

**DEBRA THANA SAHID KSHUDIRAM SMRITI MAHAVIDYALAYA  
DEBRA, PASCHIM MIDNAPORE, WEST BENGAL**



**PROPOSED CURRICULUM & SYLLABUS (DRAFT) OF**

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**BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS)  
MAJOR IN PHILOSOPHY**

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**4-YEAR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMME**

*(w.e.f. Academic Year 2024-2025)*

*Based on*  
**Curriculum & Credit Framework for Undergraduate Programmes  
(CCFUP), 2024 & NEP, 2020**

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**(under CCFUP, 2024)**

Level	YR.	SEM	Course Type	Course Code	Course Title	Credit	L-T-P	Marks			
								CA	ESE	TOTAL	
BA (Hons.)	2 <sup>nd</sup>	III	SEMESTER-III								
			Major-3	PHIHMJ03	T: Indian Philosophy – II	4	3-1-0	15	60	75	
			Major-4	PHIHMJ04	T: Western Philosophy – II	4	3-1-0	15	60	75	
			SEC	PHISSEC03	P: Philosophical Counseling (Practical)	3	0-0-3	10	40	50	
			AEC	AEC03	Communicative English -2 ( <i>common for all programmes</i> )	2	2-0-0	10	40	50	
			MDC	MDC03	Multidisciplinary Course -3 ( <i>to be chosen from the list</i> )	3	3-0-0	10	40	50	
			Minor -3 (Disc.-I)	PHIMIN03	T: Metaphysics: Nyāya-Vaisesika	4	3-1-0	15	60	75	
						Semester-III Total	20				375
		IV	SEMESTER-IV								
			Major-5	PHIHMJ05	T: Psychology and Philosophy of Mind	4	3-1-0	15	60	75	
			Major-6	PHIHMJ06	T: Social Philosophy	4	3-1-0	15	60	75	
			Major-7	PHIHMJ07	T: Western Logic –I	4	3-1-0	15	60	75	
			AEC	AEC04	MIL-2 ( <i>common for all programmes</i> )	2	2-0-0	10	40	50	
			Minor-4 (Disc.-II)	PHIMIN04	T: Theory of Inference in Nyāya	4	3-1-0	15	60	75	
			Internship/ Apprent.	INT	Internship/ Apprenticeship - activities to be decided by the Colleges following the guidelines to be given later	4	0-0-4	-	-	50	
						Semester-IV Total	22				400
						TOTAL of YEAR-2	42				775

MJ = Major, MI = Minor Course, SEC = Skill Enhancement Course, AEC = Ability Enhancement Course, MDC = Multidisciplinary Course, CA= Continuous Assessment, ESE= End Semester Examination, T = Theory, P= Practical, L-T-P = Lecture-Tutorial-Practical, MIL = Modern Indian Language,

## MAJOR (MJ)

### **MJ-3: Indian Philosophy – II**

**Credits 04 (Full Marks: 75)**

### **MJ-3T: Indian Philosophy – II**

**[Theory: 60 lectures]**

#### **Course contents:**

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

#### **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. Six Ways of Knowing: D.M. Dutta
9. The Doctrine of Maya: A.K. Roychoudhuri
10. Self and Falsity in Advaita Vedanta: A.K. Roychoudhuri
11. The Word and the world: Bimal Krishna Matilal
12. Logic, Language and Reality: An Introduction To Indian Philosophical Studies: Bimal Krishna Matilal
13. Arthasamgraha: Lougakshibhaskar: Gajendra Gadkar

##### **Bengali:**

1. Bharatiya Darshan: Debabrata Sen
2. Bharatiya Darshan: Nirodbaran Chakraborty
3. Sayan Madhaviya Sarva Darshan Samgraha: Satyajyoti Chakraborti
4. Samkhya Darshan: Bhupendranath Bhattacharya

5. Samkhya Darshaner Vivarana: Bidhubhushan Bhattacharya
6. Samkhyamata Samiksa: Yogendranath Bagchi
7. Samkhya Tattva Kaumudi: Narayan Chandra Goswami
8. Samkhya-Patanjal Darshan: Kanakprabha Bandyopadhyaya
9. Patanjali Darshan: Purnachandra Vedantachanchu
10. Puva Mimasa Darshan: Sukhamaya Bhattacharya
11. Vedanta Darshan: Roma Choudhury
12. Vedanta Darshan: Advaitavada: Ashutosh Sastri
13. Mayavada: Pramatha Nath Tarkabhushan
14. Vedanta Darshan: Swami Vidyananya

#### **MJ-4: Western Philosophy – II**

**Credits 04 (Full Marks: 75)**

#### **MJ-4T: Western Philosophy – II**

**[Theory: 60 lectures]**

#### **Course contents:**

1. **Locke:** Refutation of innate ideas, the origin and formation of ideas, simple and complex ideas, substance, modes and relations, nature of knowledge and its degrees, limits of knowledge, primary and secondary qualities, representative realism.
2. **Berkeley:** Refutation of abstract ideas. Criticism of Locke's distinction between primary and secondary qualities, Idealism, esse-est-percipi, role of God.
3. **Hume:** Impression and ideas, association of ideas, distinction between judgements concerning relations of ideas and judgments concerning matters of fact, theory of causality, theory of self and personal identity, scepticism.

