



WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

SYLLABUS FOR
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Finalised by the UG BOS, Philosophy, WBSU, in the BOS Meeting held on 18.07.2025 following the guidelines of UGC, the guidelines suggested by the University and the observations and suggestions of the teachers from UG Colleges affiliated to WBSU. This Curriculum for Philosophy will effect from the academic session 2023-24.

SEMESTER–I

PHIDSC101T: History of Western Philosophy–I

1. **Plato and Aristotle:** **10 Lectures**
Plato's Theory of knowledge (*Episteme*) and Opinion (*Doxa*)
Plato's theory of Idea and its refutation by Aristotle
Aristotle: Form and Matter
2. **Medieval Philosophy** **10 Lectures**
Reason, Faith (In brief), God---Augustine, Aquinas
3. **Descartes, Spinoza, Leibnitz** **40 Lectures**
Descartes---Method of Doubt, *Cogito*, Different Types of Ideas, Criterion of Truth, Theory of knowledge, Theory of Substance.
Spinoza---Substance, Attributes and Modes, Existence of God, Pantheism, Theory of knowledge
Leibnitz---Innate Idea, Monad, Truths of Reason, Truths of Fact, Pre-established Harmony

TEXT:

F. Copleston, *A History of Philosophy*, vols. I to IV

Suggested Readings:

P. Edwards, *Encyclopedia of Philosophy*.
B. Russell, *History of Western Philosophy*.
R. Falckenberg, *History of Modern Philosophy*.
F. Thilly, *A History of Philosophy*.
W. K. Wright, *History of Modern Philosophy*.
Bernard Williams, *Descartes*
S. Hampshire, *Spinoza*
G. Pitcher, *Berkeley*
N. Reacher, *Leibnitz: An Introduction to his Philosophy*
Samarendra Bhattacharya, *Paschatya Darsaner Itihas*
Susanta Chakraborty, *Paschatya Darsaner Itihas*
Aminul Islam, *Prachin o Madhyajuger Itihas*[Sikha Prakasani,Dhaka]
Hasan Azizul Haque, *Socrates* [Anustup, Kolkata]

PHICOR101T/PHIMIN101T: Epistemology, Metaphysics and Ethics:
Indian Perspective

1. i. **Cāravāka Epistemology:** Perception as the only source of knowledge, Rejection of Inference and Testimony as sources of knowledge **4 Lectures**

ii. **Cāravāka Metaphysics:**

Causality- *Ākasmikatāvāda*, *Būtachaitanyāvāda* **4 Lectures**

2. Nyāya Epistemology: **16 Lectures**

Pramāṇa: Definition & Classification

Pratyakṣa: *Lakṣaṇa*, Classifications: Determinate (*Savikalpaka*) and Indeterminate (*Nirvikalpaka*), *Lokika*, *alaukika*; Classification of *alaukika*

Six types of *laukikasannikarṣa*

Anumāna: *Lakṣaṇa*, *Vyāpti*, *Parāmarśa*, *Svārthānumiti* and *Parārthānumiti*

Upamāna and *Śabda* (in brief)

3. Vaiśeṣika Metaphysics: **16 Lectures**

Seven categories: *Dravya*, *Guṇa*, *Karma* (in brief)

Sāmānya. *Viśeṣa*, *Samavāya* and *Abhāva* (in detail)

4. Advaita Metaphysics: **12 Lectures**

Nature of Brahman, *Māyā*, *Jagat*, Relation between *Brahman* and *Jīva*

5. Indian Ethics: **8 Lectures**

Concept of *dharma*: *sādhāranadharmā* & *viśeṣadharmā*, Concept of *puruṣārtha*

Suggested Readings:

Phalguni Mukhopadhyaya, *Bharatiya Darsana (Pramana O Prameya)*

Karuna Bhattacharya, *Nyaya-Vaisesika Darsana*

C.D. Sharma, *A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy*

D.M. Dutta and Chatterjee, *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy*

Tapan Kumar Chakraborty, *Darsan Samiksa*, Sanakrit Putak Bhander

Sabita Samanta, *A Critical Survey of Manas in Indian Philosophy*.

Indrani Sanyal, Gargi Goswami, *Bharatiya Dharmaniti : Tathya o tattva*, Paschimbanga Rajya Pustak Parsad

PHIHMD10IT: Ethics-Indian and Western

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| 1. Introduction, Difference between Indian Ethics and Western Ethics | 10 Lectures |
| <i>Puruṣārthas</i> : General view and their Inter-Relations
<i>Karma</i> : <i>nitya</i> , <i>naimittik</i> , <i>kāmya</i> , <i>sakāma</i> , <i>niṣkāma</i> , | |
| 2. Cārvāka Ethics | 4 Lectures |
| 3. Buddhist Ethics : The Four Noble Truths, Eight-fold Path, <i>pañcaśīla</i> | 4 Lectures |
| 4. Jaina Ethics : <i>Anuvrata</i> , <i>Mahāvratā</i> | 4 Lectures |
| 5. Moral and Non-moral actions, Concept and object of Moral Judgment | 2 Lectures |
| 6. Theories of Punishment | 6 Lectures |

Suggested Readings:

S.K. Moitra, *The Ethics of the Hindus*.

Dr. Dikshit Gupta, *Nittvidya O Monovidya*

Dr. Sanjib Ghosh, *Monovijnana O Nitavijana*

Dipak Kr. Bagchi, *Bharatiya Nitividya*

Amita Chatterjee[Edited]: *Bharatiya Dharmaniti*

Sarbani Banerjee (Sampadana), Prasanga Purusartha, Rabindrabharati University

Indrani Sanyal, Gargi Goswami, *Bharatiya Dharmaniti : Tathya o tattva*, Paschimbanga Rajya Pustak Parsad

Aditi Dasgupta, Darshanik Parikromay Somaj Rastra O Bharater Samajik Dhormoniti, Paschimbanga Rajya Pustak Parsad

PHIHSE101M: Media Ethics

Definition of Media Ethics, Roles and Impact of Media on Society, Media and Democracy, Functions and Ethical Responsibilities of Media **30 Lectures**

Suggested Readings

Durgadas Basu, *Media Laws and Ethics*, Wardha Publication, Mumbai, 2001 [Reprinted edition]

Mukul Guha and Snehasis Sur [ed.]: *The Fourth Estate through Past, Present and Future*, Press Club Kolkata.

