



UNIVERSITY OF GOUR BANGA

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

SYLLABUS FOR THE PG PROGRAMME (M.A.)

[UNDER THE NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY – 2020]

(w.e.f. the Session: 2026-2027)

(Recommended by the PG Board of Studies in Philosophy)

2 YEAR (FOUR SEMESTER PROGRAMME)

Total Credits: 96

**Detailed Course Structure including the Question Pattern and
Contents are as follows:**

Semester	Course Code	Title of the Course	Total credit
I	PHIL-DSC-101	INDIAN EPISTEMOLOGY	4
	PHIL-DSC-102	WESTERN EPISTEMOLOGY	4
	PHIL-DSC-103	INDIAN LOGIC	4
	PHIL-DSC-104	WESTERN LOGIC	4
	PHIL-DSE-105(A) / PHIL-DSE-105(B) / PHIL-DSE-105(C) / PHIL-DSE-105(D) (Elective Course)	SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY (INDIAN) / PHILOSOPHY AND ENVIRONMENT / PHILOSOPHY OF YOGA / SWAYAM MOOCs (Student will choose any <i>one</i> of the DSE courses.)	4
	PHIL-SEC-106 (Skill-Based Course)	CRITICAL THINKING AND RESEARCH METHODOLOGY	4
Total Credits =			24
Semester	Course Code	Title of the Course	Total credit
II	PHIL-DSC-201	INDIAN ETHICS	4
	PHIL-DSC-202	WESTERN ETHICS	4
	PHIL-DSC-203	INDIAN METAPHYSICS	4
	PHIL-DSC-204	WESTERN METAPHYSICS	4
	PHIL-DSE-205(A) / PHIL-DSE-205(B) / PHIL-DSE-205(C) / PHIL-DSE-205(D) (Elective Course)	MODERN INDIAN THINKERS / SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY (WESTERN) / AESTHETICS / SWAYAM MOOCs (Student will choose any <i>one</i> of the DSE courses.)	4
	PHIL-SEC-206 (Skill-Based Course)	APPLIED ETHICS	4
Total Credits =			24

Semester	Course Code	Title of the Course	Total credit
III	PHIL-DSC-301	PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE (INDIAN)	4
	PHIL-DSE-302(A) / PHIL-DSE-302(B) / PHIL-DSE-302(C) (Elective Course)	PHENOMENOLOGY AND EXISTENTIALISM / KANT: <i>CRITIQUE OF PRACTICAL REASON</i> / FILM AND PHILOSOPHY (Student will choose any <i>one</i> of the DSE courses.)	4
	PHIL-DSE-303(A) / PHIL-DSE-303(B) / PHIL-DSE-303(C) / PHIL-DSE-303(D) (Elective Course)	PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION / PHILOSOPHY OF LAW / PHILOSOPHY OF MIND / SWAYAM MOOCs (Student will choose any <i>one</i> of the DSE courses.)	4
	PHIL-DRP-304	ADVANCED RESEARCH METHODOLOGY	4
	PHIL-DRP-305	DISSERTATION-1	8
	Total Credits =		24
Semester	Course Code	Title of the Course	Total credit
IV	PHIL-DSC-401	PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE (WESTERN)	4
	PHIL-DSE-402(A) / PHIL-DSE-402(B) / PHIL-DSE-402(C) (Elective Course)	ŚRI ŚAṆKARĀCĀRYA: <i>BRAHMA-SŪTRA BHĀṢYA</i> / MADHUSŪDANA SARASWATĪ: <i>ADVAITASIDDHI</i> / GAṆGEŚA: <i>TATTVACINTĀMAṆI</i> (Student will choose any <i>one</i> of the DSE courses.)	4
	PHIL-DSE-403(A) / PHIL-DSE-403(B) / PHIL-DSE-403(C) (Elective Course)	HERMENEUTICS AND POSTMODERNISM / WITTGENSTEIN: <i>PHILOSOPHICAL INVESTIGATIONS</i> / SWAYAM MOOCs (Student will choose any <i>one</i> of the DSE courses.)	4
	PHIL-DRP-404	DISSERTATION-2	12
	Total Credits =		24
Abbreviations:- DSC: Discipline Specific Core; DSE: Discipline Specific Elective; SEC: Skill Enhancement Course; DRP: Departmental Research Project.			

*** Students will be accustomed with Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) through the courses on Indian Philosophy.**

Marks structure:

- **Semester end Examination: 40**
- **Continuous Evaluation/Mid-term Examination: 10** [modality will be decided by the Department, preferably to be announced at the commencement of semester]

No internal marks will be allotted for Research course components. Only in case of Advanced Research Methodology, internal marks shall be allotted.

Skill-based Course: Department will opt any one of the skill-based course mentioned as per their requirement.

QUESTION PATTERN FOR SEMESTER END EXAMINATIONS

Each paper/course will be of 40 marks in the end semester examinations in the following pattern:

Section – I

1. Answer any *one* of the following: 10x1 = 10
 - (a)
 - (b)
2. Answer any *two* of the following: 5x2 = 10
 - (a)
 - (b)
 - (c)
 - (d)

Section – II

3. Answer any *one* of the following: 10x1 = 10
 - (a)
 - (b)
4. Answer any *two* of the following: 5x2 = 10
 - (a)
 - (b)
 - (c)
 - (d)

SEMESTER – I

PHIL-DSC-101

INDIAN EPISTEMOLOGY

- *Anubhava - Yathārtha & Ayathārtha*
- *Pramāṇa* - (a) *Pratyakṣa*, (b) *Upamāna*, (c) *Arthāpatti*, (d) *Anupalabdhi*
- *Prāmāṇyavāda* - (a) *Svataḥ Prāmāṇya*, (b) *Parataḥ Prāmāṇya*, & (c) *Svaprakāśatva*
- *Khyātivāda* - (a) *Akhyāti*, (b) *Anyathākhyāti*, & (c) *Anirvacanīyakhyāti*

TEXTS:

1. *Bhāṣāpariccheda with Siddhānta-Muktāvalī* by Viśvanātha
2. *Vedāntaparibhāṣā* by Dharmarāja Adhvarīndra

