

# **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	<b>SEMESTER-I</b>									
			Major-1	PHIHMJ101	T: Indian Philosophy	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		
		<b>Semester-I Total</b>						<b>20</b>				<b>400</b>
		II	<b>SEMESTER-II</b>									
			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		
		<b>Semester-II Total</b>						<b>24</b>				<b>400</b>
		<b>TOTAL of YEAR-1</b>						<b>44</b>				<b>800</b>

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**

**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, smānyatodṛṣta, 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

**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: 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. 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, Varnadharmā, 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. Nītiśāstra: 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 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 Baidur
- 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.**
- 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