VIDYASAGAR UNIVERSITY

Paschim Midnapore, West Bengal



PROPOSED CURRICULUM & SYLLABUS (DRAFT) OF

BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS) MAJOR IN PHILOSOPHY

4-YEAR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMME

(w.e.f. Academic Year 2023-2024)

Based on

Curriculum & Credit Framework for Undergraduate Programmes (CCFUP), 2023 & NEP, 2020

VIDYASAGAR UNIVERSITY BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS) MAJOR IN PHILOSOPHY (under CCFUP, 2023)

Level	YR.	SEM	Course	Course Code	Course Title	Credit	L-T-P	Marks			
			Type					CA	ESE	TOTAL	
	1 st	I	SEMESTER-I								
			Major-1	PHIHMJ101	T: Indian Philosophy-1	4	3-1-0	15	60	75	
			SEC	PHISEC01	P: Yoga for Stress Management	3	0-0-3	10	40	50	
			AEC	AEC01	Communicative English -1 (common for all programmes)	2	2-0-0	10	40	50	
			MDC	MDC01	Multidisciplinary Course -1 (to be chosen from the list)	3	3-0-0	10	40	50	
			VAC	VAC01	ENVS (common for all programmes)	4	2-0-2	50	50	100	
			Minor	PHIMI01	T: Ethics: Indian and Western	4	3-1-0	15	60	75	
			(DiscI)		(To be taken by students of other Disciplines)						
		Semester-I Total								400	
			SEMESTER-II								
BA		п	Major-2	PHIHMJ102	T: History of Western Philosophy-I	4	3-1-0	15	60	75	
(Hons.)			SEC	PHISEC02	P: Environmental Issues in India	3	0-0-3	10	40	50	
			AEC	AEC02	MIL-1 (common for all programmes)	2	2-0-0	10	40	50	
			MDC	MDC02	Multi Disciplinary Course-02 (to be chosen from the list)	3	3-0-0	10	40	50	
			VAC	VAC02	Value Added Course-02 (to be chosen from the list)	4	4-0-0	10	40	50	
			Minor	PHIMI02	T: Western Logic	4	3-1-0	15	60	75	
			(DiscII)		(To be taken by students of other Disciplines)						
			Summer	CS	Community Service	4	0-0-4	-	-	50	
			Intern.								
					Semester-II Total	24				400	
					TOTAL of YEAR-1	44				800	

MJ = Major, MI = Minor Course, SEC = Skill Enhancement Course, AEC = Ability Enhancement Course, MDC = Multidisciplinary Course, VAC = Value Added Course; CA= Continuous Assessment, ESE= End Semester Examination, T = Theory, P= Practical, L-T-P = Lecture-Tutorial-Practical, MIL = Modern Indian Language, ENVS = Environmental Studies

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MAJOR (MJ)

MJ-1: Indian Philosophy-1 Credits 04 (Full Marks: 75)

MJ-1T: Indian Philosophy [Theory: 60 lectures]

Course contents:

- A. Introduction: The basic Philosophy of Vedas and the Upaniṣads, Āstika and Nāstika Schools. [2 lectures]
- B. Cārvāka System Epistemology, Metaphysics, Ethics. [6 lectures]
- C. Jaina System Basic concepts of Jaina Philosophy, Anekāntavāda, Syādvāda and Saptabhaṅginaya. [8 lectures]
- D. Bauddha System: Four Noble Truths, Theory of Dependent Origination (Pratītyasamutpāda vāda), Definition of Reality (Arthakriyākāritva), Doctrine of Momentariness, (Kṣanabhangavāda), Theory of no-soul (Nairātmyavāda), Four Schools of Buddhism (Basic tenets).
- E. Nyāya System: Pramā and Aprama, Different kinds of Pramāṇa, Pratyakṣa (Definition), Sannikarṣa, Classification of Pratyakṣa : Nirvikalpaka, Savikalpaka, Laukika, Alaukika [10 lectures]
- F. Anumāna (Definition), vyāpti, parāmarśa, Classification of Anumāna: pūrvavat, śesavat, smānyatodṛsta, kevalānvayī, kevalavyātirekī, anvayavyātirekī, svārthānumāna, parārthānumāna, Upamāna (definition), Śabda (definition). [10 lectures]
- G. Vaiśeṣika System: Seven Padārthas, dravya, guṇa, karma, sāmānya, viśeṣa, samavāya, abhāva, Atomism. [12 lectures]