NDTV, More News is Good News, Harper Collins.

SEMESTER-II

PHIDSC202T: History of Indian Philosophy-I

1. Nāstika Schools:

i. Cārvāka:

10 Lectures

Epistemology: Perception as the only source of knowledge, Rejection of Inference and Testimony as sources of knowledge

Metaphysics: Causality- *Ākasmikatāvāda*, *Būtachaitanyavāda*.

ii. Bauddha:

10 Lectures

Four noble truths, *pratītyasamutpāḍavāda*, *kṣaṇabhaṅgavāda*, *nairātmyavāda*,

Basic tenets of four *Bauddha* schools (in brief)

iii. Jaina:

10 Lectures

Concepts of *jīva*, *ajīva*, *dravya*, *guṇa*, *paryāya*, *anekāntavāda*, *syādvāda*

2. Āstika Schools:

i. Nyāya:

15 Lectures

Pramāṇa: Definition & Classification

Pratyakṣa: Definition, Classification: *nirvikalpaka*, *savikalpaka*, *pratyavijñā*, *laukika* & *alaukika*

Anumāna: Definition, *pakṣa*, *sādhya*, *hetu*, *vyāpti*, *vyāptigrahopāya*, *sāsthānumāna* and *parāsthānumāna*

Upamāna pramāṇa and *Śabda pramāṇa* (in brief)

ii. Vaiśeṣika:

15 Lectures

Padārtha: Definition & Classification

Dravya, *guṇa*, *karma* (in brief),

Sāmānya. *viśeṣa*, *samavāya* and *abhāva*. (in detail)

Paramāṇuvāda

TEXTS:

Hiriyana, *Outlines of Indian Philosophy*

Dipak Kumar Bagchi, *Bharatiya Darsan*

Suggested Readings

C.D. Sharma, *A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy*

D.M. Dutta, *Six Ways of Knowing*

D.M.Dutta and Chatterjee, *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy*
 Debabrata Sen, *Bharatiya Darsan*
 Debiprasad Chattopadhyaya, *Lokayata Darsan*
 Dinesh Chandra Bhattacharya Shastri, *Sadadarsana:Yoga*
 J.N. Mohanty, *Classical Indian Philosophy*
 Kanak Prabha Bandyopadhyaya, *Sankhya Patanjali Darsana*
 Karuna Bhattacharya, *Nyaya Vaisesika Darsan.*
 Panchanan Shastri, *Carvaka Darsan.*
 Prodyot Kumar Mondal, *Bharatiya Darsan.*
 Roma Choudhury, *Vedanta Darsan*
 S.C. Chatterjee, *Nyaya Theory of Knowledge.*
 S.N. Dasgupta, *History of Indian Philosophy.*
 S. Radhakrishnan, *Indian Philosophy (Vol. I and II)*
 Sadananda Bhaduri, *Nyaya-Vaisesika Metaphysics.*
 Samarendra Bhattacharya, *Bharatiya Darsan.*
 Sukhamoy Bhattacharya, *Purvamimamsa Darsan.*
 Sukomal Choudhury, *Goutam Buddher Dharma Darsan*
 T. R.V. Murti, *Central Philosophy of Buddhism*
 Aditya Kumar Mohanty, *Concepts and issues in Indian Philosophy* (Utkal Studies in Philosophy)
 S.K.Moitra, *Fundamental questions of Indian Metaphysics and Logic*
 Anil Kumar Roychowdhury, *Doctrine of Maya*
 Bijan Bihari Karpurokayastha, *Baratiya darsane nirisvarvad*
 Jogiraj Basu, *Veder Parichoy*
 Debiprasad Chattyopadhyay, *Bharatiya Darsan*
 Dakshinaranjan Shastri, *Carvaka Darsan*
 Kalikrishna Bhattacharya, *Nyayatattva Parikrama*

PHIMIN202T/PHICOR202T:
Epistemology, Metaphysics and Ethics: Western Perspective

1. **Theories of the origin of knowledge:** Rationalism, Empiricism and Kant's Critical Theory

12 Lectures

2. Realism

10 Lectures

i. General Introduction

- ii. Naive Realism, Locke's Representationalism

3. Idealism:

8 Lectures

Subjective Idealism: Berkeley's refutation of the distinction between Primary and Secondary qualities

4. Substance: Empiricist and Rationalist view of Substance

12 Lectures

5. Causality: Entailment theory, Regularity Theory.

12 Lectures

6. Moral and Non-moral actions, Concept and object of Moral Judgment

6 Lectures

Suggested Readings:

Mitra, Chatterjee o Sarkar, *Manodarsan Sarirbod O Tar Bikalpo*

Phalguni Mukhopadhyaya, *Bhartiya O Paschatya (Jnanavidya-Adhividya)*.

Samarendra Bhattacharya, *Snatak Darsana* - [3 Parts]

Samarendra Bhattacharya, *Paschatya Darsana*

John Hospers, *In Introduction to Philosophical Analysis*

Mrinalkanti Bhadra, *Nitividya*

Somnath Chakraborty-*Nitividya*

Samarendra Bhattacharya-*Nitividya*

PHIHSE202M: Business Ethics:

Definition of Business Ethics; Environmental Ethics related to business, advertising Ethics related to business

30 Lectures

Suggested Readings

Debasish Guha, *Practical and Professional Ethics*, Vol.5 Economic and Business Ethics

Concept Publishing Company, New Delhi, 2007

Manuel G. Velasquez, *Business Ethics: Concepts and Cases*, Sixth Edition

SEMESTER-III

PHIDSC303T: Western Logic-I

1. Basic concepts---Propositions, Propositional form, Argument and Argument form, Truth functional connectives, Truth and Validity **5 Lectures**

2 An overview of the Three Traditional Laws of Thought, Existential Import of proposition, Boolean interpretation of Categorical Propositions and consequences, Syllogism, Venn Diagram **10 Lectures**

3. Propositional Logic: **45 Lectures**

i) The Method of Truth Table and Truth Tree as decision procedures:

a. Statement forms and Statements---Tautologous, Contradictory and Contingent by Truth Table and Truth Tree method;

b. Consistency by Truth Tree method

c. Validity determination by Truth Table method and Truth Tree method

ii) Method of Deduction ---Construction of formal proof of validity by using 19 Rules

iii) Invalidity by Truth Value Assignment method.

