The University of Burdwan



Syllabus for B.A. (Gen.)

in

Philosophy

Under Choice Based Credit System w.e.f. 2017-2018 onwards

THREE - YEAR B.A. PROGRAM IN PHILOSOPHY

(SIX-SEMESTER PATTERN)

(To be effective from the academic session 2017-2019)

[Structure] There will be six semesters in the Three-Year B.A. programme. Each Course, except Skill Enhancement Courses, is of 75 marks; of which 60 marks is for Semester-EndExamination (written) and 15 marks for Internal Assessment.

SkillEnhancement Course is of **50** marks; of which **40** marks is for Semester-End Examination (written) and **10** marks for Internal Assessment.

B.A. Programme in Philosophy: 1st Semester

Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	L - T - P	Credit	Marks
CC-1A	Indian Philosophy	Core Course	5 - 1 - 0	6	75

B.A. Programme in Philosophy: 2nd Semester

Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	L - T - P	Credit	Marks
CC-1B	Western Philosophy	Core Course	5 - 1 - 0	6	75

B.A. Programme in Philosophy: 3rd Semester

Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	L - T - P	Credit	Marks
CC-1C	Logic	Core Course	5 - 1 - 0	6	75
SEC-1	Philosophy in Practice	Skill Enhancement Course	2 - 0 - 0	2	50

B.A. Programme in Philosophy: 4th Semester

Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	L - T - P	Credit	Marks
CC-1D	Contemporary Indian Philosophy	Core Course	5 - 1 - 0	6	75
SEC- 2	Philosophy of Human Rights	Skill Enhancement Course	2 - 0 - 0	2	50

B.A. Programme in Philosophy: 5th Semester

Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	L - T - P	Credit	Marks
DSE- 1A	Philosophy of Religion	Discipline Specific Elective	5-1-0	6	75
GE- 1	Indian Philosophy	Interdisciplinary (Generic Elective)	5-1-0	6	75
SEC- 3	Philosophical Analysis	Skill Enhancement Course	2-0-0	2	50

$\textbf{B.A. Programme in Philosophy: } \textbf{6}^{th} \textbf{Semester}$

Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	L - T - P	Credit	Marks
DSE- 1B	Tarkasaṁgraha (saptapadārtha)	Discipline Specific Elective	5 - 1 - 0	6	75
GE- 2	Western Philosophy	Interdisciplinary (Generic Elective)	5 - 1 - 0	6	75
SEC- 4	Philosophy of Human Rights	Skill Enhancement Course	2 - 0 - 0	2	50

Semester-1

CC-1A	Indian Philosophy	Core Course	5 - 1 - 0	6	75
Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	L - T - P	Credit	Marks

Recommended Topics:

- 1. Introduction: General Features of Indian Philosophy
- 2. Cārvāka: (a) pratyakṣ a (perception) as the only Source of Knowledge (b) Refutation of anumāna (inference) and śabda (testimony) as Sources of Knowledge and (c) jaḍavāda and dehātma vāda
- **3. Jainism:** (a) anekāntavāda and (b) syādvāda and nayavāda
- **4. Buddhism:** (b) Four Noble Truths (b) pratītyasamutpā da (c) kṣaṇabhaṅga vāda and (d) nairātmya vāda
- **5.** Nyāya Vaiśe şika: (a) pramāṇa: pratyakṣa (perception), anumāna (inference), upamāna (comparison) and śabda (testimony) and (b)saptapadārtha (Seven Categories)
- **6.** Sāmkhya: (a) satkāryavāda (Theory of Causality) and (b) pariņāma vāda (Theory of Evolution)
- 7. Yoga: (a)cittavrttinirodha and (b) astā ngayoga
- **8. Mīmāṁsā**:(a)arthā patti and(b)anupalabdhi
- 8. Advaita Vedānta: Brahman, jīva and jagat

Recommended Texts:

- $\label{eq:substantial} \square S.\,C.\,Chatterjee\,\&\,D.\,M.\,Dutta: An Introduction to Indian Philosophy$
- □ C. D. Sharma: A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy
- □ Haridas Bandyaopadhyay: Bharatiya Darshaner Marmakatha

References:

- $\label{eq:J.N.Mohanti:ClassicalIndianPhilosophy} \\ \square J. \, N. \, Mohanti: Classical Indian Philosophy$
- □Niradbaran Chakraborty: Bharatiya Darshan
- □Karuna Bhattacharya: Nyaya-Vaishesika Darshan
- □Panchanan Shastri: Carvaka Darshan
- □Panchanan Shastri: Bauddha Darshan
- □Rajat Bhattacharya: Samkhyakarika OSamkhyatattvakaumudi
- □Deepak Kumar Bagchi: Bharatiya Darshan
- □Debabrata Sen: Bharatiya Darshan
- □ Pradyot Kumar Mandal: Bharatiya Darshan
- □Kanakprabha Bandyopadhyay: Samkhyapatanjaladarshan
- □ Tarakishor Sharma Choudhury: Patanjaladarshan
- □Gobindagopal Mukhopadhyay: Yoger Katha: Patanjalir Dristite
- □ Purnachandra Vedantachunchu: Patanjal Darshan

	Semester-2				
Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	L - T – P	Credit	Marks
CC-1B	Western Philosophy	Core Course	5 - 1 - 0	6	75

Recommended Topics:

1. Metaphysics: Nature of Metaphysics, Elimination of Metaphysics

2. Realism: Naive 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

Recommended Texts:

1. Falkenberg: History of Western Philosophy

2. Sibapada Chakraborty: General Philosophy

Reference:

• Sibapada Chakraborty: An Introduction to General Philosophy

• Ramchandra Pal: Darshan Parichaya

• Rama Prasad Das & Sibapada Chakraborty: Paschatya Darshaner Ruprekha

• Niradbaran Chakraborty: Paschatya Darshaner Bhumika

Semester-3

CC-1C	Logic	Core Course	5 - 1 - 0	6	75
Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	L - T – P	Credit	Marks

Recommended Topics:

1. **Basic Concept of Logic:** (a) Nature and Scope of Logic, (b) Sentence, Proposition and Statement and (c) Inference and Argument

2. Types of Argument : Deductive Argument and Inductive Argument

3. Opposition of Propositions

4. Immediate Inference: Conversion, Obversion and Contraposition

5. Categorical Syllogisms: Rules and Fallacies, Venn Diagram

6. Truth-functional Arguments

7. Science and Hypothesis

Recommended Texts: M. Copi, C. Cohen, P. Jetli & M. Prabhakar: Introduction to Logic (14th Edition) R. S. Agarwal: A Modern Approach to Logical Reasoning, Paperback, 2007 References: Bo Bennett:LogicalFallacious:TheUltimateCollectionofOver300LogicalFallacies(AcademicEdition) (This ebook is available in the downloadable formats: pdf (for reading on PC or MAC), epub (iPad, Nook, and moste-book readers), mobi(Amazon Kindle) Course Code Course Title L - T - PCredit Marks Course Type SEC-1 Philosophy in Practice **Skill Enhancement Course** 2 - 0 - 0 2 **50**

Recommended Topics:

- 1. Common and Differentiating Characteristics of Philosophy and darśana
- 2. Nature of Inquiry in Philosophy and darsana
- **3.** Outlines of the Types of Inquiry in Philosophy and darśana: (a) Epistemic Inquiry in Philosophy and darśana and (b) Metaphysical Inquiry in Philosophy and darśana
- **4. AfewModelWorld-viewsandCorrespondingPathsLeadingtoPerfection:** (a)Plato's view, (b) Kant's view, (c) Sāṁkhya view and (d) Advaita Vedānta View
- **5. Methods of Philosophi cal DisCourse (***kathā***):** (a) vāda, (b) jalpa, (c) vitaṇḍā, (d) chhala, (e) jāti and (f) nigrahasthāna

