marks			
1	I	SEMESTER-I						CA	ESE	TOTAL
		Core-1 (DSC-1A)		Indian Philosophy	6	5-1-0	15	60	75	
		Core-2 (DSC-2A)		Other Discipline(Discipline-2)/TBD	6	5-1-0	15	60	75	
		AECC (core)		English-1	6	5-1-0	15	60	75	
		AECC-1 (Elective)		English/MIL	2	1-1-0	10	40	50	
				Semester - I : Total	20				275	
	II	SEMESTER-II								
		Core-4 (DSC-1B)		Western Philosophy	6	5-1-0	15	60	75	
		Core-5 (DSC-2B)		Other Discipline(Discipline-2)//TBD	6	5-1-0	15	60	75	
		AECC (core)		Mil-1	6	5-1-0	15	60	75	
		AECC-2 (Elective)		Environmental Studies	4		20	80	100	
				Semester - 2 : Total	22				325	

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2	III	SEMESTER-III						CA	ESE	TOTAL
		Core-7 (DSC-1C)		Logic	6	5-1-0	15	60	75	
		Core-8 (DSC-2C)		Other Discipline(Discipline-2)//TBD	6	4-0-4/ 5-1-0	15	60	75	
		AECC (core)		English-II	6	5-1-0	15	60	75	
		SEC-1		SEC-1: Philosophy of Human Rights Or Ethics in Practice	2	1-1-0	10	40	50	
				Semester - 3 : Total	20				275	
	IV	SEMESTER-IV								
		Core-10 (DSC-1D)		Contemporary Indian Philosophy	6	5-1-0	15	60	75	
		Core-11 (DSC-2D)		Other Discipline(Discipline-2)/TBD	6	4-0-4/ 5-1-0	15	60	75	
		AECC (core)		MIL-II	6	5-1-0	15	60	75	
		SEC-2		SEC-2: Philosophical Analysis Or Man and Environment	2	1-1-0	10	40	50	
				Semester - 4 : Total	20				275	

Year	Semester	Course Type	Course Code	Course Title	Credit	L-T-P	Marks			
3	V	SEMESTER-V						CA	ESE	TOTAL
		DSE-1A		Discipline-1(Philosophy)/TBD	6	5-1-0	15	60	75	
		DSE-2A		Other Discipline(Discipline-2)/TBD	6	4-0-4/ 5-1-0	15	60	75	
		GE-1		TBD	6	4-0-4/ 5-1-0	15	60	75	
		SEC-3		SEC- 3: Philosophy in Practice Or Value Education	2	1-1-0	10	40	50	
		Semester - 5 : Total			20				275	
	VI	SEMESTER-VI								
		DSE-1B		Discipline-1(Philosophy)/TBD	6	5-1-0	15	60	75	
		DSE-2B		Other Discipline(Discipline-2)/TBD	6	4-0-4/ 5-1-0	15	60	75	
		GE-2		TBD	6	4-0-4/ 5-1-0	15	60	75	
		SEC-4		SEC -4: Computer Applications Or Logical Reasoning and Application	2	1-1-0	10	40	50	
		Semester - 6 : Total			20				275	
	Total in all semester:				122				1700	

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 , **TBD**=To be decided , **CT** = Core Theory, **CP**=Core Practical , **L** = Lecture, **T** = Tutorial , **P** = Practical , **MIL** = Modern Indian Language , **ENVS** = Environmental Studies

List of Core & Elective courses

Core Courses (CC)

DSC-1A: Indian Philosophy
DSC-1B: Western Philosophy
DSC-1C: Logic
DSC-1D: Contemporary Indian Philosophy

Discipline Specific Electives (DSE)

DSE-1: Philosophy of Religion
Or
DSE-1: Emerging Trends of Thoughts
DSE-2: Tarkasaṁgraha with Dīpikā
Or
DSE-2: Feminism

Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC)

SEC-1: Philosophy of Human Rights
Or
SEC-1: Ethics in Practice
SEC-2: Philosophical Analysis
Or
SEC -2: Man and Environment
SEC- 3: Philosophy in Practice
Or
SEC -3: Value Education
SEC -4: Computer Applications
Or
SEC -4: Logical Reasoning and Application