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. Govardhan P. Bhatt : *Epistemology of the Bhaṭṭa School of Purva- Mīmāṃsā*
2. J.N. Mohanty : *Gaṅgeśa's Theory of Truth*
3. Karl Potter : *Encyclopaedia of Indian Philosophy* (vol. Navya Nyāya)
4. Sukharanjan Saha : *Theories of Error*
5. Sukharanjan Saha : *Epistemology of Prācīna and Navya Nyāya*
6. Rupa Bandyopadhyay : *Indian Theories of Illusion*
7. Uma Chattopadhyay : *Dishonoured by Philosophers: Upamāna Pramāṇa in Indian Epistemology*
8. B.K. Matilal : *Perception*
9. B.K. Matilal : *Perceptual Error*
10. K.N. Jayatilleke : *Early Buddhist Theory of Knowledge*
11. D.M. Datta : *Six Ways of Knowing*
12. S.C. Chatterjee : *Nyāya Theory of Knowledge*
13. Debabrata Sen : *The Concept of Knowledge*
14. Srinivasa Rao : *Perceptual Error: The Indian Theories*
15. Viśvanātha : *Bhāṣāpariccheda with Siddhānta-Muktāvalī* (English Tr. by Swāmi Madhavananda and Bengali Tr. by Pancānan Śāstrī)
16. Dharmarāja Adhvarīndra: *Vedāntaparibhāṣā* (English Tr. by Swāmi Madhavananda and Bengali Tr. by Pancānan Śāstrī)

PHIL-DSC-102
WESTERN EPISTEMOLOGY

- Scepticism and the possibility of knowledge
- Nature and definition of knowledge: Belief and Knowledge
- Gettier problem and responses to it
- Justification of knowledge: Foundationalism, Coherentism, Causal theory and Reliability theory
- Theories of Truth: Correspondence, Coherence and Pragmatic
- Knowledge of other minds

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. Jonathan Dancy: *Introduction to Contemporary Epistemology*
2. Robert Audi: *Epistemology*
3. Sosa & Greco (Eds) : *Blackwell Guide to Epistemology*
4. Keith Lehrer: *Knowledge*
5. R. Chisholm : *Theory of Knowledge* (Editions: 1 &2)
6. P. F. Strawson: *Scepticism and Naturalism : Some Varieties*
7. Wittgenstein: *On Certainty*
8. Norman Malcolm: *Knowledge and Certainty*
9. Sibajiban Bhattacharya: *Doubt, Belief and Knowledge*
10. A.J.Ayer: *The Problem of Knowledge*
11. P.K.Sen : 'Gentle Naturalist Response to Scepticism' in *The Philosophy of P.F. Strawson*, ed. By Rooprekha Verma and P. K. Sen
12. Tushar Kanti Sarkar: *Knowledge, Truth and Justification*
13. A. P. Griffith : *Knowledge and Belief*
14. D. W. Hamlyn: *The Theory of Knowledge*

PHIL-DSC-103
INDIAN LOGIC

- Nyāya : Definition, Constituents and Types of *Anumāna*, *Pakṣatā*, *Parāmarśa*, *Vyāpti* and *Vyāptigraha*, *Hetvābhaṣa*
- Bauddha: Definition, Constituents and Types of *Anumāna*, Definition of *Vyāpti*, Types of *Hetu*
- Jaina: Definition, Constituents and Types of *Anumāna*, *Hetvābhaṣa*
- Advaita Vedānta: Definition, Constituents and Types of *Anumāna*, Definition of *Vyāpti*

TEXTS:

1. Viśvanātha : *Bhāṣāpariccheda with Siddhānta-Muktāvalī*
2. Dharmakīrti: *Nyāyabindu*
3. Siddhasena Divākara: *Nyāyāvatāra*
4. Dharmarāja Adhvarīndra : *Vedāntaparibhāṣā*

SUGGESTED READINGS:

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| 1. Dharmakīrti | : | <i>Pramāṇa Vārttikā</i> |
| 2. Satish Chandra Vidyabhusan | : | <i>History of Indian Logic</i> |
| 3. B.K. Matilal | : | <i>Character of Logic in India</i> |
| 4. B.K. Matilal | : | <i>Logic, Language and Reality</i> |
| 5. S.S. Barlingay | : | <i>A Modern Introduction to Indian Logic</i> |
| 6. Nandita Bandyopadhyay | : | <i>The Concept of Logical Fallacies</i> |
| 7. Stcherbatsky | : | <i>Buddhist Logic</i> (2 vols.) |
| 8. Raghunath Ghosh | : | <i>Relation as Real: A Critique of Dharmakīrti</i> |
| 9. Mrinal Kanti Gangyopadhyay: | | <i>Nyāyabindu ṭīkā</i> |
| 10. V.N. Jha (Ed.) | : | <i>Jaina Logic and Epistemology</i> |
| 11. Bhagchandra Jain “BHASKAR” | : | <i>Jaina Logic</i> |
| 12. Viśvanātha | : | <i>Bhāṣāpariccheda with Siddhānta-Muktāvalī</i> (English Tr. by Swāmi Madhavananda and Bengali Tr. by Pancānan Śāstrī) |
| 13. Dharmarāja Adhvarīndra | : | <i>Vedāntaparibhāṣā</i> (English Tr. by Swāmi Madhavananda and Bengali Tr. by Pancānan Śāstrī) |

PHIL-DSC-104
WESTERN LOGIC

Intuitive Set Theory

- Basic concepts of Set Theory
- Set Theoretical operators, Intersection, Union and Difference
- Translating Everyday Language
- Venn Diagrams, Testing Validity
- Relations, Classification of Relations, etc.

Propositional Logic:

- The Rule of Conditional Proof (C.P.)
- The Rule of Indirect Proof (I.P.)
- Reductio Ad Absurdum Method of Testing Arguments
- Truth –tree as Decision Procedure
- Testing Validity of Arguments of Propositional Logic by Truth-tree Method

Predicate Logic:

- Technique of Symbolizing Statements involving Quantifiers.
- Preliminary Quantification Rules
- Multiply General Propositions & Singly General Propositions
- Revised Quantification Rules
- Formal Proof of Validity of Arguments involving Quantification
- Formal Proof of invalidity of arguments involving Quantification

TEXTS:

1. P. Suppes : *Introduction to Logic* (Chapters: 9 to 11)
2. I.M. Copi : *Symbolic Logic* (5th Ed.), (Chapters: 1 to 5)
3. Richard Jeffrey : *Formal Logic: It's Scope and Limits* (2nd Ed.) (Chapter: 6)

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. S. Lipschutz : *Set Theory*
2. A. Singh & C. Goswami: *Fundamentals of Logic*
3. Chhanda Chakraborti: *Logic: Informal, Symbolic & Inductive* (2nd Ed.), Prentice Hall of India, 2007
4. A.N. Prior : *Formal Logic*
5. V. Klenk : *Understanding Symbolic Logic*
6. Ramaprasad Das : *Sāṅketik Yuktivijñāna* (Vol. I, II & III)

PHIL-DSE-105(A)
SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY (INDIAN)

Part – A (Ancient and Medieval India):

- *Mahābhārata*: Law and Governance, *Daṇḍanīti*, *Rājdharmā*, Images of Women, State Administration
- Manu: Kingship, Functions and Duties of a king, Policies of the State, Social Classification, Position of Women
- Kaṭilya: Concept of State, Sovereignty, State Administration, Law and Justice, Society,

