



WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

SYLLABUS

FOR

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMME

UNDER

CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM [CBCS]

Finalised by the UG BOS, Philosophy, WBSU, in the BOS Meeting held on 18.07.2018 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 2018-19.

Generic Elective/Interdisciplinary [GE]

[Theory: Any 4 papers from unrelated discipline each carrying (5+1) =6 credits. Total= (6x4) =24 credit. [For Hons. students from other departments. Students from other discipline may choose papers from the following list of papers introduced by the department of Philosophy].

Total 75 hours Lecture and 15 hours Tutorial

Semester-I

PHIHGEC01T [Logic]

A. Basic concepts: Proposition, Categorical Proposition, Quality, Quantity of categorical Propositions, argument, truth, validity.	5
B. Distribution of terms, Traditional Square of Oppositions, Conversion, Obversion and Contraposition. Categorical Proposition: Existential Import of Propositions, Boolean Interpretation of Categorical Propositions.	15
C. Categorical syllogism: Figure, Mood, Rules for Validity, Testing the validity of arguments by Venn diagram.	25
D. Symbolic Logic: The value of special Symbols for Conjunction, Negation, Disjunction, Implication, Equivalence, Tautology, Contradiction and Contingency.	15
E. Truth Table: Truth-table Method for Testing Arguments.	5
F. Inductive Logic: Mill's methods of Experimental Inquiry.	10

Semester -II

PHIHGEC02T [Western Epistemology and Metaphysics]

A. Theories of the origin of knowledge: Rationalism, Empiricism and Kant's Critical Theory.	15
B. Realism and Idealism as theories of Reality:	
i. General Introduction	2
ii. Realism: Naive Realism, Locke's Representationalism.	10
C. Idealism: Subjective Idealism: Berkeley's refutation of the distinction between Primary and Secondary qualities, Subjective Idealism.	5
D. Substance: Empiricist and Rationalist view of Substance.	15
E. Causality: Entailment theory, Regularity Theory.	14
F. Mind-body Problem: Interactionism, Parallelism, and Epiphenomenalism.	14

Semester III

PHIHGEC03T [Indian Epistemology and Metaphysics]

Systems of Indian Philosophy:

A. i) *Cārvāka* Epistemology:

Perception as the only source of knowledge,

Rejection of Inference and Testimony as sources of knowledge

ii. *Cārvāka* Metaphysics:

Causality- *Svabhāva*vāda, *Yadṛcchā*vāda, *Akasmika*tāvāda, *Jagat*, *Bhūtacaitanyavāda*.

B. Nyāya Epistemology:

Classifications of *Pramana*: *Pratyaksa*, *Anumana*, *Upamana* & *Sabda* (In brief).

Pratyaksa: *Laksana*:

Classifications: Determinate (*Savikalpaka*) and Indeterminate (*Nirvikalpaka*), *Laukika*, *a-laukika*;

Classification of *a-laukika* [In brief].

Sannikarsa: *Laukika* & *a-laukika*.

Anumana: *Laksana*, *Vyapti*, *Paramarsa*, *Svarthanumiti* & *Pararthanumiti*. 20

C) *Vaiśeṣika* Metaphysics: Seven categories: Outlines of *Dravya*, *Guṇa*, *Karma*, and Detailed Explanations of *Sāmānya*, *Viśeṣa*, *Samavāya*, and *Abhāva*. 25

D. Advaita Metaphysics: Nature of Brahman, *Māyā*, *Jagat*, Relation between Brahman and *Jīva* 15

Semester- IV

PHIHGEC04T [Ethics-Indian and Western]

Introduction, Difference between Indian Ethics and Western Ethics 4

Purusarthas: General view and their Inter-Relations 4

Karma: *Sakama*, *Niskama*, *Nitya-naimittik*, *Kamya* 8

Carvaka Ethics. 4

Buddhist Ethics: The Four Noble Truths and the Eight-fold *Path*, *Pancasila*. 5

Jaina Ethics: *Anuvrata*, *Mahavrata*. 5

Moral and Non-moral actions: Concept and object of Moral Judgment. 5

Standards of Morality: (A) Teleological Ethics- Hedonism-Psychological & Ethical; Ethical-Egoism and Utilitarianism [Bentham & Mill]. 20

B. Deontological Ethics -Kant: Good will, Categorical Imperative, Duty for Duty's Sake. 15

C. Theories of Punishment. 5

III. Ability Enhancement Course: For both Honours and Under Graduate Programme [Pure Pass] Students.

Details are given at the end.