Text:

I. M. Copi, *Introduction to Logic*

R. Jeffery, *Formal Logic: Its Scope and Limits*

Mill, *A System of Logic*

Suggested Readings:

Ramaprasad Das and Subir Ranjan Bhattacharya, *Samsad Yuktivijnana Abhidhan*

Samir Chakraborty, *Yukti Vijnaner Bhumika*

Sukla Chakraborty, *Tarka Vijnana*

PHIMIN303T/PHICOR303T: Fundamentals of Logic

1. Basic concepts: Proposition, Categorical Proposition, Quality, Quantity of categorical Propositions, argument, truth, validity **5 Lectures**

2. Distribution of terms, Traditional Square of Oppositions, Conversion, Obversion and Contraposition

Categorical Proposition: Existential Import of Propositions, Boolean Interpretation of Categorical Propositions **10 Lectures**

3. Categorical syllogism: Figure, Mood, Rules for Validity, Testing the validity of arguments by Venn diagram **20 Lectures**

4. Symbolic Logic: The value of special Symbols for Conjunction, Negation, Disjunction, Implication, Equivalence, Tautology, Contradiction and Contingency **10 Lectures**

5. Truth Table: Truth-table Method for Testing Arguments **5 Lectures**

6. Inductive Logic: Mill's methods of Experimental Inquiry.

10 Lectures

Recommended Text:

I.M.Copi. *Introduction to Logic*

Suggested Readings:

Samir Kumar Chakraborty, *Tarkasastra-Bharatiya O Paschatya*

Samarendra Bhattacharya, *Snatok Darsana-I*

Phalguni Mukhapadhyaya, *Bharatiyanyaya O Pascharya Yukivijana*

SEMESTER IV

PHIDSC404T: Western Logic-II

1. The Rule of Conditional Proof (C.P.) [without using the Strengthen Rule of C.P.]
and The Rule of Indirect Proof (I.P.) **10 Lectures**

2. Quantification: **30 Lectures**

Need for Quantification Theory, Singular Propositions, Quantifiers, Translating Traditional Subject-Predicate Proposition into Logical Notation of Propositional Function and Quantifier, Predicate and Predicate functions, Individual Constant and Individual Variable, Quantification Rules and Proving Validity, Proving Invalidity for Arguments Involving Quantifiers.

3 Induction: Mill's Method and Copi's Criticism **8 Lectures**

4. Criteria of Scientific Hypothesis **2 Lectures**

5. Probability: Alternative Conceptions of Probability, the Probability Calculus, Joint Occurrences and Alternative Occurrences. **10 Lectures**

Text

I. M. Copi, *Introduction to Logic*

I.M. Copi, *Symbolic Logic*

Jettery, *Formal Logic*

Mill, *A System of Logic*

References

Ramaprasad Das and Subir Ranjan Bhattacharya, *Samsad Yuktivijnana Abhidhan*

Samir Chakraborty, *Yukti Vijnaner Bhumika*

Sakla Chakraborty, *Tarka Vijnana*

PHIDSC405T: Western Ethics

1. Ethics and morality: Meaning and Distinction; Moral actions, Non-moral actions and immoral actions; Object of moral judgement. **5 Lectures**

2 Basic Concepts: Normative Ethics, Meta-ethics and Applied-ethics **5 Lectures**

3. Teleologism-Hedonism, Utilitarianism and its different types (with special reference to Mill and Bentham) ---Act, Rule (basic concepts only) **20 Lectures**

4. Deontologism (with special reference to Kant): Good-will, Relation between good-will and duty, Categorical Imperative, Duty for Duty's sake, Kingdom of Ends **20 Lectures**

5. Theories of Punishment **10 Lectures**

Suggested Readings:

W. Frankena-*Ethics*

W. Lillie-*An Introduction to Ethics*

Fred Feldman, *Introductory Ethics*

Dikshit Gupta- *Nitisastra*

Samarendra Bhattacharya-*Nitividya*

Somnath Chakraborty-*Nitividya*

Shekh Abdul Wahab-*Binsho Satabdir Nitidarsan*

Sekh Abdul Wahab, *Kanter Nitidarsan*, Dhaka University Publication

Arabinda Basu, *Frankenar Niti Darsan*

Mrinalkanti Bhadra, *Nitividya*

PHIDSC406T: Social and Political Philosophy-Western

1 Basic concept: Social Philosophy and Political Philosophy

Society, Community, Association, Institution, Caste, Class and Social groups **20 Lectures**

2. Social Change:

The Marxist view and the Gandhian view

5 Lectures

3. Family:

10 Lectures

i. The Marxist interpretation of Family

ii Sex gender division, Patriarchy and the Feminist interpretation of Family

4. Democracy and its different forms (Direct, Indirect, Parliamentary and Presidential)

10 Lectures

5. Socialism and its varieties:

10 Lectures

Utopian, Democratic, Scientific

6. Separation of Power:

Three wings of the Government-Legislature, Executive and Judiciary (with special reference to Montesquieu)

5 Lectures

Recommended Books:

MacIver and Page, *Society: An Introductory Analysis*

Pritibhusan Chanopadhyaya, *Samaj Darsana Dipika*

Frederick Engels, *Origin of the Family, Private Property and the State*

Frederick Engels, *Parivar, Byaktigata Malikana O Rashtre Utpatti* (Bengali Translation)

Shefali Moitra, *Naitikata O Naribad*

August Babel, *Women in the Past, Present and Future*

Humayun Azad, *Dvitiyo Lingo*

Basabi Chakraborti (ed.), *Prasanga Manabividyā*

August Babel, *Nari: Atit, Bartaman Bhabishyat* (Bengali Translation by Kanak

Mukhopadhyaya)

Satyabrata Chakraborty, *Bharater Rashtra Bhabana*

Aditi Dasgupta, *Family: Maladies and Melodies*

Anup Chand Kapur, *Select Constitution*

GA Almond, GB Powell, K, Strom, RJ Dalton [ed.]: *Comparative Politics today: A World View*.