Recommended Texts:

- H.Cappelen: The Oxford Handbook of Philosophical Methodology, Oxford University Press, 2016
- B.K. Matilal: The Wordand The World, Oxford University Press, 2001
- Bimal Krishna Matilal: The Character of Logic in India
- Bertrand Russell: The Problems of Philosophy

References:

- Paul F. Kisak: Philosophical Methodology: the Methods of Philosophical Inquiry CSI Publishing Platform, 2016
 - E. V. Stubley: Philosophic as a Method of Inquiry
 - R. M. Keon: Philosophic Semantics and Philosophic Inquiry
 - The Methods of philosophyas the Methods of Inquiry(https://explicitblog.wordpress.com)
 - Plato: The Republic
 - G. E. Moore: Some Main Problems of Philosophy, New York
 - İśvarakrsna :Sāmkhyakārikā
 - Sadānanda Yogīndra: Vedāntasāra
 - Gautama : Nyāyas ūtra
 - Th. Stcherbatsky: Buddhist Logic, Vol.-I
 - B.K. Matilal: Perception, Oxford University Press, 1986

- D. M. Datta & S. C. Chatterjee: Introduction to Indian Philosophy
- C. D. Sharma: A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy
- Sibapada Chakraborty: An Introduction to General Philosophy
- Ramchandra Pal: Darshan Parichaya
- Rama Prasad Das & Sibapada Chakraborty: Pashcatya Darshaner Ruprekha
- Niradbaran Chakraborty: Pashcatya Darshaner Bhumika
- Phanibhushan Tarkabagish: Nyay Parichay

Semester-4

Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	L - T - P	Credit	Marks

Recommended Topics: 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, (b) Nature of Religion and (c) Surplus in man
- 2. **Swami Vivekananda:** (a)Practical Vedānta and (b) Universal Religion
- 3. **SriAurobindo:** (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
- 5. **Md. Iqbal**:(a) Nature of the Self, (b) Nature of the World, (c) Nature of God
- 6. **Mahatma Gandhi:** (a) God and Truth and (b) Ahimsa

Recommended Texts:

- B. K. Lal: Contemporary Indian Philosophy
- D. M. Dutta: Chief Currents of Contemporary Philosophy
- Binay Gopal Roy: Contemporary Indian Philosophers

References:

• The Complete Works of Swami Vivekananda (vol. II), Advaita Ashrama, Calcutta

ĺ	SEC- 2	Philosophy of Human Rights	Skill Enhancement Course	2 - 1 - 0	2	50
	Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	L - T - P	Credit	Marks

Recommended Topics:

- 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. Natural Right, Fundamental Right and Human Right
- 5. Preamble, Fundamental Rights and Duties (Indian Constitution)

Recommended Texts:

- 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.): The ories of Rights, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 1984

References:

- Ashwani Peetushand 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, 1980
- Gary, B. Herbert: Philosophical History of Human Rights, Transaction Publishers, New Jersey, 2002.
- Michael Freeden: Rights, Worldview Publications, New Delhi, 1998.
- 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,
- Benulal Dhar: The Philosophical Understanding of Human Rights, D. K. Print World, New Delhi, 2013.
- William A. Edmundson: An Introduction to Rights, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 2012.
- CarlWellman: The MoralDimensions of HumanRights, OxfordUniversityPress, Oxford, 2011.
- Benulal Dhar, Manavadhikar Ki Ebong Kena (Pragati Prakashak, Kolkata, 2016)
- J. K. Das: Human Rights Law and Practice, PHI Learning, 2016
- Durga Das Basu: Introduction to the Constitution of India, Lexis Nexis, 2016
- Justice Ruma Paul & M.P Jain: Indian Constitutional Law, Lexis Nexis, 2016
- L. K. Thakur, Comparative International Human Rights, Authors Press, Delhi, 2001

Semester-5

Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	L - T - P	Credit	Marks
DSE- 1A	Philosophy of Religion	Discipline Specific Elective	5 - 1 - 0	6	75

