Murshidabad University
Syllabus for Under Graduate Course
IN
Philosophy
Semester 1 & 2

Semester 1			
Course Code	**Course Title**	**Credit**	**Marks**
PHI-M-101	Outlines of Indian and Western Philosophy- 1	04	80
PHI-Mi-101	Indian Epistemology and Metaphysics	04	80
PHI-MDC-101	Ethics in Daily Life	03	60
PHI-SEC-101	Logic – Western	03	60
Semester 2			
Course Code	**Course Title**	**Credit**	**Marks**
PHI-M-201	Outlines of Indian and Western Philosophy-2	04	80
PHI-Mi-201	Western Epistemology and Metaphysics	04	80
PHI-MDC-201	Society and Social Philosophy	03	60
PHI-SEC-201	Practical Ethics	03	60

SEMESTER 1
PHI-M-101
Outline of Indian and western Philosophy- 1 Total Marks- 80
Credit- 04

Course Objective:
This paper contains the basic features of Indian philosophy emphasizing on the Epistemological and Metaphysical concepts of Heterodox school such as Carvāka, Buddhism and Jainism. Side by side, this paper will provide a brief introduction of western philosophy and the philosophical thinking of some pre-Socratie philosophers, Plato and Aristotle.

Course Learning Outcome:
The student will literally see the scope and subject matter of Philosophy. They will be acquainted with the epistemological and metaphysical views of Heterodox school which will help to build the learners' personality. Moreover they will learn how the philosophical doctrines were changed following the need of the time regarding ontology as visualized by the Greek philosophers.

Group A - Outlines of Indian Philosophy- 1
Group B - Outlines of Western philosophy-1

Group A
Outlines of Indian Philosophy- 1

Section A- General Introduction
Section B- Cārvāka
Section C- Jainism
Section D- Buddhism

Section- A

General Introduction

Unit-I - Indian Philosophy: Nature and Scope.

Unit-II - Basic Concepts of *vedic* and *upanisadic* World Views: *ṛta* (The Cosmic Order), *ṛṇa* (duty/ obligation).

Section-B

Cārvāka

Unit-I- Epistemology: Perception, Inference and Verbal Testimony.

Unit- II- Metaphysics: Materialism, *dehātmavāda*.

Section –C

Jainism

Unit-I- Epistemology: Theory of Knowledge (*mati, sruta, avadhi, manaparya* and *kevala*)

Unit-II- Metaphysics: Concept of *sat, dravya, guṇa, paryaya, jiva, ajiva, anekāntavāda, syadvada, saptabhaṅginaya.*

Section-D

Buddhism

Unit-I - Four Noble Truths, *pratityasamutpādavāda, kṣaṇabhangavāda, nairātmavāda*.

Unit- II - Schools of Buddhism: *vaibhāṣika, sautāntrika, yogācāra, mādhyamika.*

Group-B

Outlines of Western philosophy-1

Section-A: Short Introduction of Western Philosophy.

Section-B: Ionics,Eleatics,Sophists

Section-C: Plato

Section-D: Aristotle

Section-A

Distinctive Features of Ancient, Medieval and Modern Periods.

Section-B

Early Greek Philosophy

Unit –I- Ionics : Thales,Anaximenes,Anaxagoras

Unit –II -Eleatics: Xenophenes,Parmenides,Xeno

Unit –III- Sophists: Protagoras

Section-C

Plato

Unit –I - Theory of Knowledge

Unit-II - Theory of Ideas or Form.

Section-D

Aristotle

Unit I- Criticism of Plato's Theory of Ideas.

Unit-II- Theory of Causation, Form and Matter.