Part – B (Modern India):

- Raja Rammohan Roy: Social Reforms
- M.K. Gandhi: Views on State, Trusteeship, Decentralization, Socialism
- Sri Aurobindo: The Human Cycle, The Ideal of Human Unity
- M.N. Roy: Radical Humanism, Concept of Freedom
- B.R. Ambedkar: Social Democracy

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. George Bohler (Translated), *The Laws of Manu (Manusmṛiti)*. Vol 25 of *The Sacred Books of the East*, Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1886
2. P.V. Kane, *History of Dharmasastra*, Vol. I 1930
3. S.V.Ketkar, *History of Caste in India*, New Delhi, 1988
4. R.N. Sharma, *Ancient India according to Manu*, Delhi, 1980
5. T.G. Shastri, *The Arthasastra of Kautilya*, Delhi: Indological Book House, 1984
6. R. Sharma Sastry, *Kautilya's Arthasastra*, Mysore: Padam Printers, 1988
7. A.S. Altekar, *Position of Women in Hindu Civilization: From Prehistoric Times to the Present Day*, Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass, 1938
8. Jayal Sakambari, *The Status of Women in the Epics*, Delhi: Motilal Banarasidass, 1996
9. S.C. Banerjee, *Society in Ancient India*, New Delhi, 1997
10. S.C. Banerjee, *A Companion to Dharmasastras*, D.K. Print World, New Delhi, 1998
11. H. D. Sharma, *Raja Ram Mohan Roy: The Renaissance Man*, Rupa & Co., 2002
12. Bruce Carlisle Robertson, *Raja Rammohan Roy: The Father of Modern India*, Oxford University Press, 1995
13. M.K.Gandhi, *Trusteeship*, Prabhat Prakashan, 2020
14. A.K.S. Parihar, *Social and Political Thought of Mahatma Gandhi*, Swastik Publication, 2015
15. Sibransan Roy (ed.) *Selected Works of M. N. Roy*, Vol. I, Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1987
16. N.M. Tarkunde, *Radical Humanism*, New Delhi: Ajanta Publications, 1983
17. Valerian Rodrigues (ed.), *The Essential Writings of B.R. Ambedkar*, Oxford India Paperbacks, 2004

18. Narayan Das, *Dr. Ambedkar: The Champion of Social Democracy in India*, Writers World Publisher
19. Daya Krishna, "Socio-Political Thought in Classical India" in *A Companion to World Philosophies* edited by Eliot Dutsche, Ron Bontekae, Blackwell Publishing Ltd. 1997
20. S.K. Maitra, *An Introduction to the Philosophy of Sri Aurobindo*, Sri Aurobindo Ashram, 1993
21. Sri Aurobindo, *The Human Cycle, The Ideal of Human Unity, War and Self Determination*, Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry, 1991
22. B. N. Roy, "Kautilya on State" in *Political Theory and Thought: An Introduction*, New Delhi: Kaveri Prakashan, 2012
23. Daya Krishna, "Socio- Political Thought in Classical India" in *A Companion to World Philosophies*, Edited by Eliot Dutsche & Ron Bontekae, Blackwell Publishing Ltd.
24. H.S. Dwivedi and Ratan Sinha, "Dr. Ambedkar: The Pioneer of Social Democracy" *The Indian Journal of Political Science*, Vol.66, No.3. pp. 661-666.

PHIL-DSE-105(B)

PHILOSOPHY AND ENVIRONMENT

1. Practical Ethics and Environmental Ethics
2. Environmental Thinking in the History of Western Philosophy
3. Rights of Nature
4. Environment and Aesthetic Appreciation
5. Man-Nature Relationship in Tagore
6. Deep Ecology and its Critique
7. Eco-feminism
8. Environmental Management
9. Environment and its Intrinsic Value

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. Peter Singer (Ed): *Applied Ethics*, in the Oxford Readings in Philosophy Series
2. Peter Singer: *Practical Ethics* (Cambridge)
3. S.M. Gardiner, A. Thompson (Eds.): *The Oxford Handbook of Environmental Ethics*
4. Christopher Belshaw: *Environmental Philosophy: Reason, Nature and Human Concern* (Routledge)
5. A. Kernohan: *Environmental Ethics: An Interactive Introduction*, Broadview Press, 2012
6. J.R. Desjardins: *Environmental Ethics: An Introduction to Environmental Philosophy* (5th Ed.)
7. Maria Mies & Vandana Shiva: *Ecofeminism*
8. Kalyan Sengupta, *The Philosophy of Rabindranath Tagore*, Routledge

PHIL-DSE-105(C)
PHILOSOPHY OF YOGA

1. Meaning, definition and importance of Yoga
2. Philosophical background: Patanjali's *Yogasūtra*, Sāṃkhya-yoga
3. Psychological, Moral and Physical foundations of Yoga
4. Social and Spiritual significance of Yoga
5. Contemporary Philosophers: Swami Vivekananda, Sri Aurobindo

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. Swamy Harshananda (tr.): *Yoga-sutra of Patanjali*
2. S. Radhakrishnan: *Indian Philosophy* (Vol. II)
3. S.N. Dasgupta: *History of Indian Philosophy* (on Yoga)
4. Swami Tapasyananda: *Four Yogas of Swami Vivekananda*
5. Sri Aurobindo: *Essays in Philosophy and Yoga*
6. Swami Hariharananda Aranya : *Yoga Philosophy of Patañjali with Bhāsvatī*

PHIL-DSE-105(D)
SWAYAM MOOCs

Student may choose a course of his/her choice from the SWAYAM MOOCs from Arts/Humanities/Philosophy as an elective course.

PHIL-SEC-106
CRITICAL THINKING AND RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Section-I: Critical Thinking

1. What is Critical Thinking?
2. Critical Thinking and Logic
3. Skills in Academic Writing
4. Definition and Reasoning
5. Structure and Tricks in Debate: Indian Approach

Section-II: Research Methodology

1. Introduction
 - a. What is Research?
 - b. The Research Process
 - c. Research Design – Analytical, Critical, Conceptual, Quantitative, Qualitative and Mixed
2. Choosing a Research Topic: Background, Problematisation, Research questions, Objective

3. Techniques in research and writing:
 - a. Proposal Writing
 - b. Book Review and Article Review
 - c. Citation and Bibliography
 - d. Notes and References
4. Bibliography versus Author-Date systems
5. Research integrity, plagiarism