S. N. Ray, *Modern Comparative Politics: Approaches, Methods and Issues*
 Dipita Majumdar, *Tulanamulak Rajniti O Sasonbyabostha*
 Nimai Pramanik, *Nirbachita Shasonbyabostha o Rajnitir Rooprekha*

Further Readings:

Susan Moller Okin, *Justice, Gender and the Family*
 Amal Kr Mukhopadhyaya, (translated by Arun Kr. Roy Choudhury) *Pascatya Rastra cintar Dhara-Plato theke Marx*
 VI Lenin, *The State*.
 Parimal Bhusan Kar, *Samaj Tttva*
 Sudarshan Ray Chaudhury, *Rashtra*
 Frederick Engels, *Principles of Communism*
 Frederick Engels, *Communism-er mulniti*
 Gurudas Bandhyopadhyay, *Sarvodaya Andoloner Itihaas*
 Aditi Dasgupta, *Darshanik Parikromay Somaj Rastra O Bharater Samajik Dhormoniti*,
 Paschimbanga Rajya Pustak Parsad

PHIDSC407T: Psychology

1. **Psychology:** Nature and Scope, Psychology as science, Methods of Psychology – Introspection, Extrospection and Experimental **12 Lectures**
2. **Sensation and Perception:** **10 Lectures**
 Sensation Attributes of Sensation
 Perception, The relation between Sensation and Perception
 The Gestalt Theory of Perception
3. **Theories of Learning:** Thorndike's Trial and Error Theory, Pavlov's Conditioned Response Theory, Gestalt Theory. **10 Lectures**
4. **Memory and Forgetfulness:**
 Memory, Factors of Memory, Laws of Association, Forgetfulness and its Causes **10 Lectures**
5. **Intelligence:**
 Intelligence, Measurement of Intelligence, Binet-Simon Test **3 Lectures**
6. **Consciousness** – Conscious, Subconscious, Unconscious, its evidences; Id, Ego, Super Ego, Freud's Dream Theory **12 Lectures**
7. **Personality** – Personality, Impact of Heredity and Environment upon Personality. **3 Lectures**

Suggested Texts

J. Margolis - *Philosophy of Psychology* [Indian edition]
 Morgan, King and others, *Introduction to Psychology*.
 Paresnath Bhattacharya, *Monovidya*
 Pritibhusan Chattopadhyaya, *Monovidya*

Nihar Ranjan Sarkar, *Monovijnan o Jibon* (Jnankosh Prakasani, Dhaka).
 Ira Sengupta, *Manovidya*.
 Madhabendranath Mitra & Pushpa Misra, *Manasamikhshaner rooprekha*
 Madhabendranath Mitra, Amita Chatterjee, Proyash Sarkar, *Manodarsan* [JU Publication)
 Dr. Mainak Pal, Paschatya Manovidya, Paschimbanga Rajya Pustak Parsad

PHICOR404T: Ethics: Indian & Western

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| 1. Introduction , Difference between Indian Ethics and Western Ethics | 2 lectures |
| 2. Karma : <i>nitya, naimittik, kāmya, sakāma, niṣkāma</i> | 4 lectures |
| 3. Cārvāka Ethics | 4lectures |
| 4. Buddhist Ethics : The Four Noble Truths and the Eight-fold Path, <i>Pañcaśīla</i> | 5 lectures |
| 5. Jaina Ethics : <i>Anuvrata, Mahavrata</i> . | 4 lectures |
| 6. Standards of Morality: | |
| i. Teleological Ethics- Hedonism-Psychological & Ethical; Ethical-Egoism and Utilitarianism [Bentham & Mill]. | 20 lectures |
| ii. Deontological Ethics -Kant | 15 lectures |
| Good will, Categorical Imperative, Duty for Duty's sake | |
| 7. Theories of Punishment | 6 lectures |
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Suggested Readings:

S.K. Moitra, *The Ethics of the Hindus*.
 Dr. Dikshit Gupta, *Nitividya O Monovidya*.
 Dr. Dikshit Gupta, *Nitisastra*
 Dr. Sanjib Ghosh, *Monovijnana O Nitavijnana* .
 Samarendra Bhattacharyya, *Nitividya*.
 Dipak Kr. Bagchi, *Bharatiya Nitividya*
 Amita Chatterjee [Edited]: *Bharatiya Dharmaniti*
 Samarendra Bhattacharya-*Nitividya*
 Somnath Chakraborty-*Nitividya*
 Shekh Abdul Wahab-*Binsho Satabdir Nitidarsan*
 Sekh Abdul Wahab, *Kanter Nitidarsan*, Dhaka University Publication
 Arabinda Basu, *Frankenar Niti Darsan*
 Mrinalkanti Bhadra, *Nitividya*

SEMESTER-V
PHIDSC508T: History of Western Philosophy-II

1. Empiricism:

40Lectures

Locke—Ideas and their classifications, Refutation of Innate Ideas, Substance, Locke's representative Realism, Primary and Secondary Qualities, Theory of Knowledge.

Berkeley—Rejection of Abstract Ideas, Rejection of the distinction between Primary and Secondary Qualities, *esse est percipi*, Subjective Idealism

Hume—Impression and Ideas, Association of Ideas, Self

2. Critical Theory:

20Lectures

Kant:

Conception of Critical Philosophy, Possibility of Metaphysics, Copernican Revolution, Distinction between *a priori* and *a posteriori*, Distinction between Analytic and Synthetic Judgement, Possibility of Synthetic *a priori* Judgement, Space and Time, Transcendental Idealism, Noumena and Phenomena.