Suggested Readings-

1. S. C. Chatterjee & D. M. Dutta: An Introduction to Indian Philosophy, Calcutta University Press

2. M. Hiriyanna: Outline of Indian Philosophy

3. Chandradhar Sharma: A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy
4. S. N. Dasgupta: A History of Indian Philosophy.
5. J. N. Sinha: Indian Philosophy (Vols. 1-4).
6. D. M. Datta: Six Ways of Knowing
7. Samiran Chandra Chakraborti: The Concept of Purusarthas
8. S. Radhakrishnan: Indian Philosophy Vols. 1 & 2
9. K. C. Bhattacharyya: Studies in Philosophy
10. Panchanan Shastri: Carvak Darsan (in Bengali).
11. Panchanan Shastri: Bauddha Darsan (in Bengali)
12. Sayan Madhava (translated and elucidated by Satyajoti Chakraborty): Sarba Darsana Samagraha (in Bengali).
13. Debabrata Sen: Bharatiya Darsan (in Bengali).
14. Bipadvanjan Pal: Bharatiya Darsan (in Bengali).
15. Pradyot Kr. Mondal: Bharatiya Darsan (in Bengali).
16. Nirod Baran Chakraborty: Bharatiya Darsan (in Bengali)
17. Deepak Kr. Bagchi: Bharatiya Darsan (in Bengali)
18. Dakshina Ranjan Sastri: Chavaka Darsan (in Bengali)
19. Debiprasad Chattopadhyay: Bharatiya Darsane Bastubad (in Bengali).
20. Satish Chandra Nyayacharya: Jaina Darsaner Digdarsan (in Bengali).
21. Y Masih: A Critical History of Western Philosophy, Motilal Banarsidass Publishers Private Limited.
22. F. Copleston: A History of Philosophy [Vols. 1], Continuum Publishers, London.
23. B. Russell: Hisory of Western Philosophy, George Allen & Unwin Lil London 1946.
24. R. Falckenberg: History of Modern Philosophy, Progressive Publishers, Calcutta.
25. W.T. Stace: A Critical History of Greek Philosophy, MacMillan and St. Martine's Press.
26. W.K. Wright: A History of Modern Philosophy, The Macmillan Company, New York, 1958.
27. D. J.O. Conner (ed.): A Critical History of Western Philosophy
28. S.S. Barlingay & Padma Kulkarni: A Crinical History of Western Philosophy
29. Jonathan Barnes: Aristotle: A very Short Introduction (Oxford University Press).
30. Chandradaya Bhattacharya: Paschatya Darsaner Itihas, Vol. 1 & 2 (in Bengali)
31. Swapna Sarkar: Paschatya Darsaner Samiksa (in Bengali).

32. Avik Kumar Banerjee: Paschatya Darsaner Itihas Sankhipta Ruparekha (in Bengali).

33. Nirod Baran Chakraborty: Paschatya Darsaner Itihas, (in Bengali).

34. Susanta Chakraborty: Paschatya Darsaner Itihas (in Bengali).

35. Samerendra Bhattacharya: Paschatya Darsaner Itihas (in Bengali).

36. Satyajit Dasgupta & Sarmistha Roy (Trns): Paschatya Darsaner Itihas, A Bengali translation of Russell's "A History of Western Philosophy" (in Bengali).

37. Debobrata Sen: Paschatya Darsaner Itihas, Plato to Aristotle (in Bengali).

PHI-Mi-101

Indian Epistemology and Metaphysics Total Marks- 80

Credit- 04

Course Objective:

This paper provides the basic features of Indian philosophy emphasizing on the Epistemology and Metaphysics concerned with various schools. However, it will depict three sects of Heterodox philosophy-Cārvāka, Buddhism and Jainism and two sects of orthodox philosophy Nyāya, Vaiśeṣika and Advaita Vedānta.

Course Learning Outcome:

This module will provide a general understanding to the students about the ancient Indian thoughts especially the Indian Knowledge System rooted in its philosophy.

Group-A- Indian Epistemology

1. Introduction to Indian Epistemology
2. Cārvāka epistemology- *pratyaksa* as the only source of knowledge; refutation of *anumāna* and *śabda pramānas*.
3. Nyāya epistemology- *pratyaksa* and *anumāna*, *upamān*, *śabda*

Group-B – **Indian Metaphysics**

1. Jainism: *nyaya* and *syādavāda*
2. Buddhism: *pratītyasamutpāda*, Universal Flux (*kshaṇikattvā*), nairātmavāda.
3. Vaiśeṣika metaphysics: Seven padārthas.
4. Advaita Vedanta- Brahman; *māyā*; relation between *jīva* and Brahman