Generic Elective (GE)

[Interdisciplinary for other department]

GE-1: Western Philosophy
Or
GE-1: Indian Philosophy
Or
GE-1: Philosophy of Religion
GE-2: Social –Political Philosophy- I
Or
GE-2: Philosophy of Mind
Or
GE-2: Applied Ethics and Philosophy of Religion

Core Courses (CC)

DSC-1A (CC-1): Indian Philosophy

Credits 06

DSC1AT: Indian Philosophy

Course Contents:

1. Introduction:

- (a) General Features of Indian Philosophy

2. Cārvāka:

- (b) *pratyakṣa* (perception) as the only Source of Knowledge
- (c) Refutation of *anumāna* (inference) and *śabda* (testimony) as Sources of Knowledge
- (d) *jaḍavāda* and *dehātmavāda*

3. Jainism:

- (a) *anekāntavāda*
- (b) *syādvāda* and *nayavāda*

4. Buddhism: (a) Four Noble Truths

- (a) (b) *pratītyasamutpāda*
- (b) *kṣaṇabhaṅgavāda*
- (c) *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*

9. Advaita Vedānta:

- (a) (a) Brahman, *jīva* and *jagat*

Suggested Readings:

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

- Haridas Bandyopadhyay : *Bhāratīya Darśaner Marmakathā*
- J. N. Mohanti : Classical Indian Philosophy
- Niradbaran Chakraborty : *Bhāratīya Darśan*
- Karuna Bhattacharya : *Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika Darśan*
- Panchanan Shastri : *Cārvāka Darśan*
- Panchanan Shastri : *Bauddha Darśan*
- Rajat Bhattacharya : *Sāṃkhyakārikā O Sāṃkhyatattvakumudī*
- Niradbaran Chakraborty : *Bhāratīya Darśan*
- Deepak Kumar Bagchi : *Bhāratīya Darśan*
- Debabrata Sen : *Bhāratīya Darśan*
- Pradyot Kumar Mandal : *Bhāratīya Darśan*
- Kanakprabha Bandyopadhyay : *Sāṃkhyapātañjaladarśan*
- Tarakishor Sharma Choudhury : *Pātañjaladarśan*
- Gobindagopal Mukhopadhyay : *Yoger Kathā : Patañjalir Drṣṭite*
- Purnachandra Vedanta Chunchu : *Pātañjal Darśan*

DSC-1B (CC-2): Western Philosophy

Credits 06

DSC1BT: Western Philosophy

Course Contents:

- 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

Suggested Readings:

- Falkenberg : History of Western Philosophy
- Sibapada Chakraborty : General Philosophy
- Sibapada Chakraborty : *An Introduction to General Philosophy*
- Ramchandra Pal : *Darśan Parichaya*
- Rama Prasad Das & Sibapada Chakraborty : *Pāścātya Darśaner Rūprekhā*
- Niradbaran Chakraborty : *Pāścātya Darśaner Bhūmikā*

DSC-1C (CC-3): Logic

Credits 06

DSC1CT: Logic

Course Contents:

- 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

Suggested Readings:

- M. Copi, C. Cohen, P. Jetli & M. Prabhakar : Introduction to Logic (14th Edition)
- R. S. Agarwal: A Modern Approach to Logical Reasoning, Paperback, 2007
- Bo Bennett : Logically Fallacious: The Ultimate Collection of Over 300 Logical Fallacies (Academic Edition)

DSC-1D (CC-4): Contemporary Indian Philosophy

Credits 06

DSC1DT: Contemporary Indian Philosophy

Course Contents:

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

Suggested Readings:

- B. K. Lal : *Contemporary Indian Philosophy*
- D. M. Dutta : *Chief Currents of Contemporary Philosophy*
- Binay Gopal Roy : *Contemporary Indian Philosophers*
- Swami Vivekananda : *Complete Works of Swami Vivekananda* (Vol. II)

Discipline Specific Electives (DSE)

DSE-1: Philosophy of Religion

Credits 06

DSE1T: Philosophy of Religion

Course Contents:

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. Religious Pluralism & Mysticism

7. Monotheism, Polytheism, Henotheism

8. Immanence and Transcendence of God

Suggested Readings:

1. J. Hick : *Philosophy of Religion*
2. P. B. Chatterjee : *Studies in Comparative Religion*
3. Edward : *Philosophy of Religion*
4. Swami Vivekananda: *A Study of Religion*
5. Kalidas Bhattacharyya : *Alternative Religions*
6. Amlan Datta : *Dharma O Yukti*
7. D. Mahanta: *Dharma Darśaner Katipay Samasyā*
8. Kalyan Gupta & Amitava Chakraborty : *Dharma Darsana*
9. M.M.Sharif : *A History of Muslim Philosophy*
10. M. Fakhry : *A History of Islamic Philosophy*
11. S. R. Saha (ed) : *Religions of the People of India*
12. R. K. M. Institute of Culture : *The Religion of the World*
13. Osman Ghani : *Ilamer Chita O Chetanar Kramabikash (Dasham Khanda)*
14. Hasan Ayub : *Islami Darshan*
15. R. S. Franks : *The Doctrine of Trinity*
16. K. N. Tiwari : *Comparative Religion*
17. Pijush Kanti Ghosh : *Dharma Darshan*
18. N. Arabinda Basu and Nibedita Chakraborty: *Dharma Darsan Parichaya*
19. A. Bandyopadhyay & K.C. Gupta : *Dharma Darśan*
20. Susil Kumar Chakraborty : *Dharma Darśan*
21. Samarendra Bhattacharya : *Dharma Darśan*

Or

DSE-1: Emerging Trends of Thoughts

Credits 06

DSE1T: Emerging Trends of Thoughts

Course Contents:

A. Bioethics

1. Introduction to Bioethics
2. Understanding Ethics and Bioethics
3. Human Dignity and Human rights
4. Principles of benefits and harm

B. Autonomy, consent and privacy

1. Autonomy and individual responsibility
2. Consent
3. Persons without the capacity to consent
4. Respect for human vulnerability and personal integrity
5. Privacy and confidentiality

C. Health and Responsibility

1. Social responsibility and health
2. Sharing of benefits
3. Protecting future generations
4. Protection of the environment, the biosphere and bio-diversity.

Suggested Readings:

1. Bioethics: An Anthology, Kuhse, H and Singer, P (2008) 2ND Ed., Blackwells
2. The Cambridge Textbook of Bioethics, Singer, P.A. and Viens, A.M (2008), Cambridge University Press
3. Principles issues and cases, Vaughn, L (2012), Oxford University Press
4. Human Dignity, Human Rights and Responsibility – The New Language of Global Bioethics and Biolaw, Barilan, Y.M (2014), USA: MIT

DSE-2: Tarkasaṁgraha with Dīpikā

Credits 06

DSE2T: Tarkasaṁgraha with Dīpikā

Recommended Topics:

1. Saptapadārtha

Suggested Readings:

1. Annambhaṭṭa : *Tarkasaṁgraha with Dīpikā*
2. Gopinath Bhattacharyya (English trans. & elucidation) *Tarkasaṁgrahadīpikā on Tarkasaṁgraha*, Progressive Publishers, Calcutta
3. Narayan Chandra Goswami : *Tarkasaṁgraha of Annambhatta* (Bengali trans. & elucidation)
4. Anamika Roychoudhury : *Tarkasaṁgraha* (Bengali trans. & elucidation)

Or

DSE-2: Feminism

Credits 06

DSE2T: Feminism

Course Contents:

- A. Original Development of Feminist Thought.
- B. Philosophical basis of Feminism.
- C. Different Branches of Feminism.
- D. Important issues of Feminism: Feminist Ethics. some basic concepts of Feminism: Sexism, Patriarchy and Androcentricism. The Ethics of Care.

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

Skill Enhancement Course (SEC)

SEC-1: Philosophy of Human Rights

Credits 02

SEC1T: Philosophy of Human Rights

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)

7. Contemporary Perspectives: Joel Feinberg—Basic Rights

Suggested Readings:

1. Patrick Hayden (ed.): *The Philosophy of Human Rights*, Paragon House, St. Paul, First Edition, 2001.
2. Morton E. Winston (ed.): *The Philosophy of Human Rights*, Wadsworth Publishing Co. Belmont, California, 1989.
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, 2015.
5. James Nickel: *Making Sense of Human Rights*, Blackwell Publishing, Oxford, 2007.
6. Henry Shue: *Basic Rights: Subsistence, Affluence and U. S. Foreign Policy*, Princeton University Press, 1980
7. Gary, B. Herbert: *Philosophical History of Human rights*, Transaction Publishers, New Jersey, 2002.

