

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-End Examination (written) and 15 marks for Internal Assessment.

Skill Enhancement 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

B.A. Programme in Philosophy: 6th Semester

Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	L - T - P	Credit	Marks
DSE-1B	Tarkasamgraha (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

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

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) and śabda (testimony) as Sources of Knowledge and (c) jaḍavāda and dehātma vāda

3. Jainism: (a) anekānta vāda and (b) syādvāda and naya vāda

4. Buddhism: (b) Four Noble Truths (b) praṭīyasamutpāda (c) kṣaṇabhaṅga vāda and (d) nairātmya vāda

5. Nyāya – Vaiśeṣika: (a) pramāṇa: pratyakṣa (perception), anumāna (inference), upamāna (comparison) and śabda (testimony) and (b) sapta padārtha (Seven Categories)

6. Sāṃkhya: (a) saṅkhyavāda (Theory of Causality) and (b) pariṇāma vāda (Theory of Evolution)

7. Yoga : (a) cittavṛttinirodha and (b) aṣṭāṅgayoga

8. Mīmāṃsā: (a) arthāpatti and (b) anupalabdhi

8. Advaita Vedānta: Brahman, jīva and jagat

Recommended Texts :

□ S. C. Chatterjee & D. M. Dutta: An Introduction to Indian Philosophy

□ C. D. Sharma : A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy

□ Haridas Bandyopadhyay : Bharatiya Darshaner Marmakatha

References :

□ J. N. Mohanti : Classical Indian Philosophy

□ Niradbaran Chakraborty : Bharatiya Darshan

□ Karuna Bhattacharya : Nyaya-Vaisheshika Darshan

□ Panchanan Shastri : Carvaka Darshan

□ Panchanan Shastri : Bauddha Darshan

□ Rajat Bhattacharya : Samkhyakarika O Samkhyatattvakaumudi

□ Deepak Kumar Bagchi : Bharatiya Darshan

□ Debabrata Sen : Bharatiya Darshan

□ Pradyot Kumar Mandal : Bharatiya Darshan

□ Kanakprabha Bandyopadhyay : Samkhyapatjanjaladarshan

□ Tarakishor Sharma Choudhury : Patanjala darshan

□ Gobindagopal Mukhopadhyay : Yoger Katha : Patanjali Dristite

□ Purnachandra Vedantachunchu : Patanjala 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

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

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: Logical Fallacious: The Ultimate Collection of Over 300 Logical Fallacies (Academic Edition)
(This ebook is available in the downloadable formats: pdf (for reading on PC or MAC), epub (iPad, Nook, and most e-book readers), mobi (Amazon Kindle))

Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	L - T - P	Credit	Marks
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 *darśana***
- 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. A few Model World-views and Corresponding Paths Leading to Perfection:** (a) Plato's view, (b) Kant's view, (c) Sāṃkhya view and (d) Advaita Vedānta View
- 5. Methods of Philosophical 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 Word and The World, Oxford University Press, 2001
- Bimal Krishna Matilal: The Character of Logic in India
- Bertrand Russell: The Problems of Philosophy

References:

- Paul F. Kiskak: Philosophical Methodology: the Methods of Philosophical Inquiry CSIPublishingPlatform, 2016
- E. V. Stubbley: Philosophic as a Method of Inquiry
- R. M. Keon: Philosophic Semantics and Philosophic Inquiry
- The Methods of philosophy as the Methods of Inquiry (<https://explicitblog.wordpress.com>)
- Plato : The Republic
- G. E. Moore: Some Main Problems of Philosophy, New York
- Īśvarakṛṣṇa : Sāṃkhyakārikā
- Sadānanda Yogendra: Vedāntasāra
- Gautama : Nyāyasūtra
- 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
CC- 1D	Contemporary Indian Philosophy	Core Course	5 - 1 - 0	6	75

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. **Sri Aurobindo:** (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

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

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.): Theories 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 Freedon: 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.
- Carl Wellman: The Moral Dimensions of Human Rights, Oxford University Press, 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
- P. 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
- 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

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

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) and śabda (testimony) as Sources of Knowledge and (c) jaḍa vāda and dehātma vāda
3. **Jainism:** (a) anekānta vāda and (b) syādvāda and naya vāda
4. **Buddhism:** (a) Four Noble Truths (b) praṭīyasamutpāda (c) kṣaṇabhaṅga vāda and (c) nairātmya vāda
5. **Nyāya–Vaiśeṣika:** pramāṇa: pratyakṣa (perception), anumāna (inference), upamāna (comparison) and śabda (testimony)

6. **Sāṃkhya:** Satkāryavāda (Theory of Causality)
7. **Yoga :** (a) cittavṛttinirodha and (b) aṣṭāṅgayoga
8. **Mīmāṃsā :** (a) arthāpatti and (b) anupalabdhi
9. **Advaita Vedānta:** Brahman, jīva and jagat

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- Panchanan Shastri : Bauddha Darshan
- Rajat Bhattacharya : Samkhyakarika O Samkhyata tttvakumudi
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- Gobindagopal Mukhopadhyay : Yoger Katha : Patanjali r Drstite
- Purnachandra Vedanta Chunchu : Patanjala Darshan
- Purnachandra Vedanta Chunchu : Samkhyakarika

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SEC- 3	Philosophical Analysis	Skill Enhancement Course	2 - 0 - 0	2	50

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	<i>Tarkasaṁgraha with Dīpikā</i>	Discipline Specific Elective	5 - 1 - 0	6	75

Recommended Topics:

1. *saptapadārtha*

Recommended Text:

- Annaṁbhaṭṭa: Tarkasaṁgraha with Dīpikā

Reference:

- Gopinath Bhattacharyya (ed. & tr.) Tarkasaṁgrahadīpikā on Tarkasaṁgraha, Progressive Publishers, Calcutta
- Narayan Chandra Goswami: Tarkasaṁgraha of Annaṁbhata (ed. & tr.)
- Anamika Roychoudhury: Tarkasaṁgraha (ed. & tr.)

Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	L - T - P	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**
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- Niradbaran Chakraborty: Pashcatya Darshaner Bhumika

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SEC- 4	Ethics in Practice	Skill Enhancement Course	2 - 0 - 0	2	50
<p>Recommended Topics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <i>puruṣārtha</i> (Cārvāka and Āstika views) 6. Vedic Concepts : ṛta, yajña, ṛṇa 7. Concept of <i>ahiṃsā</i> in Yoga 8. Concept of <i>niṣkāmakarma</i> in Śrīmadbhagavadgītā 9. Concept of <i>pañcaśīla</i> in Buddhism 10. Jaina Concepts : pañcavrata—anuvrata and mahāvratā, and triratna <p>Recommended Texts :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W. Frankena: Ethics • Y. V. Satyanarayan: Ethics : Theory and Practice • S. K. Maitra : Ethics of the Hindus • C. Sharma : The Ethical Philosophy of India <p>References:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W. Lillie: An Introduction to Ethics • J. S. Mackerzie: A Manual 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 Bhagavadgītā • 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 : Nitividya Tattvakatha • Somnath Chakraborty : Kathay Karma Ethics 					

- Mrinal Kanti Bhadra: Nitividya
- Dikshit Gupta : Nitishastra
- Sibapada Chakraborty : Nitividya
- Jagadish Chandra Ghosh: Bhagavadgītā
- Bharucha, E. (2003), Textbook for Environmental Studies, University Grants Commission, New Delhi and 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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