

**SYLLABUS FOR FOUR YEAR UNDERGRADUATE PRO-  
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IN  
PHILOSOPHY**



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**SEMESTER-I**  
**MAJOR DSC COURSE**  
**PAPER-I: INDIAN PHILOSOPHY- I**  
**PAPER CODE: PHILMAJ 101**

**UNIT I**

Basic concepts of Vedic and Upanisadic world-views: *Ātman, Jāgrata, Svapna, Suṣupti, Turīya, Brahman, Karma, Samsāra, Mukti.*

**Cārvāka:** Epistemology, Metaphysics & Ethics

**UNIT III**

**Buddhism:** Four Noble Truths, Theory of Dependent Origination, Theory of Momentariness, Theory of Impermanence, Non-Soul Theory

**UNIT IV**

**Jainism:** *Anekāntavāda, Concept of Sat, Syādvāda, Nayavāda, and Dravya (Substance).*

**Suggested Readings:**

1. Dasgupta, Surendranath. *A History of Indian Philosophy*. Vol. 1. Cambridge, Cambridge University Press.
2. Chakravarty, Nilima. *Indian Philosophy: The Path Finder's and System Builders*, New Delhi: Allied Publishers.
3. Chatterjee, S.C. *Nyāya Theory of Knowledge*, Delhi, Bharatiya Kala Prakashan.
4. Chatterjee, S.C. & D.M. Datta. *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy*, reprint, University of Calcutta.
5. Dasgupta, S.N. *A History of Indian Philosophy*, vol.1, Delhi, Motilal Banarasidass Publishers, Pvt. Ltd.
6. Hiriyana, M. *Outlines of Indian Philosophy*, London: Allen & Unwin.
7. Mohanty, J.N. *Reason and Tradition in Indian Thought*, Oxford, Clarendon Press.
8. Organ, Troy Wilson. *The Self in Indian Philosophy*, London, Mouton & Co.
9. Radhakrishnan, Sarvepalli. *Indian Philosophy*. Oxford University Press.
10. Sharma, C.D. *Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy*, Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass.
11. Shastri, Devendra Muni. *A Source-Book in Jaina Philosophy*. Udaipur, Sri Tarak Guru Jain Granthalaya.

**Bengali Version:**

1. *Bharatiya Darsan* by Dr. Debabrata Sen
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**SEMESTER-I**  
**MAJOR DSC COURSE**  
**PAPER-II: WESTERN PHILOSOPHY – I**  
**PAPER CODE: PHILMAJ 102**

**[GREEK PERIOD: PRE-SOCRATIC, SOCRATES, PLATO AND ARISTOTLE]**

**UNIT-I**

1. Nature and Characteristics of Ancient Greek Philosophy
2. **Pre-Socratic thinkers–**  
**Thales, Anaximenes, Anaximander:** Origin of the World  
**Heraclitus:** Theory of Change  
**Pythagoras:** Number Theory
3. **Socrates:** Socratic Method, Virtue Ethics

**UNIT-II**

1. **Plato:** Theory of Knowledge, Theory of Ideas and its Characteristics, Concept of Soul

**UNIT-III**

1. **Aristotle:** Causation, Doctrine of Form and Matter, Concept of God, Theory of Universal

**Suggested Readings:**

1. Stace, W.T: *A Critical History of Greek Philosophy*, Macmillan, New York.
2. Copleston, Friedrich. *A History of Philosophy*. Vol. 1. Image Books.
3. Thilly, Frank: *A History of Philosophy*, Central Book Depot, Allahabad.
4. Armstrong, A.H: *An Introduction to Ancient Philosophy* (3rd Edition), Rowman & Littlefield Publishers.
5. Falckenberg, R: *History of Modern Philosophy*, Notion Press, 2020.
6. Arthur Kenyon Rodgers. *A Student's History of Philosophy*. The Macmillan Company.