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. Joanna Haynes: “Critical thinking, dialogue and communities of enquiry” in *Philosophy and Education – An Introduction to Key Questions and Themes* edited by Joanna Haynes, Ken Gale and Melanie Parker
2. E. Lai: (2011) *Critical Thinking: A Literature Review* published online by Pearson Education, available at: www.pearsonassessments.com
3. V. Quinn: (1997) *Critical Thinking in Young Minds*, David Fulton Publishers, London
4. Tracy Howell and Gary Kemp: *Critical Thinking: A Concise Guide*
5. Daya Krishna: *Discussion and Debate in Indian Philosophy*
6. Jonardon Ganeri (Ed): *The Oxford Handbook of Indian Philosophy*
7. A. Raghuramaraju: *Debates in Indian Philosophy: Classical, Colonial, and Contemporary*
8. Amartya Sen: *The Argumentative Indian*
9. Madhucchanda Sen: *An Introduction to Critical Thinking*, Pearson, 2010
10. Jamie Carlin Watson & Robert Arp: *Critical Thinking: An Introduction to Reasoning Well*, Bloomsbury Academic
11. Peg Tittle: *Critical Thinking: An Appeal to Reason*, Routledge
12. C.R. Kothari: *Research Methodology: Methods and Techniques*, New Age International, 2004
13. R.P. Misra: *Research Methodology: A Handbook*, New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company, 1989
14. T.P. Ramachandran: *The Methodology of Research in Philosophy*, University of Madras Press
15. Richard Veit, Christopher Gould, and John Clifford: *Writing, Reading and Research* (2nd Ed.), Macmillan, New York, 1985
16. George Watson: *Writing a Thesis: A Guide to Long Essays and Dissertations*, Longman, 1987

SEMESTER – II

PHIL-DSC-201 **INDIAN ETHICS**

- Basic Concepts of Indian Ethics and Development of Moral beliefs and Ideas in Indian thought.
- Concept of *Puruṣārtha*
- Analysis of Volition (*Pravṛtti*): Nyāya and Mīmāṃsā view
- *Vidhi, Niṣedha* and *Arthavāda*
- The Law of *Karma*, Different types of *Karma*
- Concept of *Dharma*: *Sādhāraṇa dharma* and *Varnāśrama dharma*
- Dharma and Moral Dilemmas
- *Karmayoga*, *Sva-dharma*, *Lokasaṃgraha* of the *Bhagavadgītā*
- *Upāyakauśala* of Buddhism along with *Brahmavihāras*
- *Triratnas* of Jainism along with *Dharmavidhi* and *Caitrācāra*
- Cārvāka ethics

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. *Arthasaṃgraha* of Laugākṣi Bhāskara (Selections)
2. *Bhagavad Gītā* (Selections)
3. *Pūrva Mīmāṃsā Sūtra* of Jaimini with *Śabara Bhāṣya* (Selections)
4. S.K. Maitra : *The Ethics of the Hindus*
5. R. Prasad : *Karma, Causation and Retributive Morality*
6. : *Varṇadharma, Niṣkāma Karma and Practical Morality*
7. N.K. Brahma : *Philosophy of the Hindu Sādhana*
8. Sri Aurobindo : *Essays on the Gītā*
9. B.G. Tilak : *Śrīmadbhagavadgītā Rahasya*
10. M. Hiriyanna : *The Indian Conception of Values*
11. I.C. Sharma : *Ethical Philosophies of India*
12. Surama Dasgupta : *Development of Moral Philosophy in India*
13. Saral Jhingran : *Aspects of Hindu Morality*
14. Swami Bhargananda : *Arthasaṃgraha*
15. Daya Krishna : *A Myth of Puruṣārtha*
16. Amita Chatterjee (Ed) : *Bhāratīya Dharmanīti*
17. Indrani Sanyal : *Dharmanīti 0 Śruti*
18. : *Through the Lense of Dharma Ethics*
19. B.K. Matilal : *Ethics and Epics*
20. Debiprasad Chattopadhyaya : *In Defence of Materialism in Ancient India: A Study in Cārvāka/Lokāyata*
21. Dakshinaraman Shastri : *Charvaka Philosophy*
22. : *Bharatiya Jarabad: Sankshipa Itihas*

PHIL-DSC-202
WESTERN ETHICS

- Domains of ethical assessment
- Plato and Aristotle's Ethics: concept of Eudemonia; Virtue Ethics
- Hume: Moral Sense; Passion and Reason's equation; Sympathy
- Kant: Good Will; Categorical Imperative; Perfect and Imperfect Duties
- Mill's Utilitarianism
- Meta-ethics: G.E. Moore; A.J. Ayer; C.L. Stevenson

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. Aristotle: *Nichomachean Ethics* (Selections)
2. Hume: *A Treatise of Human Nature* (Selections)
3. Kant : *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals* (Selections); translated as *Moral Law* by H.J. Paton
4. Mill : *Utilitarianism* (Selections)
5. G.E. Moore: 'Nature of Good', from G.E. Moore, *Principia Ethica*
6. A.J. Ayer: 'Emotivism,' from A.J. Ayer, *Language, Truth and Logic*, Dover, 1946
7. C.L. Stevenson: 'The Emotive Meaning of Ethical Terms,' from *Mind*, 46, 1937
8. D. Bostock : *Aristotle's Ethics*
9. Onora O' Neill : *Acting on Principle: An Essay on Kantian Ethics*
10. Alan Donagan : *The Theory of Morality*
11. Fred Feldman: *Introductory Ethics*
12. Julia Driver: *Ethics: The Fundamentals*
13. A.C. MacIntyre: *After Virtue*
14. B. Williams: *Ethics and the Limits of Philosophy*
15. Fred Feldman: 'Kantian Ethics' from Fred Feldman, *Introductory Ethics*
16. Philippa Foot: 'Morality as a System of Hypothetical Imperatives', Reprinted from *Philosophical Review*, 84, 1972
17. Thomas Nagel: 'Moral Luck,' from Thomas Nagel, *Mortal Questions*
18. H.J. Paton: *The Categorical Imperative: A Study in Kant's Moral Philosophy*
19. Pojman: *Ethical Theory*

PHIL-DSC-203
INDIAN METAPHYSICS

- *Sapta-padārtha* in Vaiśeṣika metaphysics
- Concept of *Prakṛti* and *Puruṣa* in Sāṅkhya
- Theories of Self: Nyāya and Advaita
- Nyāya and Sāṅkhya theories of Causation
- Universals: Nyāya-Bauddha debate
- Cārvāka Materialism

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. Praśastapāda : *Padārthadharmasaṃgraha*
2. Udayanācārya : *Ātmatattvaviveka*
3. Annambhaṭṭa : *Tarkasaṃgraha*
4. Pancānan Śāstrī : *Bhāṣāpariccheda*
5. Steven H. Phillips : *Classical Indian Metaphysics*
6. Jadunath Sinha : *Indian Realism*
7. P.K. Mukhopadhyaya : *Indian Realism*
8. Harsh Narain : *Evolution of the Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika Categoriology*
9. H. Ui : *Vaiśeṣika Philosophy*
10. Sadananda Bhaduri : *Nyāya Vaiśeṣika Metaphysics*
11. Narayan Chandra Goswami : *Sāṅkhya-kārikā (Tattva-kaumudī)*
12. Pūrṇa Chandra Vedānta Cancu: *Sāṅkhya-kārikā*
13. Yogendranath Bagchi : *Sāṅkhyamat Samīkṣā*
14. R.R. Dravid : *The Problem of Universals in Indian Philosophy*
15. Dakshinaranjan Shastri : *Charvaka Philosophy*