Suggested Readings:

English:

- 1. Outlines of Indian Philosophy: M. Hiriyanna
- 2. A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy: C.D. Sharma
- 3. An Introduction to Indian Philosophy: D. M. Dutta & S.C. Chatterjee
- 4. Classical Indian Philosophy: J.N. Mohanty
- 5. History of Indian Philosophy: S.N. Dasgupta
- 6. Indian Philosophy (Vol. I & II): S. Radhakrishnan
- 7. Indian Philosophy (Vol. I & II): J.N. Sinha
- 8. Studies on the Carvaka/Lokayata: Ramakrishna Bhattacharya
- 9. The Central Philosophy of Buddhism: T.R.V. Murti
- 10. Yogacara Idealism: A.K.Chatterjee
- 11. An Introduction to Maddhyamika Philosophy: Jaydev Singh

- 12. Reflections on Indian Philosophy: K.P. Sinha
- 13. Philosophy of Jainism: K.P. Sinha
- 14. Nyaya Theory of Knowledge: S.C. Chatterjee
- 15. Six Ways of Knowing: D.M. Dutta
- 16. Nyaya-Vaisesika Metaphysics: Sadananda Bhaduri
- 17. The Doctrine of Maya: A.K. Roychoudhuri
- 18. Self and Falsity in Advaita Vedanta: A.K. Roychoudhuri
- 19. The Word and the world: Bimal Krishna Matilal
- 20. Logic, Language and Reality: Bimal Krishna Matilal

- 21. Bharatiya Darshan: Debabrata Sen
- 22. Bharatiya Darshan: Nirodbaran Chakraborty
- 23. Sayan Madhaviya Sarva Darshan Samgraha: Satyajyoti Chakraborti
- 24. Lokayata Darshan: Debiprasad Chatoopadhyay
- 25. Carvakacarca: Ramakrisna Bhattacharya
- 26. Carvaka Darshan: Panchanan Sastri
- 27. Carvaka Darshan: Amit Kumar Bhattacharya
- 28. Bauddha Dharma O Darshan: Swami Vidyaranya
- 29. Bauddha Darshan: Panchanan Sastri
- 30. Gautama Buddher Darshan o Dharma: Sukomol Choudhury
- 31. Bauddha Darshan: Amit Kumar Bhattacharya
- 32. Ksanabhangavada: Bidhubhusan Bhattacharya
- 33. Jainadarshaner Digdarshan: Satindra Chandra Bhattacharya
- 34. Nyaya Darshan: Phanibhushan Tarkavagisha
- 35. Nyaya Paricaya: Phanibhushan Tarkavagisha
- 36. Nyaya-Vaisesika Darshan: Karuna Bhattacharya
- 37. Nyaya Tattva Parikrama: Kalikrishna Bandyopadhyaya
- 38. Samkhya Darshan: Bhupendranath Bhattacharya
- 39. Samkhya Darshaner Vivarana: Bidhubhushan Bhattacharya
- 40. Samkhyamata Samiksa: Yogendranath Bagchi
- 41. Samkhya Tattva Kaumudi: Narayan Chandra Goswami
- 42. Samkhya-Patanjal Darshan: Kanakprabha Bandyopadhyaya
- 43. Patanjal Darshan: Purnachandra Vedantachanchu
- 44. Puva Mimasa Darshan: Sukhamaya Bhattacharya
- 45. Vedanta Darshan: Roma Choudhury
- 46. Vedanta Darshan: Advaitavada: Ashutosh Sastri
- 47. Mayavada: Pramatha Nath Tarkabhushan
- 48. Vedanta Darshan: Swami Vidyaranya
- 49. Vaisesika Darshan: Pradyot Kumar Mondal

MJ-2T: History of Western Philosophy – I

Course contents:

a)	Pre Socratic Philosophy	[8 lectures]
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[Theory: 60 lectures]