Suggested Readings –

1. S. C. Chatterjee & D. M. Dutta: An Introduction to Indian Philosophy, Calcutta University Press
2. M. Hiriyanna: Outline of Indian Philosophy
3. Chandradhar Sharma: A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy
4. S.N. Dasgupta: A History of Indian Philosophy.
5. J. N. Sinha: Indian Philosophy (Vols. 1-4).
6. D.M. Datta: Six Ways of Knowing
7. Samiran Chandra Chakraborti: The Concept of Purusarthas.
8. Nabanaraan Bandhopadhyaya (ed): Ancient Indian Views on Truth and Falsity.
9. S. Radhakrishnan: Indian Philosophy Vols. 1 & 2
10. J.N. Mohanty: Reason and Tradition in Indian Thought

12Sadannda Bhadury: Studies in Vaisesika Metaphysics.
13. Panchanan Shastri: Cārvāk Darsan (in Bengali).
14. Panchanan Shastri: Bauddha Darsan (in Bengali).
15. Sayan Madhava (translated and elucidated by Satyajoti Chakraborty): Sarba Darsana Samagraha (in Bengali).
16. Debabrata Sen: Bharatiya Darsan (in Bengali),
17. Bipadvanjan Pal: Bharatiya Darsan (in Bengali)
18. Pradyot Kr. Mondal: Bharatiya Darsan (in Bengali)
19. Nirod Baran Chakraborty: Bharatiya Darsan (in Bengali)
20. Deepak Kr. Bagchi: Bharatiya Darsan (in Bengali).
21. Dakshina Ranjan Sastri: Carvaka Darsan (in Bengali).
22. Debiprasad Chattopadhyay: Bharatiya Darsane Bastubad (in Bengali)
23. Satish Chandra Nyayacharya: Jaina Darsaner Digdarsan (in Bengali)
24. Asuthosh Sastri: Vedanta Darsan Advaitavad (in Bengali)
25. Rama Chowdhury: Vedanta Darsan (in Bengali)
26. Swami Viswarupananda (ed.): Vedanta Darsanam, Vol-1 (in Bengali)
27. Pradyot Kr. Mondal : Vaisesika Darsan (in Bengali)
28. Narayan Ch. Goswami :Samkhya Tattva Kaumudi (in Bengali)
29. Bidhubhusan Bhattacharya: Samkhya Darsaner Bibaran (in Bengali)
30. Kalikrishna Bandyopadhyay: Nyayatattva Parikrama, Papyrus, Kolkata (in Bengali).
31. Karuna Bhattacharya: Nyaya-Vaiseşika Darsan (in Bengali).
32. Damodar Asram O Shyamapada Mishra: Prasasthapadabhasya (in Bengali).

PHI-MDC-101

Ethics in Daily Life

Total Marks- 60
Credit- 03

Course Objective

The main objective of this course is to introduce some basic concepts of ethics which are associated with our daily life.

Course Learning Outcome:

At the end of this course the students will learn how moral principles are to be applied in social life.

1. Meaning, Nature and Scope of Ethics.
2. Nature and scope of applied Ethics.
3. Killing, Suicide, Euthanasia, Animal killing, Abortion.
4. Right, Duties and Justice.
5. Theories of Punishment and capital punishment.

Suggested Readings:

1. Peter Singer: Practical Ethics, Cambridge University Press.
2. Peter Singer: Applied Ethics, Oxford University Press..
3. W. Lillie: An Introduction to Ethics, University Paperbacks, London,1955.
4. Santosh Kr. Pal. Pholito Nitishastra (in Bengali).
5. Benulal Dhar: Vyavaharika Nitidarsana (in Bengali).
6. Somnath Chakraborty: Kothai Korme Ethics (in Bengali).
7. Somnath Chakraborty: Nitividyar Tatvakotha (in Bengali).
8. Diksit Gupta: Nitishastra (in Bengali).
9. Nabakumar Nandi and Manik Bal: Byaboharik Nitividya (in Bengali).