Recommended Topics:

- 1. **Nature and Scope of Philosophy of Religion:** (a) Religion, Dharma, Dhamma, (b) Philosophy of Religion, Comparative Religion and Theology
- 2. Anthropological and Freudien Theories concerning the Origin and Development of Religion
- 3. **Fundamental Features of Major Religions:** Hinduism, Christianity, Islam: Basic Tenets, Bondage and Liberation
- 4. **Arguments for the Existence of God:** (Indian and Western): Yoga Arguments, Cosmological Arguments, Teleological Arguments, Ontological Arguments

- 5. **Arguments against the Existence of God**: Sociological Arguments, Freudian Arguments
- 6. Monotheism, Polytheism, Henotheism

Recommended Texts:

- ☐ J. Hick: Philosophy of Religion
- D.B. Chatterjee: Studies in Comparative Religion
- ☐ Edward: Philosophy of Religion

References:

- ☐ Swami Vivekananda: A Study of Religion
- □ Kalidas Bhattacharyya: Alternative Religions
- □ Amlan Datta: Dharma O Yukti
- D. Mahanta: Dharma Darshaner Katipay Samasya
- 🗆 Kalyan Gupta & Amitava Chakraborty : Dharma Darsana
- ☐ M.M.Sharif: A History of Muslim Philosophy
- ☐ M. Fakhry: A History of Islamic Philosophy
- S.R. Saha (ed): Religions of the People of India
- $\ \square$ R. K. M. Institute of Culture : The Religion of the World
- □ Osman Ghani: Islamic Cinta O Chetanar Kramabikash (vol. 10)
- ☐ Hasan Ayub: Islami Darshan
- □ R. S. Franks: The Doctrine of Trinity
- ☐ K. N. Tiwari: Comparative Religion
- □ Pijush Kanti Ghosh: Dharma Darshan
- 🗆 N. Arabinda Basu and Nibedita Chakraborty: Dharma Darshan Parichaya
- ☐ A. Bandyopadhyay & K.C. Gupta: Dharma Darshan
- □ Susil Kumar Chakraborty : Dharma Darshan
- □ Samarendra Bhattacharya: Dharma Darshan

GE- 1	Indian Philosophy	Interdisciplinary (Generic Elective)	5 - 1 - 0	6	75
Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	L - T - P	Credit	Marks

Recommended Topics:

- 1. **Introduction:** General Features of Indian Philosophy
- 2. **Cārvāka:** (a)pratyakṣa (perception) as the only Source of Knowledge (b)Refutation of anumāna (inference) andśabda (testimony) as Sources of Knowledge and (c) jaḍa vāda and dehātma vāda
- 3. **Jainism:** (a) ane kānta vāda and (b) syādvāda and naya vāda
- 4. **Buddhism:** (a) Four Noble Truths (b) prafītyasamutpāda (b) kṣaṇabhaṅga vāda and (c) nairātmyavāda
- 5. **Nyāya—Vaiśeṣika:** pramāṇa: pratyakṣa (perception), anumāna (inference), upamāna (comparison) and śabda (testimony)

6. **Sāṁkhya:** Satkāryavāda (Theory of Causality)

7. **Yoga:** (a) cittavrttinirodha and(b)aṣṭāṅ gayoga

8. **Mīmāmsā:** (a) arthāpatti and (b) anupalabdhi

9. **Advaita Vedānta:** Brahman, jīva and jagat

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• Tarakishor Sharma Choudhury: Patanjaladarshan

• Gobinda gopal Mukhopadhyay: Yoger Katha: Patanjalir Drstite

• Purnachandra Vedanta Chunchu: Patanjal Darshan

• Purnachandra Vedanta Chunchu: Samkhyakarika

SEC- 3	Philosophical Analysis	Skill Enhancement Course	2 - 0 - 0	2	50
Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	L - T - P	Credit	Marks

Recommended Topics:

1. **Meaning:** (a) Word-meaning and Sentence-meaning, (b) Testability and Meaning