Suggested Readings:

- P. Edwards, *Encyclopedia of Philosophy*.
B. Russell, *History of Western Philosophy*.
R. Falckenberg, *History of Modern Philosophy*.
F. Thilly, *A History of Philosophy*.
W. K. Wright, *History of Modern Philosophy*.
J. Locke, *An Essay Concerning Human Understanding*.
C. R. Morris, *Locke, Berkeley and Hume*.
T. E. Jessop and A. R. Luce (ed.), *The Works of George Berkeley*.
D. M. Dutta, *Chief Currents of Contemporary Philosophy*.
David Hume, *An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding*.
Immanuel Kant, N. K. Smith (tr. and ed.), *Critique of Pure Reason*.
H. J. Paton, *Kant's Metaphysics of Experience*.
Rasvihari Das, *A Handbook of Kant's Critique of Pure Reason*.
R. Scruton, *A History of Philosophy from Descartes to Wittgenstein*.
N. B. Chakraborty, *Paschatya Darsaner Itihas* (Locke, Berkeley, Hume).
Chandrodaya Bhattacharya (Part- I & II), *Paschatya Darsaner Itihas*.
Ramaprasad Das, *Hume-er enquiry*.
Rasvihari Das, *Kant-er Darsan*.
Sandhya Basu, *Kanter Darsan* [Kamala Prakasani].
Taffajol Hossain, *Immanuel Kant-er Pratham Critique*.

PHIDSC509T: History of Indian Philosophy-II

1. Saṅkhya:

15 Lectures

Duḥkhatraya, Satkāryavāda as opposed to *Asatkāryavāda*, Arguments in favour of *SaṅkhyaSatkāryavāda, Prakṛti*- Its Constituents and Evolutes, Arguments for the existence of *Prakṛti, Puruṣa*-Arguments for its existence, Plurality of *Puruṣa*, Liberation.

2. Yoga:

15Lectures

Citta, Cittabhūmi, Cittavṛtti, Cittavṛtti -nirodha, Aṣṭāṅgayoga, Concept of *Īśvara*

3. Mīmāṃsā:

5Lectures

Pramāṇas in brief and *Arthāpatti* and *Anupalabdhi* in detail. (*Prābhākara* and *Bhāṭṭa* view).

4. Vedānta:

i) Kevalādvaitavāda:

15Lectures

Sattvātraividhyavāda, Vivartavāda, Brahman, Relation of *Brahman* with *Jīva* and *Jagat*, Doctrine of *Māyā*

ii) Viśiṣṭādvaitavāda:

10Lectures

Brahman, Jīva, Jagat, Prapatti, Refutation of *Śaṅkara* 's theory of *Māyā*

Suggested Readings:

Hiriyana, *Outlines of Indian Philosophy*

Dipak Kumar Bagchi, *Bharatiya Darsan*

References:

C.D. Sharma, *A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy*.

D.M. Dutta, *Six Ways of Knowing*.

D.M.Dutta and Chatterjee, *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy*.

Debabrata Sen, *Bharatiya Darsan*.

Dinesh Chandra Bhattacharya Shastri, *Sadadarsana: Yoga*

J.N. Mohanty, *Classical Indian Philosophy*

Pravat Mishra, *Sankarer Darsan*, Paschimanga Rajya Pustak Parsad

Kanak Prabha Bandyopadhyaya, *Sankhya-Patanjali Darsana*

Gobindagopal Mukhopadhyay, *Yoger Katha Patanjali dristite (Akhandā)*

Prodyot Kumar Mondal, *Bharatiya Darsan*.

Roma Choudhury, *Vedanta Darsan*.

S.N. Dasgupta, *History of Indian Philosophy*.

S.Radhakrishnan, *Indian Philosophy*. (Vol I and II)

Sukhamoy Bhattacharya, *Purvamimamsa Darsan*.

Sukomal Choudhury, *Goutam Buddher Dharma Darsan*.

Aditya Kumar Mohanty, *Concepts and issues in Indian Philosophy (Utkal Studies in Philosophy)*

S.K.Moitra, *Fundamental questions of Indian Metaphysics and Logic*

Anil Kumar Roychouri, *Doctrine of Maya*

Bijan Bihari Karpurokayastha, *Baratiya darsane nirisbarbad*

Debiprasad Chattyopadhyay, *Bharatiya Darsan*
 Sabita Samanta, *Bharatiya Darsan, Vividha prasanga, Sanskrit Pustak Bhander*
 Sabita Samanta, *Atma Vimarsa*, Ebang Musyaera

PHIDSC510T: Practical Ethics

1. Human Rights:

Discrimination and its different types [with special reference to Caste /varna]

5 Lectures

2. Killing:

Killing of animals, Suicide, Euthanasia

15 Lectures

3. War, Violence and Terrorism.

5 Lectures

4. Concept of Environmental Ethics

10 Lectures

5. Feminist Ethics---Justice based Ethics vs. Care based Ethics and Ethics based on Empathy; female foeticide and abortion.

25 Lectures

Suggested Readings:

Peter Singer, *Practical Ethics*

Pradip Kumar Roy [edt.] *Byabaharik Nitividya* [Third Edition], Abasar Prakashan, Dhaka.

Dikshit Gupta, *Nitisastra*

Santosh Kumar Pal, *Falita Nitibidya* Vol. I & II

Bidisha Chatterjee, *Redefining Ethics As Care*

Kohen, *Rethinking Feminist Ethics: Care, Trust & Empathy*

PHIDSC511T: Philosophy of Religion

1. Introduction:

5 Lectures

i. Scope and nature of Religion.

ii. Relation between Philosophy of Religion and Theology

2. Difference between:

10 Lectures

i. Spirituality and Religiosity

ii. Sacred and Profane

i. Magic and Religion

3. Problem of evil [Hick]

5 Lectures

4. Proofs for the existence of God: Ontological, Cosmological, Teleological & Moral arguments

15 Lectures

5. Grounds for disbelief in God: Sociological theory and Freudian theory.

10 Lectures

6. Some Major Religions: Hinduism, Buddhism, Christianity, Islam.

15 Lectures

Suggested Readings:

Pritibhusan Chatterjee, *Studies in Comparative Religion*.
 Dilip Kumar Mohanta, *Dharmadarsaner Katipaya Samasya*.
 Miall D. Edwards, *Philosophy of Religion*.
 Nikhilesh Bandopadhyay, *Dharmadarsana*.
 Mircea Eliade, *Patterns in Comparative Religion*.
 Rabindranath Das, *Dharmadarsan*.
 Sushil Chakraborti, *Dharmadarsana (Paschimbanga Rajya Pustak Parsad)*
 Hospers: Introduction to Philosophy
 Pringle Pattison: Studies in the Philosophy of Religion
 Amitabha Bandopadhyay: *Dharmadarsana*
 John Hick: Philosophy of Religion

PHICOR505T: Applied Ethics

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| 1. Nature of Applied/ Practical Ethics | 2Lectures |
| 2. Nature of Rights-Human & Animal | 15Lectures |
| 3. Suicide: Definition and Types, whether suicide can be called ‘A moral crime’, Arguments for and against suicide. | 15Lectures |
| 4. Euthanasia/Mercy killing: Definition, meaning, types; Arguments for and against Euthanasia. | 16Lectures |
| 5. Environmental Ethics: Nature and main concern, Necessity of Environmental Ethics for human Survival | 12Lectures |

Suggested Readings:

Debashis Guha, *Practical & Professional Ethics, Vol. I (The Primer of Applied Ethics) & Vol. II (Environmental Ethics)*, Concept Publishing Company, New Delhi
 Diksit Gupta, *Falita Nitividya*
 Pradip Kumar Roy, Peter Singer: *Vyavaharik Nitividya*
 Santosh Kumar Pal, *Falita Nitividya, Vol- I, II*

SEMESTER-VI**PHIDSC612T: Classical Indian Text****Text:**

Annambhaṭṭa's *Tarkasaṃgrahaḥ* with *Dīpikā tīkā* (From *buddhi* to *upamāna khaṇḍam*)

References:

Gopinath Bhattacharya [tr. & elucidated in English] - *Tarkasamgraha* with *Dipika*
Narayan Chandra Goswami [transled in Bengali], - *Tarkasamgrahaḥ* with *Dipika*
Anamika Roy Chaudhory, *Tarkasamgraha* with *Dipika*
Indira Mukhopadhyaya, *Tarkasamgraha* with *Dipika*
Kanailal Podder - *Tarkasamgraha* with *Dipika*.

PHIDSC613T: Philosophy of Language—Indian and Western

1. Indian Philosophy of Language:

Text: *Annambhāṭṭa's Tarkasamgrahaḥ* with *Dīpikā tika-Śabdakhaṇḍam*

30Lectures

2. Western Philosophy of Language:

Hospers—Word, Meaning, Ambiguity, Vagueness

A.J.Ayer—Language, Truth and Logic (Chapter 3: The Nature of Philosophical Analysis)

30Lectures

Suggested Readings:

Anamika Roy Chaudhory, *Tarkasamgraha* with *Dipika*
Indira Mukhopadhyaya, *Tarkasamgraha* with *Dipika*
Kanailal Podder - *Tarkasamgraha* with *Dipika*.
Narayan Chandra Goswami [transled in Bengali], - *Tarkasamgrahaḥ* with *Dipika*
Gopinath Bhattacharya [tr. & elucidated in English] - *Tarkasamgraha* with *Dipika*
Sri Rabindrakumar Bhattacharya, Siddhatastasi Panchasastri, *Sabdarthatattva*, Sadash
Hospers, *An Introduction To Philosophical Analysis*.
Ramaprasad Das, *Sabda O Artha*.
Samarikanta Samanta, Darsanik Bislesaner Rooprekha, I, II
Rabindranath Das, *Darsanik Vislesaner Bhumika*
A.J.Ayer, Language, Truth & Logic

PHIDSC614T: Hume- An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding

Text:

Hume: An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding
(Chapter 1, & 4 to 12)

60Lectures

Suggested Readings:

Ramaprasad Das, Hume Enquiry: Ekti upasthapanā, Paschimanga Rajya Pustak Parsad
Promodbandhu Sengupta, Hume's 'An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding'
prasange, Banerjee Publishers

PHIDSC615T: Western Epistemology & Metaphysics

1. **Knowledge**—Definition, components, types of knowledge: Knowing that, knowing how, Knowledge by acquaintance, Knowledge by description. **15 Lectures**
2. **Theories of Truth**—Correspondence theory, Coherence theory, Pragmatic theory **15 Lectures**
3. **The problem of Induction.** **5 Lectures**
4. **Realism, Idealism, and Phenomenalism** **15 Lectures**
5. **The Causal Principle:** The Entailment Theory of Causation, The Regularity Theory of Causation. **10 Lectures**

Suggested Readings:

John Hospers, *An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis*, Second Edition.
 A. J. Ayer, *The Problem of Knowledge*.
 A. J. Ayer, *Language, Truth and Logic*.
 J. Hospers, *Readings in Introductory Philosophical Analysis*.
 A. J. Ayer, *The Central Questions of Philosophy*
 A. J. Woozley, *Theory of Knowledge*.
 Samarikanta Samanta, *Darsanik Bishleshaner Ruprekha*, Vol. I & II
 Samarendra Bhattacharyya, *Darsanik Bishleshaner Bhumika*.
 Rama Prasad Das, *Darsanik Jignasa (Bagarthatattva)*.
 Rama Prasad Das, *Darsanik Jignasa (Jnanatattva -2)*.
 Rama Prasad Das, *Darsanik Jignasa (Jnanatattva – 3)*.
 Rama Prasad Das, *Paratattva O Bhanta Jagater Jnana*.
 Rama Prasad Das and Shibapada Chakraborty, *Darsanik Bishleshaner Ruprekha*.
 Dikshit Gupta, *Darsanik Bishleshaner Bhumika*.
 Sushil Chakraborti, *Darshan Samashya*.
 Debika Saha, *Darshan Samashya*.
 Samarendra Bhattacharyya, *Darshan Samashya*.

