

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 basic Philosophy of Vedas and the Upanishads, Division of Indian Philosophical Schools: Āstika and Nāstika
- B. Cārvāka System - Epistemology, Metaphysics, Ethics.
- C. Jainism System - Concept of Dravya, Sat, Guṇa, Paryāya Anekāntavāda, Syādvāda and Saptabhaṅginaya.
- D. Bauddha System: Four Noble Truths, Theory of Dependent Origination (Pratītyasamutpāda vāda), Definition of Reality (Arthakriyākāritva), Doctrine of Momentariness, (Kṣanabhangavāda), Theory of no-soul (Nairātmyavāda), Four Schools of Buddhism (Basic tenets).
- E. Nyāya System: Pramā and Aprama, Different kinds of Pramāṇa, Pratyakṣa (Definition), Sannikarṣa, Classification of Pratyakṣa : Nirvikalpaka, Savikalpaka, Laukika, Alaukika
- F. Anumiti, Anumāna (Definition), vyāpti, parāmarśa, Classification of Anumāna: pūrvavat, śesavat, smānyatodṛṣṭa, kevalānvayī, kevalavyātirekī, anvayavyātirekī, svārthānumāna, parārthānumāna, Upamāna (definition), Śabda (definition),
- G. Vaiśeṣika System: Seven Padārthas, dravya, guṇa, karma, sāmānya, viśeṣa, samavāya, abhāva, Atomism.
- H. Different types of causes: samavayi, asamavayi and nimitta. Asatkāryavāda.

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 Madhyamika 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: Bidhubhushan 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: A brief outline
- b) Socrates: The problems and method of Socratic theory of Knowledge
- 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: The problems of Descartes, Cartesian method of doubt, Cogito ergo sum, Criterion of truth, Types of Ideas, Proofs for Existence of External World, Criticism on the Philosophy of Rene Descartes.
- 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, Innate ideas, Some Metaphysical Principles: Laws of identity of indiscernible, Law of sufficient reason, Law of continuity, The Doctrine of Pre-established Harmony, Best of all possible worlds.

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 Purusarthās – dharma, artha, kāma and mokṣa and their interrelation. Karma (Sakāma & Niṣkāma), Cārvāka 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: 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.
- g) Mill's methods of experimental inquiry.
- h) Differences between deductive and inductive logic, Problem of induction

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