

UNIVERSITY OF GOUR BANGA



Draft Syllabus for Semester I & II

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PHILOSOPHY

Following NEP -2020

Draft Syllabus for Semester I & II

Semester	Major Core (MC)/DS C	Interdisciplinary/ Multi disciplinary (IDC)/(MDC)	Minor Core (Mn C)	Ability Enhancement Course (AEC)	Skill Enhancement Course (SEC)	Internship/Apprenticeship/Project/Community Outreach(2)	Value Addition course (VAC)	Total Credit
I	MC 1 (4): Indian Philosophy- I MC 2 (4): History of Western Philosophy- I	MDC 1 (3)	One from the pool of Courses of Minor 1 (Mn C 1)- (4): Indian Philosophy- I	MIL 1 (2)	Choose one SEC from Major Discipline SEC 1 (3): Logical Thinking and Reasoning		ENVS (2)	22
II	MC 3 (4): Indian Philosophy- II MC 4 (4): History	MDC 2 (3)	One from the pool of Courses of Minor	MIL 2 (2)	Choose one SEC from Major Discipline		Choose one from pool of Courses (2)	22

	ry of Western Philosophy- II		or 2 (Mn C 2)- (4): Indian Philosophy- II		SEC 2 (3): Philosophy of Human Rights			
Student on exit shall be awarded Under Graduate Certificate after securing the requisite 44 Credits in Semesters I and II after completion of Summer Internship (2) Optional								

Draft Syllabus of Philosophy

Semester- I

MC-1: Indian Philosophy- I

Credits - 4

Full Marks-50

1.Introduction:

- i. Nature of Indian Philosophy
- ii. Division of Indian Philosophy: *Āstika and Nāstika Systems*
- iii. *Āstika* System: Nyāya, Vaiśeṣika, Sāṃkhya, Yoga, Pūrva Mīmāṃsā, Advaita Vedānta (Śankara), Viśiṣṭādvaita (Rāmānuja)
- iv. *Nāstika* Systems: Cārvāka, Bauddha and Jaina

2. **Cārvāka School:** Perception as a *Pramāṇa*, The denial of Inference, The denial of the validity of the Vedas-Materialism: The reality of the World-No Soul.

3. **Jainism:** Theory of *Pramāṇa*, Concept of *Sat, Dravya, Guṇa, Paryāya, Jīva, AJīva, Anekāntavāda, Syādvāda, Nayavāda.*

4. **Buddhism:** Four Noble Truths, Dependent origination, The doctrine of *Karma*, Doctrine of Momentariness, Theory of No-self, Buddhist schools of Philosophy: The Hinayāna- Mahāyāna Division, The Vaibhāsika School, The Sautrāntika School, The Yogācāra School, The Mādhyamika School.

5. **Nyāya Philosophy:** Valid Knowledge (*Pramā*), Instrument of Valid Knowledge (*Pramāṇa*), Perception, Inference, Comparison, Testimony, The nature of the individual self, The proofs for the existence of individual self, the nature of God and proofs for the existence of God.

6. **Vaiśeṣika Philosophy:** Theory of *Pramāṇas*, seven *padārthas*: *Dravya*, *Guṇa*, *Karma*, *Sāmānya*, *Viśeṣa*, *Samavāya*, and *Abhāva*, Theory of Causation: *Asatkāryavāda*; *Kāraṇa*: *Samavāyi*, *Asamavāyi* and *Nimitta*; *Paramānuvāda*.

Suggested Readings:

- M. Hiriyanna: Outlines of Indian Philosophy
- C. D. Sharma: A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy
- S. Radhakrishnan: Indian Philosophy, Vol.1 & 2

- S. N. Dasgupta: A History of Indian Philosophy, Vol. I-V

- Jadunath Sinha: Outlines of Indian Philosophy

- P. T. Raju: Structural Depths of Indian Thought
- Dutta & Chatterjee: Introduction to Indian Philosophy
- Ramakrishna Puligandla: Fundamentals of Indian Philosophy
- D. M. Dutta: Six Ways of Knowing
- Debabrata Sen : Bharatiya Darsan
- Kanak Prabha Banerjee : *Sāṃkhya Patañjala Darśana*
- Nirod Baran Chakraborty : *Bhāratīya Darśana*
- Panchanan Sastri : *Cārvāka Darśana*
- Bhupendra Nath Bhattachariya : *Bauddha Darśan*
- Phanibhusan Tarkabagisa : *Nyāya Parichaya*
- Pradyot Mondal : *Bhāratīya Darśana*
- Dinesh Chandra Shastri : *Ṣaḍ Darśana Yoga*
- Karuna Bhattachariyya : *Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika Darśana*

MC-2: History of Western Philosophy- I

Credits - 4
Full Marks- 50

1. **Socrates:** Origin and Method of Knowledge, Knowledge is Virtue, Virtue is Knowledge.
2. **Plato:** Theory of knowledge & Theory of Forms.