PHIL-DSC-204
WESTERN METAPHYSICS

- Metaphysics: nature and scope
- Appearance and reality
- Being and becoming
- Substance
- Causation
- Space and time
- Universals and particulars
- The concept of person

SUGGESTED READINGS:

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| 1. Aristotle | : | <i>Metaphysics</i> |
| 2. F.H. Bradley | : | <i>Appearance and Reality</i> |
| 3. Richard Taylor | : | <i>Metaphysics</i> |
| 4. Sosa & Tooley (Eds) | : | <i>Causation</i> |
| 5. Richard Swinburne | : | <i>Space and Time</i> |
| 6. M. Macbeath & others (Eds) | : | <i>The Philosophy of Time</i> |
| 7. David Wiggins | : | <i>Sameness and Substance</i> |
| 8. Rene Descartes | : | <i>Meditations</i> |
| 9. John Locke | : | <i>An Essay Concerning Human Understanding</i> |
| 10. David Hume | : | <i>An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding</i> |
| 11. A.C. Grayling (Ed) | : | <i>Cambridge Companion to Metaphysics</i> |
| 12. Elmer Sprague | : | <i>Metaphysical Thinking</i> |
| 13. D.M. Armstrong | : | <i>Universals: An Opinionated Introduction</i> |
| 14. D.W. Hamlyn | : | <i>Metaphysics</i> |
| 15. David Hales (Ed) | : | <i>Metaphysics: Contemporary Readings</i> |
| 16. Bruce Aune | : | <i>Metaphysics</i> |
| 17. Loux | : | <i>Metaphysics (3rd Ed.)</i> |
| 18. A.C. Grayling | : | <i>Philosophy (Vol. 2)</i> |
| 19. C.E.M. Joad | : | <i>Guide to Philosophy</i> |
| 20. P.F. Strawson | : | <i>Individuals: An Essay in Descriptive
Metaphysics</i> |
| 21. Robin Le Poidevin et al (Ed.) | : | <i>The Routledge Companion to Metaphysics</i> |
| 22. H. J. Lowe | : | <i>Metaphysics</i> |
| 23. Y. Masih | : | <i>A Critical History of Western Philosophy</i> |
| 24. B. Williams | : | <i>Problems of the Self</i> |

PHIL-DSE-205(A)
MODERN INDIAN THINKERS

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| 1. Rabindranath Tagore: | Religion of Man |
| 2. Swami Vivekananda: | Man; Universal Religion; Practical Vedanta |
| 3. M. K. Gandhi : | Truth; Non-violence; Swaraj; Sarvodaya; Critique of modern Civilization |
| 4. Sri Aurobindo: | Three phases of reality-evolution; Integral Yoga |
| 5. K. C. Bhattacharyya: | Concept of philosophy; subject as freedom; the Absolute and its alternative forms; Interpretation of Maya |
| 6. S. Radhakrishnan : | God and the absolute; intellect and intuition; the idealist view of life |
| 7. B. R. Ambedkar : | Critique of social evils; neo-Buddhism |
| 8. J. Krishnamurti: | Freedom from the Known |

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. T.M. P. Mahadevan & C.V.Saroja : *Contemporary Indian philosophy*
2. Basant kumar Lal : *Contemporary Indian Philosophy*
3. Benoy Gopal Ray : *Contemporary Indian Philosophers*
4. V.S. Naravane : *Modern Indian Thought*
5. Swami Vivekananda: *The Complete Works of Vivekananda* (Relevant portions)
6. Sri Aurobindo : *Integral Yoga*
7. R. Tagore : *The Religion of Man*
8. K. C. Bhattacharyya : *Studies in Philosophy*, edited by Gopinath Bhattacharya
9. J. Krishnamurti: *The Collected Works of J. Krishnamurti*
10. J. Krishnamurti: *Freedom from the Known*
11. Kalidas Bhattacharya: *The Fundamentals of K.C. Bhattacharyya's Philosophy*
12. Margaret Chatterjee: *Contemporary Indian Philosophy*
13. Aurobindo Bose & Indrani Sanyal (Eds.) : *The Poet, Yogi and Philosopher*
14. D. M. Dutta : *The Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi*
15. Nirmal Kr. Bose : *Selections from Gandhi*
16. Jayantanuja Bandopadhyay : *Social and Political Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi*
17. B. Bhattacharya : *Evolution of the Political Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi*
18. Sisir Kumar Maitra : *Studies in Sri Aurobindo's Philosophy*
19. Paul Arthur Schilpp (Ed): *The Philosophy of Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan*
20. D. R. Jatava: *The Social Philosophy of B. R. Ambedkar*
21. K. Bagchi : *The Philosophy of K.C. Bhattacharya*

PHIL-DSE-205(B)
SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY (WESTERN)

- Plato : Concept of ideal state and justice
- Aristotle : Ideal state and the form of government
- Hobbes : Social contract and sovereignty
- Locke : Consent, political obligation and the ends of government
- Rousseau : The origin of inequality
- Marx : Class struggle, opposition of capitalism
- John Rawls : 'A Liberal Theory of Justice,' from John Rawls, *Theory of Justice*, Cambridge, Mass: Harvard University Press, 1971

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. Plato : *Republic*
2. Aristotle : *Politics*
3. Hobbes : *Leviathan*
4. Locke : *Two Treatises Of Government*
5. Rousseau : *Discourse on the Origin of Inequality*
6. : *Social Contract*
7. J. Plamenatz : *Man and Society* (Vol. 1)
8. Marx : *The Communist Manifesto*
9. John Rawls : *A Theory of Justice* (Revised Edition), Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1999
10. Norman Daniels (Ed.) : *Reading Rawls*, New York: Basic Books, 1975

PHIL-DSE-205(C)
AESTHETICS

PART – A (Indian)

- Different schools of literary criticism (*Kāvyaśāstra*):
Rasa school (Bharata); Vakrokti school or the school of Alaṅkāra (Bhāmaha & Kuntaka); Rīti school or the school of 6 *guṇas* (Daṇḍin and Vāmana); Dhvani school (Ānandavardhana); Rasadhvani school (Abhinavagupta)

SPECIAL TEXT:

- The *Dhvanyāloka* of Ānandavardhana with its *Locanā* commentary by Abhinavagupta
- Bharata: *Nāṭyaśāstra*