B.A .Undergraduate Programme [PURE PASS Course]

Total Credit=120

I. Core Course:

[Same as the Generic Elective for Hons. Students, however, with a separate code 4X6=24 Credit. Total Credit from Two Disciplines [one is other than Philosophy] =24X2=48

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Core English & Core MIL [Two papers for each discipline; English in Sem. I and II; MIL in Sem.III and IV] =6X4=24

Total Credit in Core Paper=48+24=72

II.Elective Course.

Discipline Specific Elective [DSE]

[04 courses are to be introduced by each Department .Course 01 and 02 for Odd Semester, Course 03 and 04 for Even Semester. Students have to choose any one in each Semester. Total four from two Disciplines. Total Credit 4X6=24]

Total 75 hours Lecture and 15 hours Tutorial for each Module.

Semester - V

PHIGDSE01T [Applied Ethics]

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| A. Nature of Applied /Practical Ethics. | 5 |
| B. Nature of Rights-Human & Animal. | 10 |
| C. Suicide-Definition and Types, whether suicide can be called 'A moral crime', Arguments for and against suicide. | |
| D. Euthanasia/Mercy killing-Definition, meaning, types; Arguments for and against Euthanasia. | 20 |
| E. Environmental Ethics-Nature and main concern, Necessity of Environmental Ethics for human survival | 20 |

PHIGDSE02T- [Rabindranath, *Religion of Man*] 75

Semester - VI

PHIGDSE03T [Social & Political Philosophy]

- A. Social Philosophy.
i. Nature & Scope 2

- ii. Primary concepts: Society, Community, Association, Institution, Social group and its different forms. 6
- iii. Religious and Moral codes. 2
- iv. Custom and Law. 5
- v. Culture and Civilization. 5
- vi. Class and Caste-Definition and difference between social class and caste, Class-attitudes and Class-consciousness. 15
- B. Political Ideals:
 - i. Democracy: Different forms-Direct, Representative, Merits and demerits of Democracy. 20
 - ii. Socialism: Various forms-Utopian, Democratic and Scientific. 20

PHIGDSE04T [Bimalkrishna Motilal, *Niti, Yukti, Dharma: Kahini O Sahitye Rama O Krishna.*] 75

Generic Elective [GE]

[For students who have not chosen Philosophy as Core Course.

6X2=12.

Total 75 hours Lecture and 15 hours Tutorial for each Module]

Semester - V

PHIGGEC01T [The Philosophy of Self –Development]

- A. Buddhism- *Caturāryasatya, Causality, Dvādaśa nidāna [bhava chakra] aṣṭāṅgika Mārga.* 15
- B. *Yoga: ---citta, cittabhūmi, cittavṛtti, cittavṛtti nirodha, aṣṭāṅgayoga.* 15
- C. *Vedanta - Advaita Vedanta-Introduction [in brief]; sravana, manana, nididhyasana; Mukti---*
jibanmukti, videha mukti. 20
- D. Vivekananda: *Karmayoga.* 15
- E. Gandhi- Non-violence, Truth. 10

Semester -VI

PHIGGEC02T [Critical Thinking]

Text:

Madhuchhanda Sen, *Critical Thinking*

III. Ability Enhancement Course/ Shared Courses

Interdisciplinary, for both Hons. and General Students

Ability Enhancement Course Compulsory [AECC]

Semester I and II -as provided by the University Total Credit= [2X2]=04.

1. Skill Enhancement Course [SEC]

[Hons .students have to choose 02 papers and students of Undergraduate Programme have to choose 04 papers from a pool of subjects].