3. **Aristotle:** Critique of Plato's theory of Forms; theory of causation; form and matter; potentiality and actuality.
4. **Rene Descartes:** Cartesian method of doubt, *cogito ergo sum*; types of ideas; Criterion of truth; mind and matter; mind-body – Interactionism; God: nature and proofs for His existence and External world.
5. **Benedict de Spinoza:** Substance, attributes and modes, the concept of God or Nature; pantheism; mind-body problem; three orders of knowing.
6. **Gottfried Wilhelm Leibnitz:** Monadology; truths of reason and truths of fact; innateness of all ideas; some metaphysical principles; Law of Identity of indiscernible; Law of sufficient reason; Law of continuity; Doctrine of Pre-established harmony; God; nature and proofs for His existence.

Suggested Readings:

- F. Copleston : *A History of Philosophy* (Vols. I, II, V & VI)
- D. J. O Connor : *A Critical History of Western Philosophy*
- C.R. Morris : *Locke, Berkeley and Hume*
- A. K. Rogers : *A Students' History of Philosophy*
- W.K. Wright : *A History of Modern Philosophy*
- W.T. Stace : *A Critical History of Greek Philosophy*
- Roger Scruton : *A History of Philosophy from Descartes to Wittgenstein*
- John Cottingham : *The Rationality*
- Falckenberg : *A History of Modern Philosophy*
- Thill & Wood : *History of Philosophy*
- J. Barner : *Early Greek Philosophy*
- J. Burnet : *Greek Philosophy, Thales to Plato*
- S.S. Barlingay and P.B. Kulkarni: *A Critical Survey of Western Philosophy*
- W.C.K. Guthrie : *Greek Philosophers from Thales to Plato*
- A.C. Ewing : *The Fundamental Questions of Philosophy*
- A. Kenny : *A Brief History of Western Philosophy*
- W.H. Walsh : *Reason and Experience*
- B. Russell : *History of Western Philosophy*
- W. Durant : *The Story of Philosophy*
- N.B. Chakraborty : *Pāścātya Darśaner Itihās (Plato , Aristotle)*
- Chandradayo Bhattacharya : *Pāścātya Darśaner Itihās*
- R.P.Das & S.P. Chakraborty : *Pāścātya Darśaner Rūprekh*
- Kalyan Chandra Gupta : *Pāścātya Darśaner I*
- Mrinal Kanti Bhadra : *Kānter Śuddha Prajñār Vicara*
- Tarak Ch. Roy : *Pāścātya Darśaner Itihās*
- Sushanta Chakraborty : *Pāścātya Darśaner Itihās*
- Samarendra Bhattacharya : *Pāścātya Darśaner Itihās (Vol. 1 & 2)*
- Debabrata Sen : *Pāścātya Darśaner Itihās*

MC-3: Indian Philosophy - II

Credits - 4
Full Marks- 50

1. **Sāṃkhya**: Causation: *Satkāryavāda*; *Prakṛti*: its constituents, arguments for its existence; Evolution; *Puruṣa*: arguments for its existence; plurality of *Puruṣas*; Relationship between *Prakṛti* and *Puruṣa*; *Kaivalya*.
2. **Yoga**: *Yoga*; *Citta*, *Cittavṛtti* and *Cittabhūmi*; Eightfold path ; God.
3. **Pūrva Mīmāṃsā**: The debate between Kumārila and Prābhākaras; *Tripuṭīsamvit*; *Jñātātā*; *Anvitābhīdhānavāda*, *Abhihitānvayavāda*; *Abhāva*; *Anupalabdhi* and *Arthāpatti*.
4. **Advaita Vedānta**: Śankara's view of *Brahman*; *Saguṇa* and *Nirguṇa Brahman*; *Adhyāsa*; *Vivartavāda*; *Māyā*; *Three grades of Sattā*; *Jīva*; *Jīvanmukti*; *Jagat*; *Pramāṇas*.
5. **Viśiṣṭādvaita**: Ramanuja's view of *Brahman*, *Jīva* and *Jagat*; Refutation of *Māyā*; *Pariṇāmvāda*; *Aprthaksiddhi*; *Bbhakti* and *Prapatti*; Rejection of *Jīvanmukti*.