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. P.V. Kane : *History of Sanskrit Poetics*, 1951
2. S.K. De : *History of Sanskrit Poetics* (3rd ed.), Calcutta, 1960
3. S.P. Bhattacharyya : *Studies in Indian Poetics*, Calcutta, 1964
4. Kuppaswami Sastri : *Highways and Byways of Literary Criticism in Sanskrit*
5. K. Krishna Murthy : *Dhvanyāloka and its Critics*, Mysore, 1963
6. : *Studies in Indian Aesthetics and Criticism*, Mysore, 1979
7. K.C. Pandey : *Comparative Aesthetics*, Vol. I (*Indian Aesthetics*), Chowkhamba, 1950
8. R. Gnoli : *The Aesthetic Experience According to Abhinavagupta*, Chowkhamba, 1968
9. Panchapagesha Sastri : *The Philosophy of Aesthetic Pleasure*, Annamalai, 1940
10. S.S. Barlingay : *A Modern Introduction to Indian Aesthetic Theory*
11. Viśvanātha : *Sāhityadarpaṇa*, Tr. J.R. Ballantyne & Premadas Mitra
12. S. Pollock : *A Rasa Reader: Classical Indian Aesthetics*

PART – B (Western)

- Aesthetic judgement : Hume and Kant
- Art and its Definition : Art as representation; art as expression; art as significant form
- Art and Emotion : The concept of emotion; the concept of fiction; fiction and emotion
- Literary Aesthetics : The concept of literature; metaphor; truth; meaning and interpretation

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. O'Hear, Anthony : *The Elements of Fire: Science, Art and the Human World*, London: Routledge, 1988
2. Peter Lamarque : *Philosophy and Fiction: Essays in Literary Aesthetics*, Aberdeen University Press, 1983
3. Anne Sheppard : *Aesthetics: An Introduction to the Philosophy of Art*, Oxford University Press, 1987

4. Olsen & Lamarque (Eds) : *Truth, Fiction and Literature*, Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1997
5. Benedetto Croce : *Guide to Aesthetics (Tr. Patrick Romanell), 2nd Revised Ed.*, Hackett Publishing Company, 1995
6. Susanne Langer : *Feeling and Form*, London: Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1953
7. G.L. Hagberg : *Art As Language: Wittgenstein, Meaning, and Aesthetic Theory*, Cornell University Press, 1995
8. Curt Ducasse : *The Philosophy of Art*, Kessinger Publishing, 2010
9. R.G. Collingwood : *The Principles of Art*, Oxford, 1958
10. Richard Wollheim : *Art and its Objects (2nd Ed.)*, Cambridge, 1980
11. Wittgenstein : *Lectures and Conversations on Aesthetics, Psychology, and Religious Belief*, ed. Cyril Barrett, Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 1966
12. K.C. Pandey : *Comparative Aesthetics, Vol. II (Western Aesthetics)*, Chowkhamba
13. J. Levinson (Ed.) : *The Oxford Handbook of Aesthetics*, 2005
14. T.M. Costelloe : *Aesthetics and Morals in the Philosophy of David Hume*, Routledge, 2007
15. D.W. Crawford : *Kant's Aesthetic Theory*, 1974
16. P. Guyer : *Values of Beauty: Historical Essays in Aesthetics*, Cambridge University Press, 2005
17. Prabas Jivan Chaudhury : *A Guide to Aesthetics*, Jijnasa, 1977

PHIL-DSE-205(D)
SWAYAM MOOCs

Student may choose a course of his/her choice from the SWAYAM MOOCs from Arts/Humanities/Philosophy as an elective course.

PHIL-SEC-206
APPLIED ETHICS

- Notion, Criteria and methodology of Applied Philosophy and Practical / Applied ethics
- Medical ethics: Its development and the Nuremberg code, Informed consent, confidentiality, therapeutic privilege, Genetic enhancement and eugenics, cloning
- Environmental Ethics: Overcoming speciesism, Land Ethic, Gaia theory; Animal Liberation
- The Anthropocene Epoch: Ethical concerns
- Business Ethics: Its possibility: arguments for and against, Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)
- Reason of Ethics of Artificial Intelligence being included in Applied Ethics
- Terrorism: a global menace

SUGGESTED READINGS:

2. Peter Singer (Ed) : *Applied Ethics*, in the Oxford Readings in Philosophy Series
3. Peter Singer : *Practical Ethics* (Cambridge)
4. T.L. Beauchamp & Walters (Eds) : *Contemporary Issues in Bioethics*
5. David Lamb : *Down the Slippery Slope: Arguing in Applied Ethics*, 1998
6. E.R. Winkler & J.R. Coombs (Eds.): *Applied Ethics: A Reader*, Blackwell, 1993
7. Brenda Almond & Donald Hill : *Applied Philosophy: Morals and Metaphysics in Contemporary Debates*, London : Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1991
8. J.F. Chidrese & T.L. Beauchamp : *Principles of Bio-medical Ethics*, New York: Oxford University Press, 1989
9. W. John Kress, Jeffrey K. Stine (Eds.): *Living in the Anthropocene: Earth in the Age of Humans*, Smithsonian Books, 2017
10. G.C. Graber & D.C. Thomasma: *Theory and Practice in Medical Ethics*, New York : The Continuum Co., 1989
11. T.I.S. Springge : *The National Foundation of Ethics*, London: Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1997
12. Oswald Hanfling : *The Quest for Meaning*, Oxford: Basil & Blackwell, 1999
13. Paul W. Taylor : *Respect for Nature: A Theory of Environmental Ethics*, Princeton, 1986
14. M.D. Dubber, F. Pasquale, S. Das (Eds.): *The Oxford Handbook of Ethics of AI*, 2020
15. J. Hallamaa, T. Kalliokoski : "AI Ethics as Applied Ethics", *Frontiers in Computer Science*, April 2022, Vol. 4
16. Carl Wellman : *Terrorism and Counterterrorism: A Moral Assessment*, Springer, 2013

SEMESTER – III

PHIL-DSC-301

PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE (INDIAN)

- The problem of meaning: *Ākāṅkṣā*, *Yogyatā*, *Sannidhi*, *Tātparyajñāna*; *Anvitābhīdhānavāda* and *Abhihitānvayavāda*
- *Lakṣaṇā*: nature and classifications; *Vyañjanā*; the theory of *Dhvani*
- *Sphoṭa*: Patañjali, Bhartṛhari and others; arguments against *Sphoṭa*
- Bhartṛhari's theory of *Śabdabrahman*