- b) Socratic Method of philosophizing. [2 lectures]
- c) Plato: Theory of Knowledge, Theory of Forms. [8 lectures]
- d) Aristotle: Critique of Plato's theory of Forms, Doctrine of four causes, Form and Matter
 [8 lectures]
- e) St. Thomas Aquinas: Faith and Reason, Essence and Existence. [4 lectures]
- f) Descartes: Cartesian method of doubt, Cogito ergo sum, Criterion of truth, Types of Ideas, Proofs for Existence of External World. [10 lectures]
- g) Spinoza: Method of Spinoza, Theory of Knowledge three orders of knowing, Doctrine of Substance, Attributes and Modes, Pantheism, Freedom of will. [10 lectures]
- h) Leibniz: Theory of Substance- the Monadology, Truths of reason, Truth of Facts.

 Some Metaphysical Principles: Laws of identity of indiscernible, Law of sufficient reason, Law of continuity, The Doctrine of Pre-established Harmony. [10 lectures]

Suggested Readings:

English:

- 1. The Greek Philosophers from Thales to Aristotle: W. K. C. Guthrie
- 2. A Critical History of Greek Philosophy: W.T. Stace
- 3. Encyclopedia of Philosophy: P. Edwards (ed.)
- 4. A History of Philosophy: F. Copleston, vols. I, II, IV, V, VI
- 5. History of Western Philosophy: B. Russell
- 6. History of Modern Philosophy: R. Falckenberg
- 7. A Critical History of Modern Philosophy: Y.H. Masih
- 8. A History of Philosophy: F. Thilly
- 9. A History of Modern Philosophy: W.K. Wright
- 10. A Critical History of Western Philosophy: D.J. O'Connor
- 11. A History of Philosophy from Descartes to Wittgenstein: R. Scruton
- 12. The Fundamental Questions of Philosophy: A.C. Ewing
- 13. A Brief History of Western Philosophy: A. Kenny
- 14. The Works of Descartes: Haldane & Ross (eds.)
- 15. Descartes: The Project of Pure Enquiry: B. Williams
- 16. Descartes: A. Kenny
- 17. Spinoza: Leon Roth
- 18. Leibniz: An Introduction to His Philosophy: N. Rescher
- 19. The Rationalists: J. Cottingham

- 20. Paschatya Darshaner Itihas: Tarak Candra Roy (pratham o dwitiya khanda)
- 21. Paschatya Darshaner Itihas: Kalyan Chandra Gupta
- 22. Paschatya Darshaner Itihas: Susanta Chakraborty

- 23. Paschatya Darshaner Itihas: Samarendra Bhattacharya (pratham o dwitiya khanda)
- 24. Paschatya Darshaner Itihas(Plato o Aristotle): N.B. Chakraborty
- 25. Paschatya Darshaner Itihas(Plato o Aristotle): Debabrata Sen
- 26. Paschatya Darshaner Itihas(Adhunik Yuga-Yuktivada (Descartes), Spinoza, Leibniz:): Chandrodaya Bhattacharya
- 27. Rane Descartes er Darshan Prahalad Kumer Sarker,
- 28. Descartes Jivan o Darshan Ranjan Roy, Anustup, Kolkata
- 29. *Paschatya Darshaner Itihas* (Descartes, Spinoza and Leibniz): Debabrata Sen, Levant Books

MINOR (MI)

MI – 1: Ethics: Indian and Western Credits 04 (Full Marks: 75)

MI – 1T: Ethics: Indian and Western [Theory: 60 lectures]

Course contents:

Indian:

- a) Four Purusarthās dharma, artha, kāma and mokṣa and their interrelation.
 Karma (Sakāma & Niṣkāma).
 [10 lectures]
- b) Concept of Dharma, Svadharma, Visesa dharma, Varnadharma, Asrama dharma, Rna, Rta,
 [10 lectures]
- c) Cārvāka Ethics. [4 lectures]
- d) Buddhist Ethics: The Four Noble Truths and the Eight-Fold Path. [6 lectures]

Western:

- e) Definition, Scope and Types of Ethics, Ethics and Morality, Moral and Non-Moral Actions, Object of Moral Judgment. [10 lectures]
- f) Teleological Ethics: Utilitarianism (Bentham and Mill). Deontological Ethics: Kant's Moral Theory, Virtue ethics [12 lectures]
- g) Theories of Punishment, Capital Punishment. 8 Lectures [8 lectures]