PHICOR606T: Social & Political Philosophy

1. Social Philosophy

- i. Nature & Scope **2 Lectures**
- ii. Primary concepts: Society, Community, Association, Institution, Social group and its different forms. **15 Lectures**
- iii. Religious and Moral codes. **5 Lectures**
- iv. Custom and Law. **5 Lectures**
- v. Culture and Civilization. **5 Lectures**
- vi. Class and Caste-Definition and difference between social class and caste, Class-attitudes and Class-consciousness **8 Lectures**

2. Political Ideals:

- i. Democracy: Different forms-Direct, Representative, Merits and demerits of Democracy. **10Lectures**
- ii. Socialism: Various forms-Utopian, Democratic and Scientific. **10Lectures**

Suggested Readings:

R.M. MacIver and C.H. Page, *Society: An Introductory Analysis*.

Pritibhusan Chattopadhyaya, *Samaj Darsana Dipika*

Samarendra Bhattacharya, *Samajdarsana o Rastradarsan*

Sudarsan Chakraborty, *Rastra*

Aditi Dasgupta, *Darshanik porikromay somaj rastra o bharoter samajik dhormoniti*,

Poshchimbanga rajyo pustok parsad

Karl Marx and Fredrick Engels, *Manifesto of the Communist Party (samayabadi ishtehar)*

V.I .Lenin, *Rashtro o biplob*

SEMESTER-VII

PHIDSC716T: Some Modern Indian Thinkers

1. **Vivekananda**—Practical Vedanta, Karma-yoga, Unification of Religions **20 Lectures**
2. **Gandhi**—*Sarvodaya*, Non-Violence and Trusteeship, Caste **20 Lectures**
3. **Ambedkar**—Caste: Equality and Fraternity **20 Lectures**

Suggested Readings:

Satyabrata Chakraborty, *Bharatbarsha: Rastrabhabona*, Ekushe, Kolkata
 Sankar Ghosh, *Political Ideals and Movements in India*, Allied Publishers
 B.K. Lal, *Contemporary Indian Thinkers*.
 Swami Vivekananda, *Practical Vedanta, Advaita Ashrama*
 Swami Vivekananda, *The Yoga of Action Karmayoga, Advaita Ashrama*
 Santwana Dasgupta, *Social Philosophy of Swami Vivekananda*. Ramakrishna Mission
 Institute of Culture, Kolkata
 Dineshchandra Bhattacharya Shastri, *Vivekanander Vedantachinta*
Complete Works of Swami Vivekananda, Vol-I and II, 17th edition, Advaita Asrama,
Swami Vivekanander Bani o Rachana, Vol. 1-3, Udbodhan Karyalaya
 Swami Chetanananda[ed.], *Vedanta Voice of Freedom*, Advaita Asram.
 Ashis Sanyal [ed.] *Babasaheb Dr. Ambedkar, Collected Works*, vol.1, Ambedkar
 Foundation, Ministry of Welfare, Govt. of India, New Delhi, 1995
 B.R. Ambedkar, *Gandhi and Gandhism*, Critical Quest, New Delhi, 2008
 Nirmalya Narayan Chkrabarty (ed.) *Adhunik bharatiyo dorshan chorchha*
 Mahasweata Debi, *Gandhi manosh*
 Tapan Kumar Chakraborti, *Darsan Samiksa*
 Sebanti Bhattachariya (sompadita), *Adhunik bharatiyo dorshan*
 Sabita Samanta, *Bharatiya Darsan, Vividha Prasanga*, Sanskrit Pustak Bhander
 Annihilation of Caste: B.R Ambedkar (Vol-I)
 Mili Dutta (Pal), *Secrets of The Moral Thought of Swami Vivekananda*, Tuhina
 Prakashani

PHIDSC717T: Ethical and Social Philosophy of India

1. **Introduction:**
 Special features of Indian Ethics as opposed to Western Ethics **4 Lectures**
2. **Basic Concepts with social significance in *Bhagavat Gītā* :**
Karmayoga, Sthitaprajña, Yogaksema and Lokasamgraha **15 Lectures**
3. ***Puruṣārtha*---**Concept of the four *Puruṣārthas* and their interrelation **5 Lectures**
4. ***Sukhavāda*---***Cārvāka* **2 Lectures**
5. ***Dharma*:**
 Definition, *Sādhāraṇadharma, Viśeṣadharma, Varṇadharma, Āśramadharma, Svadharma* **14 Lectures**
6. ***Karma*:**
Nitya, Naimittika, Kamyā, Niṣkāma, Sancita, Sanciyaṃ and Prarabdha **10 Lectures**

7. Concepts of *Pañcaśīla*, *Brahmavihāra*, *Anuvrata*, *Mahāvratā*, and *Ahiṃsā*

10Lectures

Suggested Readings:

- I.C.Sharma, Ethical Philosophies of India
S. K. Moitra, *The Ethics of the Hindus*
S. C. Chatterjee, *Fundamentals of Hinduism*
P. K. Mahapatra (ed.) *Studies on the Purusarthas*
Surama Dasgupta, *Development of Moral Philosophies in India*
J. N. Sinha - History of Indian Philosophy (vol. I)
Madhusudan Saraswati, *Gururtha Deepika*
Atul Chandra Sen, *Bhagavatgita* (Bengali)
Amita Chatterjee (ed.), *Bharatiya Dharmaniti* (Selected Portions)
Kedarnath Tiwari, *Classical Indian Ethical Thought*
Dikshit Gupta, *Nitishastra*
Indrani Syanyal and Ratna Dutta Sharma (Edited), *Dharmaniti O Srutil*
Loknath Chakraborti, *Chaoyar Caturmukh*
Aditi Dasgupta, Darsanik Porikromay Samaj Rasto Bharoter Samajik Dharmaniti,
Poshchimbanga Rajyo Pustok Porsod
Tapan Kumar Chakraborty, *Darsan Samiksa*, Sanakrit Putak Bhandar
Indrani Sanyal, Gargi Goswami, *Bharatiya Dharmaniti : Tathya o tattva*, Paschimbanga
Rajya Pustak Parsad

Special Minor: Ethics & its Application

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| 1. Nature of Applied/ Practical Ethics | 2 Lectures |
| 2. Nature of Rights—Human & Animal | 10Lectures |
| 3. Suicide—Definition and Types, whether suicide can be called a moral crime, Arguments for and against suicide | 20Lectures |
| 4. Euthanasia/Mercy Killing: Definition, meaning, type of Euthanasia, Arguments for and against Euthanasia | 18Lectures |
| 5. Theories of Punishment | 10 Lectures |

