

SYLLABUS FOR B.A. HONOURS

COURSE NO. PHIL/UG/1.1

Outlines of Indian Philosophy I

1. Nature of Indian Philosophy: Plurality as well as common concerns
2. Basic concepts of the Vedic and the Upanisadic world views: *Ṛta* (the cosmic order); the divine and the human realms; *Ātman*, *Brahman*, *Jīva*, *mukti*
3. *Cārvaka* School: its epistemology, metaphysics and ethics
4. Jainism: Concepts of *sat*, *dravya*, *guṇa*, *paryāya*, *jīva*, *ajīva*, *anekāntavāda*, *syādvāda* and *nayavāda*; *pramāṇas*
5. Buddhism: theory of Dependent Origination, doctrine of Momentariness; theory of No-Soul; the interpretation of these theories in the schools of Buddhism: *Vaibhāsika*, *Sautrāntika*, *Yogācāra*, *Mādhyamika*
6. Nyāya: Doctrine of *Pramāṇas*
7. Vaiśeṣika: Seven categories

Suggested Readings

- M. Hiriyanna: *Outlines of Indian Philosophy*, Motilal Banarasidass Publishers, fifth reprint edition 2014
- C.D Sharma: *A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy* Motilal Banarasidass Publishers, reprint edition 2013
- Datta & Chatterjee: *Introduction to Indian Philosophy*, Rupa Publication, 2010
- Madhavacarya: *Sarva Darsana Samgraha* (in Bengali), Sri Satguru publications, 2008
- Tarakchandra Ray, *Bharatiya Darshaner Itihas*, Gurudas Chattopadhyay and Sons, 1961
- Debabrata Sen, *Bharatiya Darsan*, Rajya Pustak Parshad, West Bengal State Book Board, 1985
- Debiprasad Chattopadhyaya, *Bharatiya Darsan*, National Book Agency Private Ltd., 2003
- Jadunath Sinha, *Outlines of Indian Philosophy*, Sinha Publishing House, 1963

COURSE NO. PHIL/UG/1.2
History of Western Philosophy I

1. Basic Concepts of Pre-Socratic Philosophy.
2. Plato: theory of Knowledge; knowledge (episteme) and opinion (doxa); theory of Forms; Soul; Idea of the God
3. Aristotle: critique of Plato's theory of Forms; theory of causation; categories; God
4. St. Thomas Aquinas: faith and reason, essence and existence, proofs for the existence of God
5. Descartes: method of doubt; cogito ergo sum; types of ideas, theory of substance (mind, matter, God)
6. Spinoza: substance, attributes and modes; the concept of God or Nature; pantheism
7. Leibniz: Monadology: doctrine of pre-established harmony; truths of reason and truths of fact; innateness of all ideas; principles of non-contradiction, sufficient reason and the identity of the indiscernibles

Suggested Readings

F Copleston: *A History of Philosophy*, Image, Reprint 1993
W.K Wright: *A History of Modern Philosophy*, Macmillan, 1941
S Korner: *Kant*, Penguin Books, 1955
W.T Stace: *A Critical History of Greek Philosophy*, 2014 (2nd ed)
Roger Scruton: *A History of Philosophy from Descartes to Wittgenstein*, Routledge, 2001
John Cottingham: *The Rationalists*, Oxford University Press, 1988
Falckenberg: *History of Modern Philosophy*, 2014 (2nd ed)
Rashbihary Das, *A Handbook of Kant's Critique of Pure Reason*, Progressive Publishers, 1977
C. D. Broad, *Kant*, Cambridge University Press, 1978
Thilly, *History of Western Philosophy*, New York Henry Holt & Co., 1941
Chandradoy Bhattacharyya, *Paschatya Darsan*, Vol. I & Vol.II, West Bengal State Book Board, 2002

COURSE NO. PHIL/UG/2.1
Outlines of Indian Philosophy II

1. Sāṃkhya- Satkāryavāda, Prakṛti: Its constituents, arguments for its existence, evolutes, Puruṣa- argument for its existence, plurality of Puruṣas, relation between puruṣa and prakṛti
2. Yoga-Yoga, citta and cittavṛtti, eight-fold path
3. Pūrva Mīmāṃsā: Pramā and Pramāṇa; Padārtha with special emphasis on śakti and sādrśya
4. Vedānta: Brahman, vivartavāda, pariṇāmavāda, māyā; jīva;