**Bengali Version:**

1. Nirod Baron Chakraborty: *Paschatya Darsaner Itihas* (Plato, Aristotle).
2. Chandrodoyo Bhattacharya: *Paschatya Darsaner Itihas*.
3. R.P. Das & S.P. Chakraborty: *Paschatya Darsaner Ruprekha*.
4. Swapna Sarkar: *Paschatya Darshan Samiksha*
5. Promod Bandhu Sengupta: *Paschatya Darsaner Itihas*

**SEMESTER-I**  
**MINOR DSC COURSE**  
**PAPER-I: FUNDAMENTALS OF INDIAN PHILOSOPHY: I**  
**PAPER CODE: PHILMIN 101**

**UNIT I: Introduction**

Nature of Indian Philosophy  
Divisions of Indian Philosophy: *Āstika* and *Nāstika* Systems.  
**Cārvāka:** Epistemology, Metaphysics and Ethics.

**UNIT II: Bauddhist Philosophy**

Four Noble Truths, Theory of Dependent Origination

**UNIT III:**

**Nyāya Philosophy**

**Pramānas:** *Pratyakṣa* and *Anumāna*

**Vaiśeṣika Philosophy**

Seven *Padārthas*

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**SEMESTER-II**  
**MAJOR DSC COURSE**  
**PAPER-III: ETHICS: WESTERN & INDIAN**  
**PAPER CODE: PHILMAJ 203**

**UNIT I: WESTERN ETHICS**

1. Definition, Nature and Scope of Ethics.
2. Moral & Non-moral Actions
3. Postulates of Morality, Problem of Freedom of Will

**UNIT II:**

1. Kantian Ethics: Concept of Good Will, The Categorical Imperative
2. Utilitarianism: Bentham and J.S. Mill
3. Theory of Punishment

**UNIT III: INDIAN ETHICS**

1. Concept of *Ṛta* and *Ṛṇa*, Law of Karma, Niṣkāma Karma, Lokosaṅgraha
2. Four *Puruṣārthas*: *Dharma*, *Artha*, *Kāma*, *Mokṣa*
3. Eight fold Path of Buddhism and Brahmavihāra
4. Jaina Ethics: *Triratna*, *Pañcamahābrata*

**Suggested Readings:**

1. Sinha, Jadunath. *A Manual Of Ethics*. The Central Book Agency.
2. Aristotle. *Nicomachean Ethics*, Harvard University Press.
3. Frankena Williams. *Ethics*, Prantice Hall of India, Pearson; 2<sup>nd</sup> edition.
4. Kant, Immanuel. *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals*, Trans. H.J Paton, as *The Moral Law*, London: Hutchinson.
5. Rachel, J. *The Elements of Moral Philosophy*, McGraw- Hill
6. Sharma, I.C. *Ethical Philosophies of India*, New York, U.S.A. Johnsen Publishing Company
7. Warnock Mary. *J.S Mill Utilitarianism*, Glasgow: Collins.

**Bengali Version:**

1. Gupta, Dikshit. *Nitishastra*. West Bengal State Book Board.
2. Samarendra Bhattacharya: *Vyavaharik Nitividya*
3. Nivedita Chakraborty: *Frankenar Nitisashtra*
4. Bhattacharya, Samarendra. *Bharatiya Nitividya*.

**SEMESTER-II**  
**MAJOR DSC COURSE**  
**PAPER-IV: WESTERN LOGIC – I**  
**PAPER CODE: PHILMAJ 204**

**UNIT I: Basic Logical Concepts**

1. Sentence and Proposition
2. Argument and Inference
3. Truth and Validity
4. Deduction and Induction

**UNIT II: Aristotelian Logic:**

1. Definition of Term
2. Connotation and Denotation of Terms
3. Categorical Propositions, Distribution of Terms
4. Concept of Mediate & Immediate Inferences
5. Conversion, Obversion, Contraposition
6. Square of Opposition and the Existential Import
7. Mediate Inference: Categorical Syllogism: Mood, Figure, Rules of Syllogism and Formal Fallacies
8. Validating/Invalidating Categorical Syllogisms through Syllogistic Rules & Venn Diagrams

**UNIT – III:**

**(A) Logic of Compound Propositions (Sentential):**

1. Logical Connectives: And ( $\cdot$ ), Or ( $\vee$ ) and Not ( $\sim$ )
2. Material Conditional ( $\supset$ ) and Bi-conditional ( $\equiv$ )
3. Truth Functions: Symbols and Translation
4. Statements and Statement-Forms: Logical Status

**(B) Proving validity (proof procedure)**

1. Formal Proofs & Reductio Ad Absurdum

**UNIT – IV:**

1. Induction Per Simple Enumeration
2. Argument by Analogy, Appraising Analogical Arguments



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1. Cohen & Nagel. *An Introduction to Logic and Scientific Method*, Delhi: Allied Publishers.
2. Copi. I.M. *Introduction to Logic*, Delhi: Pearson. (Hindi. translation of this text is also available)
3. Munshi, R.C. *Handbook of Logic*. Baikuntha Book.

