

Syllabus for 2 Year M.Phil. in Philosophy
Department of Philosophy, Jadavpur University.
FM: 200

Semester 1:	MODULE I: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY	50
	MODULE II:OPTIONAL PAPERS	50
Semester 2:	MODULE III: OPTIONAL PAPERS	50
	MODULE IV: LITERATURE SURVEY	50
Semester 3 & 4:	DISSERTATION	

SEMESTER 1

MODULE I: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

GROUP A: Research Methodology (Western)

1. Research Methodology (General): Types, Methods, Techniques and Style Sheets.
2. Research Design, Types of Research and Philosophical World-Views (Qualitative, Quantitative and Mixed Approaches)
3. Methods of Philosophy: *Traditional* (Socratic dialogue, Hegelian dialectic, Husserlian Epoche, Cartesian Method of Doubt, Marxian Dialectic, Kantian Transcendental method etc.) and *Contemporary* (Radical Interpretation, Naturalism, Commonsense philosophising, analytical method, experimental philosophy, thought experiments etc.)
4. Meta-philosophy

Suggested Readings:

Research Methodology (Western)

1. Blaikie, Norman. 1993. *Approaches to Social Enquiry*. Cambridge: Polity Press (Blackwell Publishers Ltd.)
2. Creswell, John. W. 2011. *Research Design, Qualitative, Quantitative and Mixed Methods Approaches, 3rd Edition*. Sage Publications India Pvt. Ltd.
3. Daly, Chris.2010. *An Introduction to Philosophical Methods*. Broadview Press Ltd.
4. Kothari, C. R. and Garg, Gaurav. 2014. *Research Methodology, Methods and Techniques, 3rd Edition*, New Delhi: New Age International Publishers.
5. Papazoglou, Alexis ed. 2012. *The Pursuit of Philosophy: Some Cambridge Perspectives*. Blackwell Publishing (Wiley).
6. Ramachandran, T. P. 1984. *The Methodology of Research in Philosophy*. Madras: University of Madras.

7. Turabian, Kate, L. 1996. *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Thesis and Dissertations, 6th Edition*. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press. [2013, 8th Edition is available on Kindle]
8. Veit, Richard, Gould, Christopher and Gould Kathleen. 2014. *Writing, Reading and Research, Ninth Edition*. Stanford: Cengage Learning.
9. Williamson, Timothy. 2007. *The Philosophy of Philosophy*. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell.

GROUP B: Research Methodology (Indian)

Philosophical Discourse:

a. Indian traditional texts

- Mangalacarana
- Anubandha Catustaya
- Uddesa
- Laksana
- Pariksa

b. Contemporary Indian Texts: Comparative, Fusion, Analytical and others.

Suggested Readings:

Research Methodology (Indian)

Bhattacharya, G. N. 1989. *Essays in Analytic Philosophy*. Kolkata: Sanskrit Pustak Bhandar.

Dutta Sharma, Ratna. 2000. *Philosophical Discourse*. New Delhi: D K. Printworld.

Ganeri, Jonardon. 2009. *Philosophy in Classical India*. Motilal Banarsidass Publishers.

Maharsi Gautama, *Nyaya Sutra*.

Mahesa Candra Nyayaratna, *Navya Nyaya Bhasa Pradip*

Matilal, B. K. 1985. *Perception: An Essay on Classical Indian Theories of Knowledge*. Oxford: Clarendon Press.

Murthy, M. S. *Methodology in Indological Research*. N. Delhi: Bharatiya Vidya Prakashani.

Sharma, B. R. *Text Editing and Text Critical Study*. Kolkata: School of Vedic Studies, Rabindra Bharati University.

Vatsyanana, *Bhasya on Nyaya Sutra*.

Mukhopadhyay, P. K. *Nyaya Theory of Linguistic Performance*, CAS Project, Jadavpur University Publication.

MODULE II: OPTIONAL PAPERS

Any two optional papers chosen from a list of topics offered by the B.O.S. in Philosophy for that semester.

SEMESTER 2

MODULE III: OPTIONAL PAPERS

Any two optional papers chosen from a list of topics offered by the B.O.S. in Philosophy for that semester.

MODULE IV: LITERATURE SURVEY

A 5000 word essay based on literature survey on any philosophical topic is to be submitted. Presentation on the essay will be examined along with the written document by team of experts appointed by the B.O.S.

Marks: 30 for essay and 20 for presentation = 50

Suggested List of broad areas in Philosophy under which optional papers may be offered by teachers subject to the approval of the B.O.S. (Besides traditional philosophical areas from both Indian and Western Philosophy, emerging areas and interdisciplinary areas may also be considered for offering topics for optional papers)

1. Metaphysics
 2. Epistemology
 3. Ethics
 4. Logic/Philosophy of Logic
 5. Philosophy of Language
 6. Philosophy of Mind/Cognitive Science
 7. Philosophy of Science
 8. Philosophy of Religion
 9. Jurisprudence and Philosophy of Law
 10. Aesthetics/Philosophy of Art, Literature and Music
 11. Philosophy of History, Culture and Value
 12. Analytical Philosophy
 13. Continental Philosophy
 14. Social and Political Philosophy
 15. Feminist Philosophy
 16. Applied and Practical Philosophy
 17. Pragmatic Philosophy
 18. Experimental Philosophy
 19. Postmodernism
 20. Contemporary Indian and Western Philosophy and Philosophers
 21. Tribal Philosophy
- [This list is of suggestive nature and is not exhaustive. Other philosophical areas may be included subject to the approval of the B.O.S.]

SEMESTER 3 & 4

Dissertation and viva-voce examination under the guidance of a Supervisor appointed by the B.O.S.