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Datta & Chatterjee: *Introduction to Indian Philosophy*, Rupa Publication, 2010
Madhavacarya: *Sarva Darsana Samgraha* (in Bengali), Sri Satguru Publications, 2008
Tarakchandra Ray, *Bharatiya Darshaner Itihas*, Gurudas Chattopadhyay and Sons, 1961
Debabrata Sen, *Bharatiya Darsan*, West Bengal State Book Board, 1985
Debiprasad Chattopadhyaya, *Bharatiya Darsan*, National Book Agency Private Ltd., 2003
Jadunath Sinha, *Indian Philosophy* (abridged version), Sinha Publishing House, 1963

COURSE NO. PHIL/UG/2.2
History of Western philosophy II

1. Locke: refutation of innate ideas; ideas and their classification; knowledge and its grades; substance; qualities: primary and secondary
2. Berkeley: rejection of abstract ideas; rejection of the distinction between primary and secondary qualities; immaterialism; esse est percipii; problem of solipsism
3. Hume: impressions and ideas; association of ideas; judgments concerning relation of ideas and judgments concerning matters of fact; causality; self and personal identity; skepticism
4. Kant: conception of critical philosophy; classification of judgments: analytic, synthetic, a priori, a posteriori; possibility of synthetic a priori judgment; the forms of sensibility; categories of understanding
5. Hegel: Spirit; dialectical method;

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W.K Wright: *A History of Modern Philosophy*, Macmillan, 1941
S Korner: *Kant*, Penguin Books, 1955
W.T Stace: *A Critical History of Greek Philosophy*, 2014 (2nd ed)
Roger Scruton: *A History of Philosophy from Descartes to Wittgenstein*, Routledge, 2001
John Cottingham: *The Rationalists*, Oxford University Press, 1988
Falckenberg: *History of Modern Philosophy*, 2014 (2nd ed) Progressive Publishers, 1960
Rashbihary Das, *A Handbook of Kant's Critique of Pure Reason*, Progressive Publishers, 1977
C. D. Broad, *Kant: An Introduction*, Cambridge University Press, 1978
Thilly, *History of Western Philosophy*, New York Henry Holt & Co., 1941
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PHIL/UG/2.3
LOGIC (Western) I

Group A

Propositional Logic

1. Truth functional connectives
2. Decision procedure
Truth table
Truth tree
3. Formal proof of validity involving 19 rules
4. Comparison of Symbolic logic with Aristotelian syllogistics

Group B

Inductive logic

1. Inductive argument : analogical argument- criterion of evaluation
2. Simple enumeration- criterion of evaluation
3. Mill's methods
4. Science and hypothesis
5. Probability

Suggested texts:

I.M. Copi and C. Cohen: *Introduction to Logic*, Pearson, 14th ed. 2010

Richard Jeffrey: *Formal Logic: It's Scope and limits*, Hackett Publishing Co. inc., 4th ed. 2006

John Kelly, *The Essence of Logic*, PHI, 1997

PHIL/UG/3.1

Metaphysics (Indian)

- Nyāya theory of *prameya* with special emphasis on self and *apavarga*
- Cause: definition and kinds, theories of causality
- Vedānta- Concept of Brahman and Jīva and their relation; Pañcikaraṇa, Mukti

Suggested Texts: 1. *Nyāya-sūtra and Vātsāyana Bhāṣya*, (Bengali trans. Phanibhusan Tarkavagisa), West Bengal State Book Board, 2000
(English Trans. Ganganath Jha)

2. *Tarkasaṁgraha with Dīpika* (Bengali Trans. Narayan Chandra Goswami) Sanskrita Pustak Bhandar, 2003
(English Trans. Gopinath Bhattacharyya) Progressive Publishers, 1983

3. *Vedāntasāra*, Sadananda Yogindra
(Eng. Trans. Swami Nikhilananda, Advaita Ashram, Almora 1931)

PHIL/UG/3.2

Metaphysics (Western)

Topic one and any three from the rest:

- Metaphysics: a) Nature b) type, c) possibility with special emphasis on Hume and Kant
- Self and Mind-Body Problem
- Space and time
- Causality
- Freedom and determinism
- Universal

Suggested Readings:

John Hospers: *An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis*, Pearson, 1996

Richard Taylor: *Metaphysics*, Prentice Hall, 4th edition 1996

Edwards & Pap (eds.): *A Modern Introduction to Philosophy*, Free Press, 1972

L. Pojman: *Introduction to Philosophy*, Oxford University Press, 4th edition, 1997

D.M Armstrong: *Universals: An Opinionated Introduction*, West View Press, 1989

Jammer, *Concepts of Space*, Harvard University Press, 1954

Poidevin, *Enigmas of Space and Time*, Pragmatics & Cognition, 2004

PHIL/UG/3.3
Ethics (Western)