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. Dharmarāja Adhvarīndra : *Vedānta Paribhāṣā* (Selections)
2. Nāgeśa Bhaṭṭa : *Sphoṭavāda and Laghumañjūṣā* (Selections)
3. Bhartṛhari : *Vākyapadiyam* (Selections)
4. Viśvanātha : *Bhāṣāparichheda* (Selections)
5. K.N. Chatterjee : *Word and its Meaning: A New Perspective*
6. Gaurinath Sastri : *The Philosophy of Word and Meaning*
7. Gaurinath Sastri : *A Study of the Dialectics of Sphoṭa*
8. K. Kunjunni Raja : *Indian Theories of Meaning,*
9. K.A. Subramaniam Iyer : *Bhartṛhari*
10. B.K. Matilal : *The Word and the World*
11. Tandra Patnaik : *Śabda: A Study of Bhartṛhari's Philosophy of Language*
12. Hari Mohan Jha : *Trends of Linguistic Analysis in Indian Philosophy*
13. P.K. Mazumdar : *The Philosophy of Language: An Indian Approach*
14. J. Ganeri : *Artha*
15. D.N. Tiwari : *The Central Problem of Bhartṛhari's Philosophy*
16. Karunasindhu Das : *Vyākaraṇdarśane Bāgārtha Prasanga*
17. Karunasindhu Das : 'Vākyārtha Vichār' in *Śabdārtha Vichār*, (Ed. by Bhaswati Chakrabarti & Raghunath Ghosh)
18. K. Krishnamurthy : *Dhvanyāloka with Locanā ṭīka*
19. Piyali Palit : *Basic Principles of Indian Philosophy of Language*
20. Gangadhar Kar : *Śabdārthasamvandhasamīkṣā*
21. K.S. Prasad (ed.) : *The Philosophy of Language in Classical Indian Tradition*

PHIL-DSE-302(A)

PHENOMENOLOGY AND EXISTENTIALISM

- Edmund Husserl: A movement of thought; a radical method of investigation; a presuppositionless philosophy; a rigorous science; Development of his thought – (a) critique of psychologism, (b) intentionality of consciousness; the natural world thesis; essence and essential intuition; phenomenological reduction and its stages; pure consciousness and transcendental subjectivity; life-world
- Merleau-Ponty: Phenomenology of perception – lived body; primacy of perception
- Kierkegaard and Nietzsche's existentialist thoughts (selections)
- Heidegger: Being – Dasein: its distinctive characteristics; varieties: common ground as well as diversity among existentialists; essence and existence;
- Existence preceding essence; man's being; authentic and inauthentic existence
- Sartre: Freedom; the concept of nothingness and its different forms; decision and choice; death; temporality

SUGGESTED READINGS:

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| 1. Edmund Husserl | : <i>Cartesian Meditations</i> (Introduction and First Meditation) |
| 2. | : <i>Logical Investigations</i> (Vol. 1) |
| 3. | : <i>Ideas</i> (Vol. 1) |
| 4. | : <i>Crisis of European Sciences and Transcendental Phenomenology</i> |
| 5. Herbert Spielberg | : <i>The Phenomenological Movement</i> , Vols. I & II |
| 6. Paul Ricoeur | : <i>Husserl: An Analysis of his Phenomenology</i> , Trs. G. Ballard & Lester Embree |
| 7. J.J. Kockelmans | : <i>A First Introduction to Husserl's Phenomenology</i> |
| 8. Marvin Farber | : <i>The Aims of Phenomenology</i> |
| 9. M.K. Bhadra | : <i>A Critical Survey of Phenomenology and Existentialism</i> |
| 10. Pierre Thévenaz | : <i>What is Phenomenology?</i> |
| 11. Maurice Merleau-Ponty | : <i>Phenomenology of Perception</i> , Tr. Colin Smith |
| 12. | : <i>The Primacy of Perception</i> , Tr. James E. Edie |
| 13. Jean-Paul Sartre | : <i>The Transcendence of the Ego</i> , Trs. F. Williams & R. Kirkepatrick |
| 14. | : <i>The Psychology of Imagination</i> , Tr. B. Frechtman |
| 15. | : <i>Being and Nothingness</i> , Tr. Hazel Barnes |
| 16. Martin Heidegger | : <i>Being and Time</i> , Tr. John Macquarrie & Edward Robinson |
| 17. | : <i>Introduction to Metaphysics</i> , Tr. R. Mannheim |
| 18. J.L. Mehta | : <i>The Philosophy of Martin Heidegger</i> |
| 19. J.N. Mohanty | : <i>The Philosophy of Edmund Husserl</i> |
| 20. Walter Kaufmann (Ed) | : <i>Existentialism from Dostoevsky to Sartre</i> |
| 21. H.J. Blackham | : <i>Six Existentialist Thinkers</i> |
| 22. John Macquarrie | : <i>Existentialism</i> |
| 23. | : <i>Studies in Christian Existentialism</i> |

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| 24. F. Kingston | : | <i>French Existentialism: A Christian Critique</i> |
| 25. E.L. Allen | : | <i>Existentialism from Within</i> |
| 26. H.E. Barnes | : | <i>An Existentialist Ethics</i> |
| 27. William A. Luitfen | : | <i>Existentialist Phenomenology</i> , (Revised Ed.), Tr. Henry J. Koren |
| 28. David E. Cooper | : | <i>Existentialism: A Reconstruction</i> |
| 29. R. Solomon | : | <i>From Rationalism to Existentialism</i> |
| 30. (Ed) | : | <i>Phenomenology and Existentialism</i> |

PHIL-DSE-302(B)
KANT: CRITIQUE OF PRACTICAL REASON

TEXT:

Kant: *Critique of Practical Reason* [Tr. & Ed. Paul Guyer, Allen W. Wood] (Selections)

SUGGESTED READINGS:

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| 1. J. V. Cleve | : | <i>Problems from Kant</i> |
| 2. Lewis W. Beck | : | <i>A Commentary on Kant's Critique of Practical Reason</i> |
| 3. A. Reath, J. Timmermann (Eds.): | | <i>Kant's 'Critique of Practical Reason': A Critical Guide</i> |
| 4. A. W. Wood | : | <i>Kant</i> |
| 5. B. Freyberg | : | <i>Imagination in Kant's Critique of Practical Reason</i> |

PHIL-DSE-302(C)
FILM AND PHILOSOPHY

- Nature and objectives of philosophy of film
- Film as philosophy; film through philosophy
- History of Cinema; film movements and theories
- The language of cinema: film-sense, film-form in Eisenstein
- Film as an art form: symbol, meaning, genres, interpretation
- Film's relationship with emotion, ethics, knowledge
- Contribution of Indian filmmakers in world cinema

SUGGESTED READINGS:

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| 1. R. Read and J. Goodenough (Eds.): | | <i>Film as Philosophy: Essays in Cinema after Wittgenstein and Cavell</i> |
| 2. N. Carroll and F. Choi (Eds.): | | <i>Philosophy of Film and Motion Pictures: An Anthology</i> , USA: Blackwell |
| 3. Paisley Livingston | : | <i>Cinema, Philosophy, Bergman</i> , Oxford |