10. Samarendra Bhattacharya: Nitividya (in Bengali).
11. Samarendra Bhattacharya: Byaboharik Nitividya (in Bengali).

PHI-SEC-101

Western Logic and its application Total Marks- 60

Credit- 03

Course Objective:
This course contains the basic concepts of Western logic. It also covers some topics of deductive logic and inductive logic.

Course Learning Outcome:
It helps students to focus on the development of analytical and critical thinking skills. Through systematic studies, student will learn to construct valid arguments, identify logical errors and apply formal reasoning.

1. **Basic Concepts of Western Logic:**

i) Sentence, Proposition, Logical form, Truth, Argument, Validity and Soundness
ii) Deductive and Inductive argument
iii) Laws of thought

2. **Deductive Logic:**
   i) Aristotelian Classification of Categorical Proposition, Distribution of terms, Square of Opposition, Conversion, Obversion, Contraposition, Existential Import
   ii) Categorical Syllogism: Figures and Modes, Rules of Validity, Fallacies
   iii) Boolean Interpretation of categorical Propositions, Venn diagram technique for testing the validity of syllogism

3. **Inductive logic:**
   i) Cause and Effect
   ii) Mills Methods of Experimental Enquiry
   iii) Science and Hypothesis
   iv) Probability Calculus

Suggested Readings-

1. I. M. Copi & C. Cohen: Introduction to Logic (13th ed.).
2. W. Hodges: Logic.
3. Falguni Mukhopadhyay O Dulal Chandra Pandey: Paschatya Yuktivijnana (in Bengali).
4. Ramapradas Das: Juktivijnān, vol-I - IV (in Bengali).
5. Sukla Chakroborty: Paschatya Tarkavijnana (in Bengali).
6. Kanti Lal Das : Avaraha Samketik Juktivijnaner Rupreka, Maha Bodhi Book Agency (in Bengali).
7. Samir Kumar Chakraborty : Yuktivijnaner Bhumika (in Bengali).

SEMESTER 2

PHI-M-201

Outlines of Indian and Western Philosophy- 2 Total Marks- 80

Credit- 04

Course Objective:

This course contains the traditional thought of system of Orthodox Indian philosophy such as Nyaya, Vaiśeṣika and Sāṁkhya. This course is also designed to expose the students to the development of Modern Western philosophy which was started from rationalist system of Descartes, Spinoza and Leibnitz.

Course Learning Outcome:

The students will be acquainted with the epistemological and metaphysical views of Nyaya, Vaiśeṣika and Sāṁkhya. Besides that, the students will surely be enriched by the epistemological and metaphysical views of rationalist school of modern western philosophy.

Group A - Outlines of Indian Philosophy -2

Group B - Outlines of Western Philosophy -2

Group A -
Outlines of Indian Philosophy -2

Section A – Nyāya

Section B- Vaiśeṣika

Section C – Sāṁkhya

Section A

Nyāya

Four *pramāṇas*: Perception, Inference, Comparison and Testimony, Theory of error, Nature & Classification of cause, *asatkāryavāda*, Idea of God and proofs for its existence.

Section B

Vaiśeṣika

Vaiśeṣika: seven categories, *paramānuvāda*

Section C

Sāṁkhya

Unit 1 - Prakṛti: *prakṛti* & its constituents, proofs for the existence of *prakṛti, satkāryavāda*

Unit 2 - Puruṣa: Nature of *puruṣa*, Arguments for its existence, plurality of *puruṣa*

Group B
Outlines of Western Philosophy 2

Section A: Descartes

Section B: Spinoza

Section C: Leibnitz

Section A

Descartes

Unit 1- Cartesian method, *Cogito Ergo Sum*, Three types of Ideas, Criterion of truth

Unit 2- Substance, Proofs for the existence of God, Mind-Body relation

Section B

Spinoza

Unit 1- Substance, Attributes & Modes, The concept of God or Nature, Intellectual love of God, Pantheism

Unit 2 -Proofs for the existence of God, Mind-Body relation, Degrees of Knowledge

Section C

Leibnitz

Unit 1- Doctrine of Monads, Pre-established harmony, God: Nature & Proofs for the existence of God