Total credit for Hons. students =[2X2]=04 and for students of Undergraduate Programme=[4X2]=08

Odd Semester

[Semester III for Hons. students and Semester III and V for students of Undergraduate Programme, same course is to be introduced]

PHISSEC01M - [Media Ethics]

What is Media Ethics, Roles and Impact of Media, Media and Democracy, Functions and Responsibilities of Media.

Even Semester

[Semester IV for Hons. students and Semester IV and VI for students of Undergraduate Programme, same course is to be introduced]

PHISSEC02M [Business Ethics]

What is Business Ethics; Environmental Ethics related to business, Advertising Ethics related to business.

TEXTS AND REFERENCES [

Generic Elective/Interdisciplinary.

PHIHGEC01T [Logic]

Recommended Text:

I.M.Copi, Introduction to Logic

Suggested Readings:

Samir Kumar Chakraborti, *Tarkasastra - Bharatiya O Paschatya*.

Samarendra Bhattacharya, *Snatak Darsana-1*

Phalguni Mukhopadhyaya, *Bharatiyanyaya O Paschatya Yuktivijnana*.

PHIHGEC02T [Western Epistemology and Metaphysics]

Suggested Readings:

Mitra, Chatterjee o Sarkar, *Manodarsan: Sarirbad O Tar Bikalpo*.

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

Samarendra Bhattacharya, *Snatak Darsana – [3rd Part]*

Samarendra Bhattacharya, *Paschatya Darsana*

John Hospers, In Introduction to Philosophical Analysis

PHIHGEC03T [Indian Epistemology and Metaphysics]

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*

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

PHIHGEC04T [Ethics-Indian and Western]

Suggested Readings:

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

Dr. Dikshit Gupta, *Nitividya O Monovidya*.

Dr. Sanjib Ghosh , *Monovijnana O Nitavijnana* .

Samarendra Bhattacharyaya, *Nitividya*.

Dipak Kr. Bagchi, *Bharatiya Nitividya*

Amita Chatterjee[Edited]: *Bharatiya Dharmaniti*

III. Ability Enhancement Course: Elective Skill Enhancement Course.

[For both Honours and Undergraduate Programme]

AECC: As provided by the University.

SEC

PHISSEC01M [Media Ethics]

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.

PHISSEC02M [Business Ethics]

Debasish Guha, *Practical and Professional Ethics*, Vol.5, Concept Publishing Company, New Delhi, 2007

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

For Undergraduate Programme

Core: Same as the Generic Elective for Hons. Students

DSE:

PHIGDSE01T-Applied Ethics:

Suggested readings:

Peter Singer, *Practical Ethics*

Pradip Kumar Roy, Peter Singer: *Vyavaharik Nitividya*

Santosh Kumar Pal, *Falita Nitividya*

Diksit Gupta, *Falita Nitividya*

Somnath Chakraborty, *Kathaya Karma Ethics*

PHIGDSE02T- Rabindranath, *Religion of Man*

PHIGDSE03T- Social & Political Philosophy

Suggested readings:

MacIver and Page, *Society: An Introductory Analysis*.

Pritibhusan Chattopadhyaya, *Samaj Darsana Dipika*

Samarendra Bhattacharya, *Samaj Darsana o Rastra Darsan*

Sudarsan Chakraborty, *Rastra*

PHIGDSE04T-Bimalkrishna Motilal, *Niti, Yukti, Dharma: Kahini O Sahitye Rama O Krishna*.

GE:

PHIGGEC01T- The Philosophy of Self –Development

Suggested readings:

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Dutta & Chatterjee, *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy*

Nikhilesh bandopadhyaya, *Samasamayik Bharatiya Darsan*

Karmayoga, Swami Vivekananda (English & Bengali versions are available)

Devabrata Sen, *Bharatiya Darsan*
Nirod baran Chakraborti, *Bharatiya Darsan*
Kanakprabha Bandopadhyay, *Sankhya-Patanjal Darsan*

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