#### **Suggested Readings:**

##### **English:**

1. Encyclopedia of Philosophy: P. Edwards (ed.)
2. A History of Philosophy: F. Coppleston, vols. I, II, IV, V, VI
3. History of Western Philosophy: B. Russell
4. History of Modern Philosophy: R. Falckenberg
5. A Critical History of Modern Philosophy: Y.H. Masih
6. A History of Philosophy: F. Thilly
7. A History of Modern Philosophy: W.K. Wright
8. A Critical History of Western Philosophy: D.J. O'Connor
9. A History of Philosophy from Descartes to Wittgenstein: R. Scruton
10. The Fundamental Questions of Philosophy: A.C. Ewing
11. A Brief History of Western Philosophy: A. Kenny

12. The Rationalists: J. Cottingham
13. An Essay Concerning Human Understanding: J. Locke
14. John Locke: R. Aron
15. Berkeley: G. Pitcher
16. The Works of George Berkeley: T.E. Jessop & A.R. Luce(eds.) 8 vols
17. An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding-D. Hume: J. N. Mohanty (ed)
18. A Treatise on Human Nature: D. Hume
19. Locke, Berkeley, Hume: J. Bennett
20. Locke, Berkeley, and Hume: C.R. Morris

**Bengali:**

1. Paschatya Darshaner Itihas: Tarak Candra Roy (pratham o dwitiya khanda)
2. Paschatya Darshaner Itihas: Kalyan Chandra Gupta
3. Paschatya Darshaner Itihas: Susanta Chakraborty
4. Paschatya Darshaner Itihas:Ikshanvada (Locke, Berkeley,Hume): Chandrodaya Bhattacharya
5. Paschatya Darshaner Itihas:(Locke, Berkeley,Hume): N.B. Chakraborty
6. Hume-er Enquiry-Ekti Upasthapan: Ramaprasad Das
7. Bishuddha Prajnar Bichar: Gopal Chandra Khan

**MJ-5: Psychology and Philosophy of Mind**

**Credits 04 (Full Marks: 75)**

**MJ-5T: Psychology and Philosophy of Mind**

**[Theory: 60 lectures]**

**Course contents:**

1. Philosophy of Mind: Introduction
2. Mind-Body Problem, different solutions: Dualism, Behaviourism and Identity theory.
3. Psychology: Introduction
4. Methods of Psychology: Introspection, Extrospection, Experimental Methods
5. Sensation and Perception: Relation and Difference between sensation and perception. Gestalt theory of perception. Illusion and Hallucination
6. Intelligence: Theories of Intelligence, Measurement of Intelligence( I.Q.), Test of Intelligence
7. Levels of Mind – Conscious, Pre-conscious, Unconscious, Proofs for the existence of Unconscious, Freud’s Theory of Dream.
8. Consciousness: What is consciousness? and Problems of consciousness.
9. Learning: the trial and error theory, Pavlov’s Conditioned Response theory, Gestalt theory

**Suggested Readings:**

**English:**

1. A Textbook of Psychology: Paresh Nath Bhattacharya

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

**Bengali:**

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

**MJ-6: Social and Political Philosophy**

**Credits 04 (Full Marks: 75)**

**MJ-6T: Social and Political Philosophy**

**[Theory: 60 lectures]**

**Course contents:**

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

- f) Political Ideals: nature of democracy and its different forms, direct and indirect democracy, liberal democracy, socialist democracy

