

# **VIDYASAGAR UNIVERSITY**

Paschim Midnapore, West Bengal



*PROPOSED CURRICULUM & SYLLABUS (DRAFT) OF*

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**BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS)**

**MAJOR IN PHILOSOPHY**

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**4-YEAR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMME**

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

*Based on*

**Curriculum & Credit Framework for Undergraduate Programmes**

**(CCFUP), 2023 & NEP, 2020**

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**(under CCFUP, 2023)**

Level	YR.	SEM	Course Type	Course Code	Course Title	Credit	L-T-P	Marks			
								CA	ESE	TOTAL	
BA (Hons.)	1 <sup>st</sup>	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 ( <i>common for all programmes</i> )	2	2-0-0	10	40	50	
			MDC	MDC01	Multidisciplinary Course -1 ( <i>to be chosen from the list</i> )	3	3-0-0	10	40	50	
			VAC	VAC01	ENVS ( <i>common for all programmes</i> )	4	2-0-2	50	50	100	
			Minor (Disc.-I)	PHIMI01	T: Ethics: Indian and Western ( <i>To be taken by students of other Disciplines</i> )	4	3-1-0	15	60	75	
						Semester-I Total	20				400
		II	SEMESTER-II								
			Major-2	PHIHMJ102	T: History of Western Philosophy-I	4	3-1-0	15	60	75	
			SEC	PHISEC02	P: Environmental Issues in India	3	0-0-3	10	40	50	
			AEC	AEC02	MIL-1 ( <i>common for all programmes</i> )	2	2-0-0	10	40	50	
			MDC	MDC02	Multi Disciplinary Course-02 ( <i>to be chosen from the list</i> )	3	3-0-0	10	40	50	
			VAC	VAC02	Value Added Course-02 ( <i>to be chosen from the list</i> )	4	4-0-0	10	40	50	
			Minor (Disc.-II)	PHIMI02	T: Western Logic ( <i>To be taken by students of other Disciplines</i> )	4	3-1-0	15	60	75	
			Summer Intern.	CS	Community Service	4	0-0-4	-	-	50	
						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

## 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). **[12 lectures]**
- 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, smānyatodṛṣṭa, 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 Mādhyamika 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

**Bengali:**

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: Ramakrishna 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: Bidhubhusan Bhattacharya
40. Samkhyamata Samiksa: Yogendranath Bagchi
41. Samkhya Tattva Kaumudi: Narayan Chandra Goswami
42. Samkhya-Patanjal Darshan: Kanakprabha Bandyopadhyaya
43. Patanjali 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-2: History of Western Philosophy – I****Credits 04 (Full Marks: 75)****MJ-2T: History of Western Philosophy – I****[Theory: 60 lectures]****Course contents:**

- a) Pre Socratic Philosophy [8 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

**Bengali:**

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, Ṛna, Ṛta, **[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

**Bengali:**

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 (13th edn): I. M. Copi and C. Cohen

**Bengali:**

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**

**Credits 03**

**SEC 2P: Environmental Issues in India**

**Full Marks: 50**

**Course Outline:**

**a) History of the relation between Man and Nature**

**b) Contemporary Issues:**

- a) Narmada Bachao Andolan
- b) Chipko movement
- c) Tehri Dam movement
- d) Silent Valley movement
- e) Appiko movement

**c) Environment in contemporary philosophers:**

- a) Rabindra Nath Tagore
- b) Mahatma Gandhi
- c) Vandana Shiva
- d) Meera Baidur

**d) Swachh Bharat Andolan**

**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.**
- 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