Suggested Readings:

- M. Hiriyanna : *Outlines of Indian Philosophy*
- C.D.Sharma : *A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy*
- S.N. Dasgupta : *A History of Indian Philosophy*, Vol. I to V
- S. Radhakrishnan : *Indian Philosophy*, Vol. I & II
- T.R.V. Murti : *Central Philosophy of Buddhism*
- J. N. Mohanti : *Reason and Tradition in Indian Thought*
- R. D. Ranade : *A Constructive Survey of Upaniṣadic Philosophy*
- P.T. Raju : *Structural Depths of Indian Thought*
- K.C. Bhattacharyya : *Studies in Philosophy*, vol. I
- Dutta & Chatterjee : *Introduction to Indian Philosophy*
- A.K. Warder : *Indian Buddhism*
- R. Puligandla : *Fundamentals of Indian Philosophy*
- T.M.P. Mahadevan : *An Outline of Hinduism*
- D.M.Dutta : *Six Ways of Knowing*
- S.K.Maitra : *Fundamental Questions of Indian Metaphysic & Logic*
- Debabrata Sen : *Bhāratīya Darśana*
- Kanak Prabha Banerjee : *Sāṃkhya Patañjala Darśana*
- Nirod Baran Chakraborty : *Bhāratīya Darsan*
- Bhupendra Nath Bhattachariya : *Sāṃkhya Darśana*
- Narayan Goswami : *Sāṃkhya Tattva Kaumadi with Adhyāpana Tikā*
- Panchanan Ghatak : *Sāṃkhya Darśana*
- Pradyot Mondal : *Bhāratīya Darśana*
- Dinesh Chandra Shastri : *Ṣaḍ Darśana Yoga*

MC-4: History of Western Philosophy-II

Credits - 4
Full Marks- 50

1. **Francis Bacon:** General outlook of Bacon's philosophy; Idolas; Induction.
2. **John Locke:** Refutation of innate ideas; ideas and their classification; knowledge and its grades; substance; qualities- primary and secondary.
3. **George Berkeley:** Rejection of abstract ideas; rejection of the distinction between primary and secondary qualities; immaterialism; *esse est percipi*; the problem of solipsism; role of God.
4. **David Hume:** Impressions and ideas; judgments concerning relation of ideas and judgments concerning matters of fact; causality; external world; self and personal identity; rejection of metaphysics; skepticism.
5. **Immanuel Kant:** Conception of Critical Philosophy; Copernican Revolution in Philosophy, Classification of judgments: analytic, synthetic, *apriori*, *aposteriori*; possibility of synthetic *apriori* judgment; general problem of the Critique; Transcendental aesthetic: Space and Time- Metaphysical and Transcendental expositions of the concept of Space and Time, Phenomena and Noumena, Categories of Understanding.

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- W.K. Wright : *A History of Modern Philosophy*
- S. Körner : *Kant*
- W.T. Stace : *A Critical History of Greek Philosophy*
- Roger Scruton : *A History of Philosophy from Descartes to Wittgenstein*
- Jonathan Bennett : *Locke, Berkeley and Hume*
- Rasvihary Das : *A Hand Book of Kant's Critique of Pure Reason*
- Falckenberg : *A History of Modern Philosophy*
- Thill & Wood : *History of Philosophy*
- S.S. Barlingay and P.B. Kulkarni: *A Critical Survey of Western Philosophy*
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- Rasvihary Das : *Kānter Darśan*
- Mrinal Kanti Bhadra : *Kānter Śuddha Prajñār Vicār*
- Prahlad Kumar Sarkar(ed.) : *Kānter Darśan- Tattva O Prayog*
- Tarak Ch. Roy : *Pāścātya Darśaner Itihās*
- Sushanta Chakraborty : *Pāścātya Darśaner Itihās*
- Samarendra Bhattacharya : *Pāścātya Darśaner Itihās* (Vol. 1 & 2)
- Debabrata Sen : *Pāścātya Darśaner Itihās*
- Rama Prasad Das : *Hume-er Enquiry: Ekti Upasthāpanā*