Unit 2 - Truths of reason and Truths of facts, Theory of Knowledge: Principles of non-contradiction, sufficient reason and the identity of indiscernible

Suggested Readings-

1. S. C. Chatterjee & D. M. Dutta : An Introduction to Indian Philosophy, Calcutta University Press.
2. M. Hiriyanna: Outline of Indian Philosophy.
3. Chandradhar Sharma: A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy.
4. S.N. Dasgupta: A History of Indian Philosophy.
5. J. N. Sinha: Indian Philosophy (Vol. 1-4).
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7. Sadannda Bhadury : Studies in Vaisesika Metaphysics.
8. S. Radhakrishnan: Indian Philosophy Vols. 1 & 2.
9. Bidhubhusan Bhattacharya: Samkhya Darsaner Bibaran (in Bengali)
10. Pradyot Kr. Mondal : Vaisesika Darsan (in Bengali)
11. Narayan Ch. Goswami :Samkhya Tattva Kaumudi (in Bengali)
12. Kalikrishna Bandyopadhyay: Nyayatattva Parikrama, Papyrus, Kolkata (in Bengali).
13. Karuna Bhattacharya: Nyaya-Vaiseşika Darsan (in Bengali).
14. Rajat Bhsttscharyay: Sāṁkhyakārikā and Sāṁkhyatattvakaumudī (vol. I)
15. Y Masih: A Critical History of Western Philosophy, Motilal Banarsidass Publishers Private Limited.
16. F. Copleston: A History of Philosophy [Vols. 1], Continuum Publishers, London.
17. B. Russell: Hisory of Western Philosophy, George Allen & Unwin Lil London 1946.
18. R. Falckenberg: History of Modern Philosophy, Progressive Publishers, Calcutta.
19. W.K.Wright: A History of Modern Philosophy, The Macmillan Company, New York, 1958.
20. D. J.O. Conner (ed.): A Critical History of Western Philosophy
21. S.S. Barlingay & Padma Kulkarni: A Crinical History of Western Philosophy
22. John Cottingham: The Rationalists (Oxford University Press, 1988)
23. Chandradaya Bhattacharya: Paschatya Darsaner Itihas, Vol. 1 & 2 (in Bengali)
24. Swapna Sarkar: Paschatya Darsaner Samiksa (in Bengali).
25. Avik Kumar Banerjee: Paschatya Darsaner Itihas Sankhipta Ruparekha (in Bengali).
26. Nirod Baran Chakraborty: Paschatya Darsaner Itihas, (in Bengali).
27. Susanta Chakraborty: Paschatya Darsaner Itihas (in Bengali).
28. Samerendra Bhattacharya: Paschatya Darsaner Itihas (in Bengali).
29. Satyajit Dasgupta & Sarmistha Roy (Trns): Paschatya Darsaner Itihas, A Bengali translation of Russell's "A History of Western Philosophy" (in Bengali).
30. Prahlad Sarkar (ed.): Rene Descartes-er Darsan.(in Bengali)

PHI-Mi-201

Western Epistemology and Metaphysics Total Marks- 80

Credit- 04

Course Objective –

The main objective of this course is to acquaint the students with some epistemological and metaphysical concepts of Western philosophy.

Course learning Outcome –

At the end of this course, the students will come out with the nature, kinds, conditions and sources of knowledge which was described by different philosophers. They will also be acquainted with some metaphysical views such as causality, mind - body relation and universals.

Group A- Western Epistemology

1. Knowledge: Different senses of the verb 'to know', the sufficient and necessary conditions of propositional knowledge, strong and weak sense of "know"
2. Sources of knowledge: Rationalism, Empiricism; Kant's critical theory
3. Nature of Knowledge: Naive Realism, Scientific Realism, Subjective Idealism (Berkeley)

Group B- Western Metaphysics

4. Causality: The Entailment Theory, The Regularity theory
5. Mind- Body Problem: Interactionism; Parallelism; Identity Theory
6. Universals: Plato, Aristotle, Lock, Barkley

Suggested Readings-

1. G. T. W. Patrick: Introduction to Philosophy.
2. Problems of Philosophy: G. W. Cunningham.
3. Fundamental Questions of Philosophy: A. C. Ewing.
4. An Enquiry Concerning Human understanding: D. Hume.
5. History of Philosophy: Weber.
6. The Problems of Philosophy: Bertrand Russell.
7. An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis: J. Hospers
8. History of Modern Philosophy: W. K. Wright.
9. A Hundred years of Philosophy: J. Passmore
10. The Problem of Knowledge: A. J. Ayer.
11. Problems of Philosophy: S. C. Chatterjee.
12. An Introduction to Philosophy: S. P. Chakravorty.
13. A Handbook of Kant's Critique of Pure Reason: Rasvihary Das.