### **Suggested Readings:**

#### **English:**

1. Philosophy: A Guide through the subject: A.C. Grayling (Ed.)
2. Individuals: An Essay in Descriptive Metaphysics: P.F. Strawson
3. Outlines of Social Philosophy: J.S. Mackenzie
4. Problems of Political Philosophy: D.D. Raphael
5. Society: R.M. MacIver & C.H. Page
6. Sociology: M. Ginsberg
7. Guide to Modern Thought: C.E.M. Joad
8. Introduction to Modern political Theory: C.E.M. Joad
9. The Evolution of Political Philosophy of Gandhi: Buddhadeb Bhattacharya
10. Social and Political Thought of Gandhi: Jayantanuja Bandyopadhyay
11. The Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi: D.M. Dutta
12. The Philosophy of Sarvodaya: K.S. Bharathi
13. Communist Manifesto: Karl Marx & Frederick Engels
14. Socialism: Utopian and Scientific: F. Engels
15. Open Society and Its Enemies: Karl Popper
16. The Open Philosophy and The Open Society: M. Cornforth
17. Religion in India: T.N. Madan(ed.)
18. Religion and Society: S. Radhakrishnan
19. Secularism in the Present Indian Society, Amal Kumar Mukhopadhyay in  
Bulletin of the Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Vol.LVII, No. 11
20. Secularism and Its Critics: Rajeev Bhargava (ed.)
21. India as A Secular State: D.E. Smith
22. Political Philosophy: An Introduction: W.T. Blackstone
23. Political Philosophy: V.P. Verma
24. Essays in Social and Political Philosophy: Krishna Roy & Chhanda Gupta (eds.)
25. Western Political Thought: From Plato to Marx: Shefali Jha
26. Annihilation of Caste- B.R. Ambedkar

#### **Bengali:**

1. Samaj Darshan Dipika: Pritibhushan Chattopadhyay
2. Samaj Tattva: Parimal Bhushan Kar
3. Samaj Tattva: T. Bottomore
4. Bisay Samaj Tattva: Anadi Kumar Mahapatra
5. Samajdarshan o Rashtradarshaner Parichoy: A.K. Mahapatra o P. Mukherjee
6. Rashtradarshaner Dhara: Amal kumar Mukhopadhyay
7. Samajdarshan o Rashtradarshan: Samarendra Bhattacharya
8. Samaj o Rajnaitikdarshan: Sandip Das
9. Samyabader Itihas: Marx o Engels
10. Samajtantra: Kalpanik o Baijnanik: F. Engels

11. Marxiya Rashtrachinta: Shovan Lal Dutta Gupta
12. Sarvodaya Andoloner Itihas: Gurudas Bandyopadhyay
13. Gandhi Rachanasambhar: M.K. Gandhi
14. Bharater Dharmanirapekshatar Sankat, Bholanath Bandyopadhyay in Essays on Science and Society: Biplab Chakraborti
15. Dharmanirapekshata Birodhi Istahar: Ashis Nandy.

**MJ-7: Western Logic –I**

**Credits 04 (Full Marks: 75)**

**MJ-7T: Western Logic –I**

**[Theory: 60 lectures]**

**Course contents:**

- a) Logic and Arguments, Deductive and Inductive Arguments, Argument forms and arguments, statement forms and statement, Truth and Validity. Categorical propositions and classes: quality, quantity and distribution of terms, Translating categorical propositions into standard form.
- b) Immediate inferences: Conversion, Obversion and Contraposition, Traditional square of opposition and Immediate Inferences based thereon; Existential Import, symbolism and Diagrams for categorical propositions.
- c) Categorical Syllogism: Standard Form categorical Syllogism; The Formal nature of Syllogistic Argument, Rules and Fallacies, General Rules; To test Syllogistic Arguments for validity (by applying general rules for syllogism); To solve problems and prove theorems concerning syllogism.
- d) Boolean Interpretation of categorical propositions; Logic concerning immediate inference and syllogism; Venn Diagram Technique for Testing Syllogisms, Hypothetical and Disjunctive Syllogisms.
- e) Induction: Truth table: truth value of statement, validity of the logical forms, Argument by Analogy, Appraising Analogical Arguments, Refutation by Logical Analogy.
- f) Causal Connections: Cause and Effect, the meaning of “Cause”; Induction by Simple Enumeration; Mill’s Method of Experimental Inquiry; Mill’s Method of Agreement, Method of Difference, Joint Method of Agreement and Difference, Method of Residues, Method of Concomitant Variations; Criticism of Mills Methods, Vindication of Mill’s Methods.
- g) Science and Hypothesis: Explanations; Scientific and Unscientific, Evaluating Scientific Explanations; The pattern of Scientific Investigation; Crucial Experiments and Ad Hoc Hypotheses.



### **Suggested Readings:**

#### **English:**

1. I. M. Copi and C. Cohen: Introduction to Logic (13th ed.)
2. Cohen & Nagel. (1968), An Introduction to Logic and Scientific Method, Delhi: Allied Publishers.