Suggested Readings:

- W. Frankena - *Ethics*
W. Lillie - *An Introduction to Ethics*
Peter Singer, *Practical Ethics*
Fred Feldman, *Introductory Ethics*
Samarendra Bhattacharya- *Nitividya*
Samarendra Bhattacharya- *Vyaboharik Nitividya*
Somnath Chakraborty- *Nitividya*
Somnath Chakraborty, *Kathaya Karme Ethics*
Shekh Abdul Wahab- *Binsha Satabdir Nitidarsan*

Sekh Abdul Wahab, *Kanter Nitidarsan*, Arabinda Basu, *Frankenar Niti Darsan*
 Dikshit Gupta – *Nitishastra*
 Diksit Gupta, *Falita Nitividya*
 Mrinalkanti Bhadra, *Nitividya*
 Pradip Kumar Roy, Peter Singer: *Vyavaharik Nitividya*
 Santosh Kumar Pal, *Falita Nitividya, Vol- I, II*

SEMESTER-VIII
PHIDSC818T: Problems of Philosophy, Russell

[60 lectures will be distributed as per requirement]

1. Appearance and Reality
2. Knowledge by Acquaintance and Knowledge by Description
3. On induction
4. The Value of Philosophy

Text

Russell, *Problems of Philosophy*

Suggested Readings

Sushil Kumar Chakraborty : *Darshan Samasya*

Debika Saha : *Darshan Samasya*

Samarendra Bhattacharyya: *Darshan Samasya*

PHIDSC819T: Philosophy of Mind

- 1. Introduction to Philosophy of Mind: Definition, Scope & Signification** **5 Lectures**
- 2. Relation between Philosophy of Mind and Psychology** **5 Lectures**
- 3. Dualism:** **20 Lectures**
The Relation between Mind and body: Parallelism, Interactionism, Bundle theory, Double Aspect theory, Occasionalism, Emergentism, and Epiphenomenalism
- 4. General discussion on Behaviourism---Methodological and Philosophical** **10 Lectures**
- 5. Philosophy of Cognitive Science:** **20 Lectures**
 - i. Philosophy in and Philosophy of Cognitive Science
 - ii. Philosophy of Artificial Intelligence: An Introduction

Suggested Readings:

1. Artificial Intelligence, Robots and Philosophy, Masahiro Morioka. (Selected Portions)

2. Amita Chatterjee, *Cognitive Science visaye du-char katha*, (prabandha) Manan WBSU Journal of Philosophy Vol I 2017-2018
3. Cognitive Science An Introduction to the Study of Mind, Fridenberg, J. and Silverman Gordon, Sage Publications, 2006 (Ch. 1 and 2)
4. Amita Chatterjee, *Ebar katha prane prane*, (Prabandha samgraha) Sampadana-Ritaprabha Bandopadhyay, Ekalabya, 2024
5. Amita Chatterjee *Kalpa galpe manodarsan*, Sahitya Samsad, 2021
6. Prayas Sarkar, Amita Chatterjee, Madhavendranath Mitra, Manodarshan
7. Ira Sengupta, Manovidya
8. Dr. Mainak Pal, Paschatya Manovidya

PHIADSC820T: Logic or Kathaponisad

[Students have to choose any one]

Logic

1. Set Theory:

40 Lectures

Introduction, Membership, Inclusion, The Empty Set, Operations on Sets, Intersection, Union and Difference, Domain of Individuals, Translating sentences of everyday language into Set notation, Venn diagram, Definition of Relations, and Properties of Binary Relations

2. Conditional Proof and Indirect Proof:

20 Lectures

- i). Verifying Tautology by using C.P, I.P and Strengthen Rule of C.P
- ii) Validity proof by using C.P, I.P and Strengthen Rule of C.P

Suggested Readings:

Patrick Suppes -- Introduction to Logic (Chapters: 9 & 10)
I. M. Copi- Symbolic Logic (Chapter: 3.4, 3.5, and 3.6)

OR

Kathaponisad

Pratham adhyāya- pratham, dvitīya o tṛtīya bolli

Suggested Readings: *Kathaponisad* tr. by Brahmachari Medhachaitanya, Vivekananda Math, Byarakpur

Upanisad (Akhaṇḍa saṅskaraṇ), Atulchandra Sen, Sitanath Tattvabhusan, Maheshchandra Ghosh (anudita o sampadita), Haraf Prakasani

[60 lectures will be distributed as per requirement]

PHIADSC821T: Bhagavadgītā or Family studies

[Students have to choose any one]

Bhagavadgītā (Chapter 1 to 3)

Suggested Readings:

Srimad Bhagavadgītā, Atulchandra Sen (*anudita*)

Srimad Bhagavadgītā, Gitasastri Jagadishchandra Ghosh (*sampadita*)

[60 lectures will be distributed as per requirement]

Or

Family studies

[60 lectures will be distributed as per requirement]

Family studies/ *Paribar Bikhsa*:

- 1. A philosophical reflection on the grievances** The future of family (a brief discussion)
- 2. Family as a special branch of philosophical study**– importance- special contribution of philosophy in family studies – difference between the first order inquiry of social sciences and the second order inquiry of philosophy in case of family studies.
- 3. A definition of family** – problem with popular definitions of family not covering multiple human way of living.
- 4. Nature of family** – is it a biological or cultural institution? Nature vs. nurture debate – is family a matter of more or less?
- 5. For and against family: Functionalist view on family**- issues against family : past and now-
 - i. Plato on family (Ancient)
 - ii. Feminists against family (Modern) (An overview)
 - iii. Individualists against family (modern)
 - iv. Marxists against family (Modern) (an overview)

Suggested readings:

F. Engels, The Origin of the Family, Private Property and the State

Simone de Beauvoir, The Second Sex

Richard Dien Winfield, The Just Family

Rose Laub Closser (ed.) _The Family: its structures and functions

Aditi Dasgupta, Family:Maladies and Melodies.

Bidisha Chatterjee, *Redefining Ethics As Care*

Kohen, Rethinking Feminist Ethics: Care, Trust & Empathy

Hons. with Research: Dissertation