14. An Introduction to Philosophy: J. N. Sinha.
15. Darsan Parichaya: Ram Chandra Pal
16. Paschatya Darsan O Juktibijnan: Ramaprasad Das
17. Darsanik Samasyabali: Devika Saha
18. Arun Kumar Santra: Paschatya Darsan
19. Falguni Mukhopadhyay: Paschatya Darsan o Yuktibijnan
20. Shymal Krishna Bandopadhyay: Paschatya Darsan
21. Ramesh Chandra Munshi: Paschatya Darsan- jnana vidya adhividyar sakha

PHI-MDC-201

Society and Social Philosophy Total Marks- 60
Credit- 03

Course Objective:

This course aims to provide students with a foundational understanding of the philosophical concepts which are associated with human society.

Learning Outcome:

At the end of the course, the students will be equipped to critically access the societal norms and contribute thoughtfully to debates on social issues.

1. Nature and Scope of social philosophy
2. Some basic concepts of social philosophy: Society, Community, Associations, Institutions
3. Family: Definition and Nature, Functions, Different forms, Family and Society
4. Social Ideas: Democratic Ideas, Equality, Liberty, Personal development

Suggested Readings-

1. Fundamentals of Sociology: P. Gisbert
2. Outlines of Social Philosophy: J.S. Mackenzie
3. Society: R.M. Maclver & C.H. Page
4. Sociology: M. Ginsberg
5. Sociology: Tom Bottomore
6. Sociology: S.N. Shankar Rao
7. Sociology: D.C. Bhattacharya
8. Sociology: P.B. Kar

9. The Family: William J. Goode

10. Samaj Darshan Dipika: Pritibhushan Chattopadhyay

11. Samaj Tatrva: Parimal Bhushan Kar

12. Bisay Samaj Tattva: Anadi Kumar Mahapatra

13. Samajdarshan o Rashtradarshan: Samarendra Bhattacharya

PHI-SEC-201
Practical Ethics

Total Marks- 60
Credit- 03

Course objective:
The main objective of this course is to introduce some concepts of ethics which are associated with our daily life. It also develops our moral responsibility towards the environment by guiding human actions and decisions in ways that respect and protect nature.

Course Learning Outcome:
At the end of this course, the students will learn how moral principles can be applied to social life. After studying environmental ethics, learners will be able to understand the ethical concepts and theories related to the environment and with that this study will develop a sense of responsibility towards the nature.

1. Nature and scope of Ethics
2. Nature and scope of Applied Ethics
3. Killing: suicide, euthanasia, animal killing, abortion
4. Theories of Punishment and capital punishment
5. Environmental Ethics: Concepts of Anthropocentricism and non-anthropocentricism, Land ethics, shallow and deep ecology.

Suggested Readings-

1. Peter Singer: Practical Ethics, Cambridge University Press.
2. Peter Singer: Applied Ethics, Oxford University Press..
3. W. Lillie: An Introduction to Ethics, University Paperbacks, London,1955.
4. Arne Naess: Ecology, community and lifestyle: outline of an ecosophy
5. Santosh Kr. Pal. Pholito Nitishastra (in Bengali).
6. Benulal Dhar : Vyavaharika Nitidarsana (in Bengali).
7. Somnath Chakraborty : Kothai Korme Ethics (in Bengali).
8. Somnath Chakraborty : Nitividyar Tatvakotha (in Bengali).
9. Diksit Gupta : Nitishastra (in Bengali).
10. nirmalya Narayan Chakraborty: Paribesh O Nitividya (in Bengali)