#### **Bengali:**

3. Paschatya Darshan O Yuktivijnan: Ramaprasad Das
4. Paschatya Darsan O Yuktivijnan: Samir Kumar Chakrabarty
5. Tarkabigyan: Shukla Chakraborty
6. Aboroha SanketikYuktivigyaner Ruprekha: Kantilal Das
7. Sanketik Yuktivigyan: Das, Rama Prasad & Bhattacharya, Subir Ranjan
8. Tarka Bijnaner Sahajpath : Shibani Chowdhury

### **MINOR (MI)**

**MI – 3: Metaphysics: Nyāya-Vaisesika**

**Credits 04 (Full Marks: 75)**

**MI – 3T: Metaphysics: Nyāya-Vaisesika**

**[Theory: 60 lectures]**

#### **Course contents:**

1. The Concept of God in Nyāya.
2. Arguments in favour of the existence of God.
3. The concept of Self (Atma) and liberation (Moksha) in Nyāya.
4. The Concept of Padārtha (Categories) in Vaisesika,
5. Vaisesika concept of *Sapta-Padārtha*

### **Suggested Readings:**

1. Udayanacaryakṛita Nyāyakusumāñjali: Shyamapada Misra
2. Udayanacaryakṛita Nyāyakusumāñjali: Srimohan Bhattacharya
3. Nyayatattvaparikrama: Kalikrishna Bandopadhyaya
4. Nyaya Vaisesika Darsan: Karuna Bhattacharya
5. Praśastapādbhāṣya: Śyāmāpada Nyāyatarkatīrtha

**MI – 4: Theory of Inference in Nyāya**

**Credits 04 (Full Marks: 75)**

**MI – 4T: Theory of Inference in Nyāya**

**[Theory: 60 lectures]**

**Course contents:**

- a) The concepts of *anumāna*, *Anumiti* and *parāmarśa*
- b) *The Concept of pakṣa, sādhyā and hetu.*
- c) *The Concept of Pakshata*
- d) Definition of *vyāpti*, *Vyāptigrahopāya*.
- e) Kinds of *anumāna*: (i) *svārthānumāna* and *parārthānumāna* (ii) *pūrvavat*, *śeṣavat* and *sāmānyatodrṣṭa* (iii) *kevalānvayī*, *kevala-vyātirekī* and *anvaya-vyātirekī*.
- f) *pañcāvayavī nyāya*.
- g) *Hetvābhāsa*.

**Suggested Readings:**

- 1. *Nyāya Theory of Knowledge*: S.C. Chatterjee
- 2. *Six ways of Knowing*: D.M. Dutta
- 3. *Bhāṣāpariccheda* with *Siddhāntamuktāvalī*: Pancanan Shastri (ed.)
- 4. *Tarkasaṃgraha* with *Dipika*: Narayan Chandra Goswami (ed.)
- 5. *The Concept of Logical Fallacies: Problems of Hetvābhāsa in Navya-Nyāya in the Light of Gaṅgeśa and Raghunātha Śīromaṇi*, with a foreword by Satkari Mookerjee: Bandyopadhyay, Nandita

## **SKILL ENHANCEMENT COURSE (SEC)**

### **SEC 3: Philosophical Counseling**

**Credits 03**

#### **SEC3P: Philosophical Counseling**

**Full Marks: 50**

#### **Course Outline:**

- a) Philosophical counseling-its meaning and scope,
- b) History of Philosophical counseling,
- c) Qualities of counsellors,
- d) Basic skills of Counselling- Listening ( Definition of listening, hearing and listening, types of listening), Responding (Response of the counsellor), Understanding ( Understanding of different practical issues),
- e) Philosophical counseling versus psychological counseling,
- f) Different approaches to Philosophical counseling (Critical thinking approach, Wisdom approach, Existential approach)
- g) The concept of *sambada* is a method of Philosophical Counselling

#### **Assessment:**

- i. 5 Marks for Attendance and Class Participation
- ii. 10 Marks quiz – in class
- iii. 20 Marks for written Report based on empathetic Reflection of one's experience.
- iv. 10 Marks for self assesment report of Philosophical Counselling (This is an individual assignment based on analysis of self in relation to philosophical knowledge learned through this course with respect to therapeutic experience it offers.)
- v. 5 marks for raising questions and taking part in discussion focusing of various social and moral issues.

#### **Suggested readings:**

- 1. Howard, Alex (2000),” Philosophy for Counselling and Psychotherapy”. Palgrave Macmillan
- 2. Marinoff, Lou (2001), Philosophical Practice, San Diego: Academic Press. Reference Readings.
- 3. Corey, Gerald (2013),” Theory and Practice of Counselling and Psychotherapy 9th Edition”. Brooks/Cole, Canada.
- 4. David Stewart, H.Gene Blocker, James Petrik (2013), “Fundamentals of Philosophy”, Pearson, Newyork.
- 5. May, R. Angel, E., & Ellenberger, H.F.[Eds].(1958). “Existence: A new dimension in psychiatry and psychology”. New York: Basic Books
- 6. The Bhagavadgītā: S. Radhakrishnan