SEMESTER-I

SEC – 1 : Logical Thinking and Reasoning (3 Credits) Full Marks- 50

1. Proposition, Categorical Propositions and Classes: Quality, Quantity and Distribution of Terms.
2. Traditional Square of Opposition of Propositions.
3. Immediate Inference: Conversion, Obversion and Contraposition.
4. Existential Import of Propositions, Boolean Interpretation of Categorical Proposition, Translating Categorical Propositions into Standard form.
5. Categorical Syllogism: Figure, Mood, Rules of Validity, Testing Syllogism for Validity, Testing Arguments by Venn Diagram, Fallacies. Disjunctive and Hypothetical Syllogism, The Dilemma.
6. Symbolic Logic: The Value of Special Symbols, Truth-functions: Conjunction, Negation, Disjunction, Implication, Equivalence, Tautology, Contradiction and Contingent Statement Forms; Truth-Table Method for testing Validity of Arguments and Statement Forms.

Suggested Readings:

1. I. M. Copi : *Introduction to Logic*
2. Ramaprasad Das : *Pāścātya Darśan O Yuktivijñān*
3. Jagadiswar Sanyal : *Yuktivijñān*
4. Samarendra Bhattacharya : *Pāścātya Yuktivijñān*

SEMESTER-II**SEC – 2 : Philosophy of Human Rights (3 Credits)
Full Marks- 50**

1. A 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. Justice: John Rawls and Amartya Sen's View.
5. Natural Rights, Fundamental Rights and Human Rights.
6. Preamble, Fundamental Rights and Duties (Indian Constitution)
7. Contemporary Perspectives: Joel Feinberg—Basic Rights.

Suggested Readings:

- 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
- 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 Freeden: *Rights*, Worldview Publications, New Delhi, 1998. 37
- Lynn Hunt: *Inventing Human Rights: A History*, Norton & Company, New York, 2007.
- Jack Donnelly: *Universal Human rights in Theory and Practice*, Manas Publications, New Delhi, 2013.
- *Neeti O Nyajyata* : Amartya Sen (Anirban Chattopadhyay o Kumar Rana Sampadita) , Ananda Publishers, Calcutta, 2013.

- *Manabadhikar ki ebong Keno?:* Benulal Dhar, Progressive Publishers, Kolkata, 2015.
- *Vyavaharik Nitivijnan:* Naba Kumar Nandy, Manik Bal, Sreebhumi, Kolkata.

MnC-1: Indian Philosophy - 1

Credits - 4
Full Marks- 50

1. Introduction:

- Nature of Indian Philosophy
- Division of Indian Philosophy: *Āstika and Nāstika Systems*
- Āstika* System: Nyāya, Vaiśeṣika, Sāṃkhya, Yoga, Pūrva Mīmāṃsā, Advaita Vedānta (Śankara), Viśiṣṭādvaita (Rāmānuja)
- Nāstika* Systems: Cārvāka, Bauddha and Jaina.

2.Cārvāka School: Perception as a *Pramāṇa*, The denial of Inference, The denial of the validity of the Vedas-Materialism: The reality of the World-No Soul, Ethics.

3. Buddhism: Four Noble Truths, Dependent origination, The doctrine of *Karma*, Doctrine of Momentariness, Theory of No-self.

4.Jainism: Theory of *Pramāṇa*, Concept of *Sat*, *Dravya*, *Guṇa*, *Paryāya*, *Jīva*, *Ajīva*, *Anekāntavāda*, *Syādvāda*, *Saptabhanginaya*.

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- Panchanan Sastri : *Cārvāka Darśana*
- Bhupendra Nath Bhattachariya : *Bauddha Darśan*
- Pradyot Mondal : *Bhāratīya Darśana*

MnC-2: Indian Philosophy - II

Credits - 4
Full Marks- 50

1. **Nyāya Philosophy:** Valid Knowledge (*Pramā*), Instrument of Valid Knowledge, Perception, Inference.
2. **Vaiśeṣika Philosophy:** Theory of Pramanas, seven padarthas: Dravya, Guna, Karma, Samanya, Visesa, Samavaya, and Abhava.
3. **Sāṃkhya:** Causation: *Satkāryavāda*; *Prakṛti*: its constituents, arguments for its existence; Evolution; *Puruṣa*: arguments for its existence; plurality of *Puruṣas*.
4. **Yoga:** *Yoga*; *Citta*, *Cittavṛtti* and *Cittabhūmi*; Eightfold path.

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