2. Concept and Truth

3. **Knowledge:** Nature and Source of Knowledge

Recommended Texts:

• Hospers: An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis

Semester- 6							
Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	L - T - P	Credit	Marks		
DSE-1B	Tarkasa mgraha with Dīpikā	Discipline Specific Elective	5 - 1 - 0	6	75		

Recommended Topics:

1. saptapadārtha

Recommended Text:

• Annambhatta: Tarkasamgraha with Dīpikā

Reference:

- Gopinath Bhattacharyya (ed. & tr.) Tarkasa mgrahadipikā on Tarkasa mgraha, Progressive Publishers, Calcutta
- Narayan Chandra Goswami: Tarkasa mgraha of Annambhatta (ed. & tr.)
- Anamika Roychoudhury: Tarkasa mgraha (ed. & tr.)

Course Code	Course Title	Course Type Intendiginaline W. (Conorio Flority)	L-1-I	Credit	Marks
GE- 2	Western Philosophy	Interdisciplinary (Generic Elective)	5 - 1 - 0	6	75

Recommended Topics:

- **1. Metaphysics**: Nature of Metaphysics, Elimination of Metaphysics
- 2. **Realism**: Naive 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

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- Ramchandra Pal: Darshan Parichaya
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- Niradbaran Chakraborty: Pashcatya Darshaner Bhumika

SEC-4	Ethics in Practice	Skill Enhancement Course	2 - 0 - 0	9	50
Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	L - T - P	Credit	Marks

Recommended Topics:

- 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* (Cārvāka and Āstika views)
- 6. Vedic Concepts : ṛta, yajña, ṛṇa
- 7. Concept of ahimsā in Yoga
- 8. Concept of niṣkāmakarma in Śrīmadbhagavadgīitā
- 9. Concept of pañcaśīla inBuddhism
- **10. Jaina Concepts**: pañcavrata—anuvrata and mahāvrata, and triratna

Recommended Texts:

- W. Frankena: Ethics
- Y. V. Satyanarayan: Ethics: Theory and Practice
- S. K. Maitra: Ethics of the Hindus
- C. Sharma: The Ethical Philosophy of India

References:

- W.Lillie: AnIntroduction to Ethics
- J.S.Mackenzie: AManual of Ethics
- P. B. Chatterjee: Principles of Ethics
- P. Singer: Practical Ethics
- Surama Dasgupta: Developments of Moral Philosophy in India
- K. N. Tewari: Classical Indian Ethical Thought
- S. Radhakrishnan: The Bhagavadgitā
- Ranchor Prime, (1994) Hinduism and Ecology, MLBD, Delhi
- Peter Harvey: Buddhist Ethics
- Hammalawa Saddhatissa, (2003) Buddhist Ethics, Wisdom pub, Boston
- K.P. Sinha: Studies in Jainism
- Dasgupta, Chatterjee & Chatterjee (ed), Rethinking Tagore's Views on Society, Development and Environment,
- Somnath Chakraborty: Nitividyar Tattvakatha
- Somnath Chakraborty: Kathay Karme Ethics

- MrinalKantiBhadra:Nitividya
- Dikshit Gupta: Nitishastra
- Sibapada Chakraborty: Nitividya
- Jagadish Chandra Ghosh: Bhagavadgītā
- Bharucha, E. (2003), Textbook for Environmental Studies, University Grants Commission, New Delhiand Bharati Vidyapeeth Institute of Environmental Education and Research, Pune. 361
- Arne Naess, (1983) "The Shallow and the Deep, Long-Range-Ecology Movement: A Summary" Philosophical Dialogues, Inquiry 16, Rowman and Littlefield, Lanham
- Aldo Leopold, (1993) The Land Ethic: Environmental Philosophy (eds. Michael E. Zimmerman et al) Prentice Hall
- Arne Naess, (1993) The Deep Ecological Movement: Some Philosophical Aspects (eds. Michael E. Zimmerman et al.) Prentice Hall

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