GROUP- A

- Introduction: Definition and scope of ethics, Presuppositions and basic concepts of ethics
- Nature of Ethical Theory: Teleological ethics and Deontological ethics
- Kant's Moral Theory: A Brief Outline
- What is meta-ethics; Some meta-ethical issues : Subjectivism and objectivism, naturalistic fallacy
- Theories of punishment
- Basic Concepts of Virtue Ethics

GROUP-B

- J.S. Mill – *Utilitarianism* (select portions)

J.S. Mill – *Utilitarianism* Ed. Crisp Roger, Oxford University Press, 1998

Suggested Readings:

W. Frankena – *Ethics*, Pearson, 2nd edition, 1988

W. Lillie – *An Introduction to Ethics*, Barnes & Noble, 3rd edition, 1961

J. D. Mabbott -- *Introduction to Ethics*, Hutchinson University Library, 1974

J. Hospers – *Human Conduct*, Cengage Learning, 1995

Harry, J, Gensler-- *Ethics: A Contemporary Introduction (Routledge Contemporary Introduction to Philosophy)* New York: Routledge, 1998

Robin Attfield, *Ethics: An Overview*, Continuum Press, London, 2012

Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*, Translated by Crisp Roger, Cambridge University Press, 2000

Somnath Chakravarty, *Katha o Karne Nitividyā*, Paschim Banga Rajya Pustak Parsad, 2000

Dikshit Gupta, *Nitividyā*, Sarat Book House, Kolkata, 2002

PHIL/UG/4.1
Logic (Indian) I

- Theories of inference in Nyāya: definition, constituents, process and types;
- pakṣatā;
- parāmarśa;
- vyāpti and vyāptigrahopāya;
- hetvābhāsa

Texts:

Annambhatta: *Tarkasamgraha*, Sanskrita Pustak Bhandar, 1975 (select portions)

COURSE NO. PHIL/UG/4.2

Ethics (Indian)

Group- A

- Introduction: concerns and presuppositions
- *Puruṣārthas* and their inter-relations
- Concepts and doctrines: (a) *ṛta and satya*, (b) *ṛṇa and yajña*, (c) *yoga and kṣema*, (d) *karmayoga, svadharma, lokasaṃgraha, niṣkāmakarma*

Group-B

- Buddhist ethics (select portions of *Dhammapada*)
- Jaina ethics (select portions of *Tattvārthādhigamasūtra*)

Tirthanath Bandyopadhyay and Madhumita Chattopadhyay, (ed.) *Ethics: An Anthology* Allied Publishers Limited and Jadavpur University, Kolkata, 2002

S.K. Maitra, *Ethics of the Hindus*, Calcutta University Press, Calcutta, 1925

Tarak Chandra Ray, *Bharatiya Darśaner Itihās*, Gurudas Chattopadhyay and sons, 1960

Amita Chatterjee, *Bharatiya Dharmaniti*, Jadavpur University in association with Allied Publishers, 1998

Indrani sanyal & Ratna Dutta Sharma (eds.), *Dharmanīti o Śruti*, Jadavpur University in association with Mahabodhi Publishers, 2008

Dikshit Gupta, *Nitividyā*, Sarat Book House, 2002

Kedar Nath Tiwari, *Classical Indian Ethical Thought*, Motilal Banarasidass, second reprint, 2014

Saral Jhingran, *Aspects of Hindu Morality*, Motilal Banarasidass, 1999

Surama Dasgupta, *Development of Moral Philosophy in India*, Munshiram Manoharlal Publishers, 2nd edition, 1994

Nathmal Tantia, (tr.) *Tattvārtha sutra, That Which Is*, Motilal Banarsidass, Delhi, 2007

Tushar Kanti Sarkar, 'Some Aspects of Jaina Ethics', in *Ethics: An Anthology* Tirthanath Bandyopadhyay and Madhumita Chattopadhyay, (eds.) Allied Publishers Limited and Jadavpur University, Kolkata, 2002

Tushar Kanti Sarkar, 'Social Dimension of Jaina Thoughts', *Fusion of Horizons*, Krishna Roy (ed.) Allied Publishers Limited, New Delhi, 2000

COURSE NO. PHIL/UG/5.1
Epistemology (Indian)