8. Michael Freedon: *Rights*, Worldview Publications, New Delhi, 1998.
9. Lynn Hunt: *Inventing Human Rights: A History*, Norton & Company, New York, 2007.
10. Jack Donnelly: *Universal Human rights in Theory and Practice*, Manas Publications, New Delhi, 2013,
11. Benulal Dhar: *The Philosophical Understanding of Human Rights*, D. K. Print World, New Delhi, 2013.
12. William A. Edmundson: *An Introduction to Rights*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 2012.
13. Carl Wellman: *The Moral Dimensions of Human Rights*, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2011.
14. Benulal Dhar, *Manvadhikar Ki Ebong Kena* (PragatiPrakashak, Kolkata, 2016)
15. J. K. Das: *Human Rights Law and Practice*, (PHI Learning, 2016)
16. Durga Das Basu : *Introduction to the Constitution of India*, (Lexis Nexis, 2016)
17. Justice Ruma Paul & M.P Jain: *Indian Constitutional Law* (Lexis Nexis, 2016)
18. L. K. Thakur, *Comparative International human Rights*, Authors Press, Delhi, 2001

Or

SEC-1: Ethics in Practice

Credits 02

SEC1T: Ethics in Practice

Course Contents:

- 1. Morality and Ethics**
- 2. Motive and Intention**
- 3. Moral action and Moral Judgment**
- 4. Normative Theories:** (a) Ethical Egoism & Utilitarianism, (b) Kant's Moral Theory
- 5. *puruṣārtha*** (Buddha and *āstika* views)
- 6. Vedic Concepts** of *ṛta*, *yajña*, *ṛna*, *vidhi* and *niṣedha*
- 7. Concept of *ahimsā*** in Yoga
- 8. Concept of *niṣkāmakarma*** preached in *Śrīmadbhagavadgītā*
- 9. Concept of *pañcaśīla*** in Buddhism
- 10. Jaina Concepts** of *pañcamahāvratā*, *triratna*, *anuvrata* and *mahāvratā*
- 11. Awareness, Views and Praxis on Basic Moral Concerns of Environment:**
 - (a) Environmental awareness and Buddhism
 - (b) Rabindranath Tagore's Environmental Praxis
 - (c) Land Ethics
 - (d) Shallow and Deep Ecology

Suggested Readings:

1. W. Frankena: *Ethics*
2. Y. V. Satyanarayan : *Ethics : Theory and Practice*
3. S. K. Maitra : *Ethics of the Hindus*
4. C. Sharma : *The Ethical Philosophy of India*
5. W. Lillie : *An Introduction to Ethics*

6. J. S. Mackenzie : *A Manual of Ethics*
1. P. B. Chatterjee : *Principles of Ethics*
2. P. Singer : *Practical Ethics*
3. Surama Dasgupta: *Developments of Moral Philosophy in India*
4. K. N. Tewari: *Classical Indian Ethical Thought*
5. S. Radhakrishnan: *The Bhagavadgītā*
6. Ranchor Prime, (1994) *Hinduism and Ecology*, MLBD, Delhi.
7. Peter Harvey : *Buddhist Ethics*
8. Hammalawa Saddhatissa, (2003) *Buddhist Ethics*, Wisdom pub, Boston.
9. K. P. Sinha: *Studies in Jainism*
10. Dasgupta, Chatterjee & Chatterjee (ed), *Rethinking Tagore's Views on Society, Development*

SEC-2: Philosophical Analysis

Credits 02

SEC2T: Philosophical Analysis

Course Contents:

1. **Meaning:** (a) Word -meaning and Sentence-meaning, (b) Testability and Meaning
2. **Definition**
3. **Concept and Truth**
4. **Knowledge:** Nature and Source of Knowledge
5. **Determinism and Freedom**

Suggested Readings :

- Hospers: *An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis* (Chapters—1, 2, 3, 4 & 5)

Or

SEC -2: Man and Environment

Credits 02

SEC2T: Man and Environment

Course Contents:

A. Classical Indian Attitude to Environment

- a) The Upanisadic world-view, b) Tagore's understanding of nature, c) The post-Upanisadic view of nature

B. Respect for Nature

- a) The attitude of respect, b) Bio-centric outlook to nature, c) Ethical standards and rules that follow from the attitude of respect to nature,
- d) The idea of inherent worth of nature.

