

VIDYASAGAR UNIVERSITY



Curriculum for 3-year B.A (Honours)

Philosophy

**Revised Syllabus under CBCS
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SEMESTER-I

Course Structure

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

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

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

Semester-I
Core Course (CC)

CC-1: Indian Philosophy – I

Credit 06

C1T: Indian Philosophy – I

Credit 06

Course Contents:

- A. Introduction: The Vedas and the Upanishads, stika and N stika Schools.
- B. C rv ka System - Epistemology, Metaphysics, Ethics.
- C. Jaina System - Basic concepts of Jaina Philosophy, Anek ntav da, Sy dv da and Saptabha ginaya.
- D. Bauddha System: Four Noble Truths, Theory of Dependent Origination (Prat tyasamutp da v da), Definition of Reality (Arthakriy k ritva), Doctrine of Momentariness, (K anabhangav da), Theory of no-soul (Nair tmyav da), Four Schools of Buddhism (Basic tenets).
- E. Ny ya System: Pram and Aprama, Different kinds of Pram a, Pratyak a (Definition), Sannikar a, Classification of Pratyak a : Nirvikalpaka, Savikalpaka, Laukika, Alaukika
- F. Anum na (Definition), vy pti, par mar a, Classification of Anum na: p rvavat, esavat, sm nyatod sta, keval nvay , kevalavy tirek , anvayavy tirek , sv rth num na, par rth num na, Upam na (definition), abda (definition),
- G. Vai e ika System: Seven Pad rthas, dravya, gu a, karma, s m nya, vi e a, samav ya, abh va, Atomism.

Suggested Readings:

English:

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

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

Bengali:

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

CC-2: History of Western Philosophy – I

Credit 06

C2T: History of Western Philosophy – I

Credit 06

Course Contents:

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

Suggested Readings:

English:

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

Bengali:

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

Generic Elective (GE)

GE-1 [Interdisciplinary for other department]

GE-1: Ethics: Indian and Western

Credit 06

GE-1T: Ethics: Indian and Western

Credit 06

Course Contents:

- A. Four Purusarth s – dharma, artha, k ma and mok a and their interrelation. Karma (Sak ma & Ni k ma), C rv ka Ethics.
- B. Buddhist Ethics: The Four Noble Truths and the Eight-Fold Path.
- C. Moral and Non-Moral Actions, Object of Moral Judgment.
- D. Teleological Ethics: Utilitarianism (Bentham and Mill). Deontological Ethics: Kant's Moral Theory. Virtue Ethics.
- E. Theories of Punishment.

Suggested Readings:

English:

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

Bengali:

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

Or

GE-1: Western Logic

Credits 06

GE1T: Western Logic

Credits 06

Course Contents:

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

Suggested Readings:

English:

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

Bengali:

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