- Basic Questions of Indian Epistemology
- Definition of *Pramā* and *Apramā* according to the following schools: *Nyāya*, *Bauddha*, *Jaina*, *Vedānta*
- Definition of *Pramāna* and their varieties in the above schools
- *Pramāṇa* and its resultant

Suggested Texts:

Nyāya Sutra with *Vātsyāyanabhāṣya*(select portion) Motilal Banarasidass, 1984

Bauddha Tarkabhāṣā (select portion) Asha Prakashan, 1985

Jaina Tarkabhāṣā (select portion) Motilal Banarasidass, 1973

Vedāntasāra (select portion) Sanskrita Pustak Bhandar, 1994

COURSE NO. PHIL/UG/5.2

Epistemology (Western)

- Knowledge: definition and kinds; different uses of the word 'know'; propositional and non-propositional knowledge; necessary and sufficient conditions of propositional knowledge; knowing how and knowing that; knowledge by acquaintance and knowledge by description
- Theories of Knowledge: rationalism, empiricism, Kantian theory
- Epistemic Theories of truth: correspondence; coherence; pragmatic

Suggested Readings:

Bertrand Russell: *The Problems of Philosophy*, Oxford University Press, 1986

A.D. Woozley: *Theory of Knowledge*, Hutchinson University library, 1965

Gilbert Ryle: *The Concept of Mind* (relevant chapters), University of Chicago press, 2000

W.H. Walsh: *Reason and Experience*, Gregg Revivals, 1991

D.W. Hamlyn: *Theory of Knowledge*, Palgrave Macmillan, 1971

A.J. Ayer: *The Problem of Knowledge*, Penguin Books, 1957

J. Dancy: *Introduction to Contemporary Epistemology*, Wiley Blackwell, 1991

R. Audi: *Epistemology*, Routledge, 1992

Phillips, Griffiths (ed): *Knowledge & Belief*, Oxford university press, 1968

Hospers: *An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis*, (1967/1971) (New Delhi, Allied Pub.)

Lemos, Noah: *An Introduction to the Theory of Knowledge* (Cambridge Introduction to Philosophy) New York: Cambridge University Press, 2007

Ramaprasad Das and Shivapada Chakravarty, *Darsāner Rūparekhā*, Pascimbanga Rajya Pustak Parsad, 2002

Samarendra Nath Bhattacharyya, *Dārṣanik Vislesaner Bhumika*, Book Syndicate Pvt. Ltd. 2010

COURSE NO. PHIL/UG/5.3

Psychology

- Psychology: definition, nature and scope; Methods of Psychology: experimental method and systematic observation
- Brain and its functions
- Theories of learning: Classical Conditioning, Operant Conditioning, Cognitive Learning Theory
- Memory: Three Stages: Organisation of Memory; Recalling; Forgetting

- Emotion: James Lange Theory, Schachter Singer- theory, Cannon-Bard theory
- Motivation & Conflict: Theories of motivation: Drive Reduction Theory, Arousal Theory, Incentive Theory, Opponent-Process Theory, Cognitive Theory, Maslow's Hierarchy; Different Types of Conflict
- Personality Theories: Freudian Psychoanalytic theory; Trait Theory, Rogerian Humanistic Theory;
- Unconscious Mind: Freudian view of the unconscious mental states; evidence for unconscious, Dream and dream mechanism

Suggested Readings:

C.T. Morgan et.al: *Introduction to Psychology*, Tata Mc Graw Hill, 2004

P.N. Bhattacharya: *A Textbook of Psychology*, vols, I & III, A. Mukherjee and Co. Pvt. Ltd., 2002

Baron: *Psychology*, Pearson, 2002

Feldman: *Understanding Psychology*, Mc Graw Hill, (Mc Graw Hill, Education India Pvt. Ltd.) 11th ed. 2012

COURSE NO. PHIL/UG/5.4
Social & Political Philosophy

- Nature and scope of social political philosophy
- Theories of the relation between individual and society; a) individualistic theory, b) organic; c) idealistic theory
- Liberalism, Socialism, Anarchism
- Democracy as an ideal
- Social and Political Tyranny
- Sources of Ancient Indian Political Thought
- Relation between Dharmasastra and Rajnitisastra
- Different Senses of the expression *Dharma* and Political Philosophy
- Different Theories about the Origin of State
- Origin of the Concept of Kingship

Suggested Readings:

- J. S. Mill, *On Liberty*, Henry Regnery, Chicago, 1955
- Steven M. Cahn (ed.) *Political Philosophy: The Essential Text*, OUP, 2005
- Gordan Graham: *Contemporary Social Philosophy*, Blackwell Publishers, 1988
- C.E.M. Joad: *Introduction to Political Philosophy*, Oxford University Press, 1953
- Karl Marx: *Selected Writings in Sociology and Social Philosophy* edited by Bottomore & Rubel, Penguin Books, Middlesex, 1982
- C.L. Wayper: *Political Thought*, English University press Ltd. 1954
- William T. Blackstone: *Political Philosophy: An Introduction*, Crowell, 1973
- Krishna Roy: *Political Philosophy: East and West*, CAS in philosophy, Jadavpur University in association with Allied publishers, 2000
- V.P. Varma: *Political Philosophy*, Laxmi Narayan Agarwal, Agra, 1970
- D.D. Raphael: *Problems of Political Philosophy*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2nd revised edition, 1990
- K. Roy & C. Gupta (Eds): *Essays in Social and Political Philosophy* ICPR in association with allied publishers, 1989
- Parimal Bhusan Kar, *Samajtattva*, Paschim Banga Rajya Siksa Parsad
- Ashoke Mukhopadhyay, *Bharatiya Rashtrachinta Paricaya*, Paschim Banga Rajya Pustak Parsad, 2013
- Mahasweta Choudhuri, *Samaj Darsaner Bhumika*, Paschim Banga Rajya Siksa Parisad,
- Visvanath Prasad Verma, *Studies in Hindu Political Thought and its Metaphysical Foundations*, Motilal Banarasidass, 1974
- Prajnaranjan Gupta, *Pracina Bharate Rajadharm*, Granthasamhita, 1971
- U.N. Ghoshal, *History of Indian Political Ideas*, OUP, 1959

COURSE NO. PHIL/UG/6.1
LOGIC(Western) II

Group A

1. Introduction of Quantifiers and Comparison of First order language using monadic predicates with Aristotelian syllogistics
2. Predicate logic (first order)
 - (a) Validity and invalidity of arguments involving monadic predicates
 - (b) Multiply general proposition

Group B

Set theory

Sets

Operations on sets

Venn diagrams

Logic of Diagrams (Shin Venn I) (preliminary)

Relation

Functions (preliminary)

Suggested texts:

I.M Copi : *Symbolic Logic*, Pearson, 5th edition, 1979

P. Suppes: *Introduction to logic*, Dover Publication Inc, 2003

Seymour Lipschutz : *Set theory and other related topics* , Schaum's Outlines, 2nd ed, 1998

Sun-Joo Shin, *Logical Status of Diagram* CUP, 1994

COURSE NO. PHIL/UG/6.2

Logic (Indian) II
Jaina Logic

- Theories of inference : definition, constituents, process and types;
- Discussion on *vyāpti*, *antaravyāpti*,
- *Hetvābhāsas* and other fallacies of inference
- Discussion on *Tarka*
- Discussion on *Naya*

Note: **This paper is completely text-based.**

Text:

Siddhasena Gani (ed)—*Nyāyavatāra*, Indian Research Society, 1909

COURSE NO. PHIL/UG/6.3

(Optional)

1. *Milindapañha*, Srimat Dharmadhar Mahasthabir(ed.), Mahabodhi Book Agency, 2005
2. *Kathopaniṣad*, Sitanath Goswami(ed.) Brahmachari Medhachaitanya, 1985
3. *Srimad Bhagavadgītā*, Madhusudan Saraswati, Nababharat Publishers, 1986
4. Plato: *Republic*, Translated by F. Conford, OUP, 1962
5. Descartes: *Meditations on First Philosophy: With Selections from the Objections and Replies*, Translated by John Cottingham, CUP, 1993
6. David Hume: *An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding*, Clarendon Press, 1951

COURSE NO. PHIL/UG/6.4
(Optional)

1. Rabindranath Tagore: *Sādhanā*, Macmillan, 1913
2. Bankim Chandra Chatterjee: *Dharmatattva*, (Bengali) *Bankim Rachanabali*, Dvitiya khanda, Sahitya Samsad, 2005. (English)
3. Sri Aurobindo: *The Foundations of Indian Culture*, Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry, Fourth edition, 1998
4. B. Russell: *The Problems of Philosophy*, OUP, 1980
5. J.L.Austin, *How to do Things with Words*, OUP, 1984
6. Gilbert Ryle: *The Concept of Mind* University of Chicago press, 2000