**Bengali Version:**

1. Das, Kantilal. *Avaraha Samketik Juktivijnaner Ruprekha*. Maha Bodhi Book Agency
2. Sukla Chakraborty, *Tarkavijnan*
3. Shibani Chowdhury, *Tarka Vijnaner Sahajpath*
4. Samarendranath Bhattacharjee: *Paschatya Yuktivijnan*

**SEMESTER– II**  
**MINOR DSC COURSE**  
**PAPER-II: WESTERN LOGIC**  
**PAPER CODE: PHILMIN 202**

**UNIT-I**

1. Proposition, Categorical Propositions, Classes of Categorical Propositions, Quality and Quantity of Propositions.
2. Distribution of Term of Categorical Propositions.
3. Traditional Square of Opposition of Propositions. Existential Import of Propositions.
4. Boolean Interpretation of Categorical Propositions. Translating Categorical Propositions into Standard Form.

**UNIT-II**

1. Definition and Nature of Deductive Argument. Categorical Syllogism: Figure, Mood, Testing Syllogism for Validity.
2. Testing Arguments by Venn diagram.
3. Truth Functional Connectives, Truth-Table Method for Testing Statement Form.

**UNIT-III**

1. Definition, Nature and Characteristics of Inductive Logic.
2. Problems of Induction.
3. Analogical Arguments.

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**SEMESTER– II**  
**INTER DISCIPLINARY COURSE**  
**PAPER-I: BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCE**  
**PAPER CODE: SOC3IDC208**

**UNIT – I**

**Society & Culture**

1. Basic Concept of Society: Social Group: Definition, Forms of Social Groups – Primary, Secondary, Intermediate, In-group & Out- group, Community: Characteristics and Basis of Community.
2. Social Institutions: Definition of Social Institutions, Definition of Marriage, Forms of Marriage - Monogamy, Polygamy, Polyandry and Group Marriage, Family: Definition and Functions of Family.
3. Definition of Culture and Civilization, Relation between Culture and Civilization.

**UNIT –II**

**Self & Understanding Self**

1. Meaning of Self and Components of Self.
2. Meaning of Self Confidence and Meaning of Self – Awareness.
3. Meaning of Self- Esteem, Forms of Self-Esteem: Inflated, High and Low.

**UNIT-III**

**Human Emotion & Attitude**

1. Definition of Emotion, Characteristics of Emotion, Positive and Negative Emotions.
2. Definition and Nature of Emotional Intelligence.
3. Definition and Nature of Attitude, Components of Attitude.

**SUGGESTED READINGS:**

1. N.K. Bose: *Cultural Anthropology*, Asia Publishing House, Bombay, 1961.
2. Goleman Daniel: *Emotional Intelligence*, Bantam Books, New York, 2005
3. N.K. Bose: *Culture and Society in India*, Asia Publishing House, Bombay, 1961.
4. MacIver & Page: *Society*
5. P. Gisbert: *Fundamentals of Sociology*, Orient Longman, 1973
6. Sengupta, Promod Bandhu: *Handbook of Social Philosophy*, Banerjee Publishers, Calcutta, 1981
7. K. Davis: *Organizational Behaviours*.
8. B. Bates & J. Julian: *Sociology- Understanding Social Behaviour*.
9. P. J. William: *Theories and Models in Applied Behavioural Science*.

**Bengali Version:**

1. P. B. Kar: *Samaj Tattva*
2. S. Bhattacharya: *Samaj Darsan O Rastra Darsan*
3. Ghosh, P: *Samaj O Rastra Darshan*