C. Intrinsic Value of nature

a) Moore's talk of 'intrinsic properties', b) Chilsom's idea of intrinsic value, c) Attfield on the intrinsic value of nature, d) Callicott's idea of intrinsic value of nature, e) Rolston III on intrinsic value of nature, f)

Intrinsic value and objective value

D. Deep Ecology and its Third World Critique

a) Arne Naess on Deep Ecology, b) Ramchandra Guha's critique of Deep Ecology

E. Eco-feminism

a) Understanding nature and the feminine, b) Dualisms in Western tradition, c) Masculinity, humanity and nature.

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,
6. Val Plumwood, Nature, Self and Gender: Feminism, Environmental Philosophy and the Critique of Rationalism, Environmental Ethics (ed.) Robert Elliot, Oxford University Press, Oxford,
7. Nirmalya Narayan Chakraborty, Paribesh o Naitikata, Progressive Book Forum, Kolkata,

SEC- 3: Philosophy in Practice

Credits 02

SEC3T: Philosophy in Practice

Course Contents:

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*

Suggested Readings :

1. H. Cappelen: *The Oxford Handbook of Philosophical Methodology*, Oxford University Press,
2. B.K. Matilal: *The Word and The World* , Oxford University Press, 2001
3. Bimal Krishna Matilal: *The Character of Logic in India*
4. Bertrand Russell: *Problems of Philosophy*
5. Paul F. Kisak: *Philosophical Methodology : the Methods of Philosophical Inquiry* CSI Publishing Platform,
6. E. V. Stubbley: *Philosophic as a Method of Inquiry*
7. R. M. Keon: *Philosophic Semantics and Philosophic Inquiry*
8. The Methods of philosophy is the Methods of Inquiry (<https://explicitblog.wordpress.com>)
9. Plato : *The Republic*
10. G. E. Moore: *Some Main Problems of Philosophy*, New York
11. Īśvarakṛṣṇa : *Sāṃkhyakārikā*
12. Sadānanda Yogīndra: *Vedāntasāra*

Or

SEC -3: Value Education

Credits 02

SEC3T: Value Education

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

SEC -4: Computer Applications

Credits 02

SEC4T: Computer Applications

Course Contents:

- A. Computer and its Basic Organisation.
- B. Working with tools in MS Word
- C. Introduction to spreadsheets (MS Excel)
- D. First step to Multimedia Presentation (MS Power point)
- E. Internet and E mail services
- F. 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 -4: Logical Reasoning and Application

Credits 02

SEC4T: Logical Reasoning and Application

Course Contents:

- A. The main objective of logical reasoning.
- B. Definitions: Pakṣa, sādhya, hetu, sapakṣa and Vipakṣa.
- C. Construction of kevalānvayī, kevalavyātirekī anvayvyātirekī anumiti.
- D. Hetvābhāsa and its different kinds, detection of hetvābhāsa.
- E. Reasoning in practice:
 - (i). Fallacy of relevance, Fallacies of ambiguity, Fallacies of weak induction, Avoiding fallacies
 - (ii) Logical applications of the concept of pakṣatā
 - (iii) Functional applications of ordinary operative relations between sense-organs and respective objects .