Suggested Readings:

English:

- 1. The Fundamentals of Hinduism-A Philosophical Study: S.C. Chatterjee
- 2. An Introduction to Ethics: W. Lillie

- 3. Nitividya: Shibapada Chakrabarty
- 4. Nitividyar Tattvakatha: Somnath Chakrabarty
- 5. Nitisastra: Dikshit Gupta

MI-2: Western Logic Credits 04 (Full Marks: 75)

MI-2T: Western Logic [Theory: 60 lectures]

Course contents:

1. Introduction: Differences between deductive and inductive logic, Sentence, proposition, argument, truth and validity, Laws of Thought. [10 lectures]

2. Aristotelian classification of categorical propositions, distribution of terms.

[4 lectures]

3. Immediate inference: square of opposition, conversion, obversion and contraposition.

[6 lectures]

- 4. Existential Import, Effects of Existential import on modern logic, Boolean interpretation of categorical propositions. [6 lectures]
- 5. Categorical syllogism: Figure, mood, rules for testing validity, Venn Diagram method: testing validity and fallacies. [10 lectures]
- 6. Symbolic Logic: Use of symbols, Truth-functions: Negation, Conjunction, disjunction, implication, equivalence. [10 lectures]
- 7. Tautology, Contradiction, Contingent statement forms. Construction of truth-table, using truth-tables for testing the validity of arguments and statement forms.

[10 lectures]

8. Problem of induction

[4 lectures]

Suggested Readings:

English:

1. Introduction to Logic (13thedn): I. M. Copi and C. Cohen

- 2. Paschatya Darshan O Yuktivijnan: Ramaprasad Das
- 3. Paschatya Darsan O Yuktivijnan: Samir Kumar Chakrabarty

SKILL ENHANCEMENT COURSE (SEC)

SEC 1: Yoga for Stress Management

Credits 03

SEC1P: Yoga for Stress Management

Full Marks: 50

Course Outline:

- a) Introduction to Yoga for stress management
- b) Stress according to Western Perspectives
- c) Stress Hazards and Yoga
- d) Meeting of the Challenges of Stress
- e) Role of Yoga in prevention and management of stress related disorders- a summary of research evidence
- f) Meditation: 'OM' meditation and pranayama
- g) Integrate Yoga Module 1

Assessment:

- A. A detailed report must be submitted to the concerned college by the candidate with the picture of practical activities.
- B. Viva-voce

Suggested Readings:

- 1. Yoga for Promotion of Positive Health by H.R. Nagendra and R Nagarathna.
- 2. The Handbook of Stress Science: Biology, Psychology and Health by R. Contrada and A. Barun.
- 3. Stress and Addiction: Biological and Psychological Mechanisms by M. Al'Absi(Ed.).
- 4. Principles and Practice of Stress Management by O. Van Den Bergh.
- 5. Hatha Yoga Pradipika by Swami Muktibodhananda.
- 6. Srimad Bhagavad Gita by Atul Chandra Sen.

SEC 2: Environmental Issues in India

SEC 2P: Environmental Issues in India

Course Outline:

- a) History of the relation between Man and Nature
- b) Contemporary Issues:
 - a) Narmada Bnachao Andolan
 - b) Chipko movement
 - c) Teheri Dam movement
 - d) Silent Valley movement
 - e) Appico movement
- c) Environment in contemporary philosophers:
 - a) Rabindra Nath Tagore
 - b) Mahatma Gandhi
 - c) Vandana Shiva
 - d) Meera Baindur
- d) Swachh Bharat Andolon
- e) Observation of Aranya Saptaho
- f) Namami Ganga Project

Assessment:

A. A detailed report must be submitted to the concerned college by the candidate with the picture of practical activities.

Credits 03

Full Marks: 50

B. Viva-voce

Suggested Readings:

- 1. General Intelligence and Reasoning Test, Revised 4/e by K.P. Singh.
- 2. A Fresh Approach to Reasoning Test With Logical Reasoning by Dr. Lal and Maurya
- 3. Any book related to the first paper of Competitive examination