F. Inductive reasoning in Law

- (i) The method of Inquiry in Law
- (ii) Causation in Legal reasoning
- (iii) Analogical Reasoning in legal argument
- (iv) Probability in legal argument

G. Deductive Reasoning in Law

- (i) Determining the correct rule of Law
- (ii) Identifying, formulating, and applying rules of law.
- (iii) The law of libel
- (iv) Logic is right reasoning

Suggested Readings:

1. Introduction to Logic (9th Edition) : I. M. Copi & C. Cohen, Prentice Hall of India Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi,
2. The Elements of Logic (5th Edition): S.F.Barker, McGraw- Hill Book Company,
3. Introduction to Logic : P.J. Hurley, Wadsworth
4. Tarkasamgraha: Annambhatta
5. Word and the World: B.K. Matilal
6. Tarkasamgraha: M.R. Bodas & Y.V. Athalye (tr. &ed.)
7. The Concept of Logical Fallacies: Nandita Bandyopadhaya
8. Tarkasamgraha with Dipika: Narayan Chandra Goswami
9. Tarkasamgraha with Dipika: Indira Mukhopadhyay
10. Tarkasamgraha with Dipika: Panchanan Shastri
11. Tarkasamgraha with Dipika: Kanailal Poddar

Generic Elective (GE)

Interdisciplinary for other Department

GE-1: Western Philosophy

Credits 06

GE1T: Western Philosophy

Course Contents:

- 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

Suggested Readings:

1. Falkenberg : History of Western Philosophy

2. Sibapada Chakraborty : General Philosophy
3. Sibapada Chakraborty : *An Introduction to General Philosophy*
4. Ramchandra Pal : *Darśan Parichaya*
5. Rama Prasad Das & Sibapada Chakraborty : *Pāścātya Darśaner Rūprekhā*
6. Niradbaran Chakraborty : *Pāścātya Darśaner Bhūmikā*

Or

GE-1: Indian Philosophy

Credits 06

GE1T: Indian Philosophy

Course Contents:

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 *dehātmanvāda*

3. Jainism:

- (a) *anekāntavāda*
- (b) *syādvāda* and *nayavāda*

4. Buddhism:

- (a) Four Noble Truths
- (b) *pratītyasamutpāda*
- (c) *kṣaṇabhaṅgavāda*
- (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*

9. Advaita Vedānta:

Brahman, *jīva* and *jagat*

Suggested Readings:

1. S. C. Chatterjee & D. M. Dutta: *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy*
2. C. D. Sharma : *A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy*
3. Haridas Bandyopadhyay : *Bhāratīya Darśaner Marmakathā*
4. J. N. Mohanti : *Classical Indian Philosophy*
5. Niradbaran Chakraborty : *Bhāratīya Darśan*
6. Karuna Bhattacharya : *Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika Darśan*
7. Panchanan Shastri : *Cārvāka Darśan*
8. Panchanan Shastri : *Bauddha Darśan*
9. Rajat Bhattacharya : *Sāṁkhyakārikā O Sāṁkhyatattvakumudī*
10. Niradbaran Chakraborty : *Bhāratīya Darśan*
11. Deepak Kumar Bagchi : *Bhāratīya Darśan*
12. Debabrata Sen : *Bhāratīya Darśan*
13. Pradyot Kumar Mandal : *Bhāratīya Darśan*
14. Kanakprabha Bandyopadhyay : *Sāṁkhyapātañjaladarśan*
15. Tarakishor Sharma Choudhury : *Pātañjaladarśan*
16. Gobindagopal Mukhopadhyay : *Yoger Kathā : Patañjalir Drṣṭite*
17. Purnachandra Vedanta Chunchu : *Pātañjal Darśan*

Or

GE-1: Philosophy of Religion

Credits 06

GE1T: Philosophy of Religion

Course Contents:

- (a) Nature and scope of Philosophy of Religion. Doctrine of karma and rebirth, doctrine of liberation.
- (b) Origin and Source of Religion: Animism, Totemism, Freud's theory
- (c) National Religion, Universal religion.
- (d) The Philosophical teachings of the Holy Quran: God the ultimate Reality, His attributes, His relation to the world and man.
- (e) Some basic tenets of Christianity: The doctrine of Trinity, The theory of Redemption
- (f) Arguments for the existence of God: Cosmological, Teleological and Ontological arguments,
- (g) The Peculiarity of Religious Language: The doctrine of analogy, Religious statements as Symbolic, Religious language as Non-Cognitive (Randal's view).

Suggested Readings:

- Philosophy of Religion: J. Hick
- An Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion: Brian Davies
- Indian Philosophy of Religion: A. Sharma
- Comparative Religion: P.B. Chatterjee
- Comparative Religion: Eric J. Sharpe
- Patterns in Comparative Religion: M. Eliade (Ch I, Sec. I)
- Atheism in Indian Philosophy: D.P. Chattopadhyay
- Essays in Indian Philosophy (pp-145-169): Sukharanjan Saha (ed.)

- Studies in Nyaya-Vaisesika Theism (pp-102-137,139-159): Gopika Mohan Bhattacharya
- The Religions of the World: R.K.M. Institute of Culture
- Encyclopedia Britannica, Vol. I
- Encyclopedia of Islam, Vols. I & II
- Indian Religions: S. Radhakrishnan
- Foundations of Living Faith: H.D. Bhattacharya
- Aspects of Hindu Morality: Saral Jhingram
- A History of Muslim Philosophy (Vols.I &II): M.M. Sharif
- Islam and Secularism: Sayed Muhammad Al-Naquib Al-Attas
- The History of Philosophy in Islam-T.J. de Boer: E. Jones (tr.)
- The Holy Quran: Mohammad Yusuf Ali (tr.)
- The Spirit of Islam: Syed Amir Ali
- The Meaning of the Glorious Koran: M. Pickthall
- A History of Islamic Philosophy: M. Fakhry
- The Spirit of Islam's Message, Muhammad Qamaruddin in Religions of the People of India: S.R. Saha (ed.)
- Cultural Heritage of Islam: Osman Ghani
- Old Testament: R. Kittel (ed.)
- New Testament: Kilpatrick
- The Doctrine of the Trinity: R.S. Franks
- The Doctrine of the Trinity: Loenard Hodgson
- The Idea of the Holy: R. Otto
- A Brief Account of the Religion of the Hindus: Srilekha Dutta in Religions of the People of India: S.R. Saha (ed.)
- Dharma in Hinduism: An Ideal Religion: Tapan Kumar Chakraborty in Religions of the People of India: S.R. Saha (ed.)
- Jainism-A Religion of Non-Theistic Humanism: Tushar Sarkar in Religions of the People of India: S.R. Saha (ed.)
- Essays in Analytical Philosophy (Ch.VII): Gopinath Bhattacharya
- Buddhism in India and Abroad: Anukul Badyopadhyay

GE-2: Social –Political Philosophy- I

Credits 06

GE2T: Social –Political Philosophy- I

Course Contents:

- (a) Nature & Scope of Social Philosophy. Nature & Scope of Political Philosophy. Relation between Social Philosophy and Political Philosophy.
- (b) Primary Concepts: Society, Community, Association, Institution.
- (c) Social Groups: Its Different Forms. Family: Its Different Forms.
- (d) Social Class and Caste: Principles of Class and Caste; Marxist conception of class; Class Attitudes and Class consciousness

Or

GE-2: Philosophy of Mind

Credits 06

GE2T: Philosophy of Mind

Course Contents:

- (a) Sensation: What is sensation? Attributes of sensation.
- (b) Perception: What is perception? Relation between sensation and perception, Gestalt theory of perception, illusion and hallucination.
- (c) Consciousness: Conscious, Subconscious, Unconscious, Evidence for the existence of the Unconscious, Freud's theory of dream.
- (d) Memory: Factors of memory, Laws of association, Forgetfulness. Learning: The trial and Error theory, Pavlov's Conditioned Response theory, Gestalt theory.
- (e) Intelligence: Measurement of Intelligence, I.Q., Test of Intelligence, Binnet-Simon test.

Or

GE-2: Applied Ethics and Philosophy of Religion

Credits 06

GE2T: Applied Ethics and Philosophy of Religion

Course Contents:

- A.** Concepts of Applied Ethics.
- B.** Killing: Suicide, Euthanasia.
- C.** Famine, Affluence and Morality.
- D.** Environmental Ethics: Value Beyond Sentient Beings, Reverence for life, Deep Ecology.
- E.** Nature & Concerns of Philosophy of Religion. Argument for the existence of God: Cosmological argument, Ontological argument and Teleological argument.
- F.** Problem of Evil and Suffering.
- G.** Grounds for disbelief in God: Sociological theory of Durkheim, Freudian Theory, Cārvāka View.