4. D. Andrew : *Concepts in Film Theory*
5. F. Colman (Ed.) : *Film, Theory and Philosophy: The Key Thinkers*
6. G. Mullik : *Explorations in Cinema through Classical Indian Theories*
7. H. Vaughan : *Where Film Meets Philosophy*
8. Stephen Mulhall : *On Film*
9. H. Caryl, G. Tuck (Eds.) : *New Takes in Film-Philosophy*, Palgrave Macmillan
10. J. Chapman : *Cinemas of the World: Film and Society from 1895 to the Present*
11. J. Monaco : *How to Read a Film*
12. R. Allen and M. Smith (Eds.) : *Film Theory and Philosophy*
13. R. Sinnerbrink : *New Philosophies of Film*
14. Satyajit Ray : *Our Films Their Films*
15. Mrinal Sen : *Ami o Amar Cinema*
16. William C. Pamerleau : *Existentialist Cinema*, Palgrave Macmillan
17. C.A. Freeland, T.E. Wartenberg (Eds.): *Philosophy and Film*
18. Katherine Thomson-Jones: *Current Controversies in Philosophy of Film*

PHIL-DSE-303(A)

PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

- Philosophy of Religion : Its nature and relationship with Science and Theology
- Arguments for and against the existence of God : Western views
- Nature of religious language : Verification and falsification
- Transcendence and immanence : God and the Absolute; atheism, theism, pantheism, panentheism, monotheism, henotheism.
- The existence of God
- The problem of evil
- Concept of *Bhakti*
- Religious pluralism and inter-religious dialogue

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. N. Smart : *The Religious Experience of Mankind*
2. R. C. Zaehner (Ed) : *The Concise Encyclopaedia of Living Faiths*
3. J. Hick : *An Interpretation of Religion*
4. J. Hick : *Philosophy of Religion*
5. W. James : *Varieties of Religious Experience*
6. R. Otto : *The Idea of the Holy*

7. R. Swinburne	:	<i>Faith and Reason</i>
8. Jeffrey J. Jordan (Ed.):		<i>Philosophy of Religion: Key Thinkers</i>
9. S. Radhakrishnan	:	<i>An Idealist View of Life</i>
10. Flew & McIntyre	:	<i>New Essays in Philosophical Theology</i>
11. Y. Masih	:	<i>Introduction to Religious Philosophy</i>
12. Hume	:	<i>Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion</i>
13. Kant	:	<i>Religion within the Limits of Reason Alone</i>
14. Swami Vivekananda	:	<i>Complete Works</i> (relevant chapters)
15. N. K. Brahma	:	<i>Philosophy of Hindu Sādhana</i>
16. J. C. Plot	:	<i>Philosophy of Devotion</i>
17. F. Ferre	:	<i>Language, Logic and God</i>
18. A. Thompson	:	<i>A Modern Philosophy of Religion</i>
19. M. Hirianna	:	<i>Quest for Perfection</i>
20. Alvin Plantinga (edited):		<i>Ontological Argument</i>
21. John Hick	:	<i>Arguments for the Existence of God</i>
22. Udayanācārya	:	<i>Nyāyakisumāñjali</i> , English translation of <i>Kārikās</i> by Bhaswati Sinha
23. Gopikamohan Bhattacharya:		<i>Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika Theism</i>

PHIL-DSE-303(B)

PHILOSOPHY OF LAW

1. Nature and scope of law; Classification of laws; Justification of laws
2. Analytic Jurisprudence
 - a. Natural Law Theory
 - b. Legal Positivism
 - i) The Conventionality Thesis
 - ii) The Social Fact Thesis
 - iii) The Separability Thesis
3. Normative Jurisprudence
 - a) Freedom and the Limits of Legitimate Law
 - i) Legal Moralism
 - ii) Legal Paternalism
 - iii) The Offense Principle
 - b) The Obligation to Obey Law
 - c) Law and Morality: The Justification of Punishment
4. Limits of Law

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. John Finnis, *Philosophy of Law: Collected Essays Vol. IV*
2. John Austin (1977) *Lectures on Jurisprudence and the Philosophy of Positive Law* (St. Clair Shores, MI: Scholarly Press)
3. Dennis M. Patterson (ed.), *A Companion to Philosophy of Law and Legal Theory* (Cambridge: Blackwell Publishing Co.)
4. Thomas Aquinas (1988), *On Law, Morality and Politics* (Indianapolis: Hackett Publishing Co.)
5. H.L.A. Hart (1983), *Essays in Jurisprudence and Philosophy* (Oxford: Clarendon Press)
6. John Stuart Mill (1906), *On Liberty* (New York: Alfred A. Knopf)

PHIL-DSE-303(C) **PHILOSOPHY OF MIND**

- Nature and scope of philosophy of mind: Mind in empirical psychology; mind in a priori philosophy; philosophical taxonomy of mental phenomena; sensations and propositional attitudes.
- Philosophical theories of mind:
 - (a) Cartesian Dualism: The mind-body relation; problems of causal interactionism; mind and science.
 - (b) Behaviourism: Methodological and philosophical behaviourism; explanatory inadequacy; cognitivism in psychology.
 - (c) Materialism: Mind-brain identity theory; problems of materialism; the problem of phenomenal consciousness.
 - (d) Functionalism: Mind as a functional system; Multiple Realizability thesis; problems of inverted spectrum and absent qualia; criticism of strong.
- Mind and Computers: Turing machine; The Chinese Room argument; Computational theory of mind.

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. E.J. Lowe : *An Introduction to the Philosophy of Mind*, Cambridge University Press, 2000
2. Sidney Hook (Ed): *Dimensions of Mind: A Symposium*, New York: Collier Books, 1961
3. David M. Armstrong: *A Materialist Theory of Mind*, London: Routledge, 1968
4. John Heil : *Philosophy of Mind: A Contemporary Introduction*, Cambridge
5. Samuel Guttenplan: *Blackwell Companion to Philosophy of Mind*
6. Martin Ringle: *Philosophical Perspectives in Artificial Intelligence*, 1979
7. Matt Carter: *Minds and Computers: An Introduction to the Philosophy of Artificial Intelligence*, Edinburgh University Press, 2007
8. Tim Crane: *The Mechanical Mind: A Philosophical Introduction to Minds, Machines and Mental Representation* (3rd Edn.), Routledge, 2016

9. Madhabendranath Mitra, Amita Chatterjee & Proyash Sarkar (Eds.): *Manodarshan: Sarirbad o Tar Bikalpa*, Jadavpur University Press
10. Amita Chatterjee: *Kalpagalpe Manodarshan*, 2025
11. Mainak Pal: *Pashchatya Manovidya*, Pashimbanga Rajya Pustak Parshad

PHIL-DSE-303(D)
SWAYAM MOOCs

Student may choose a course of his/her choice from the SWAYAM MOOCs from Arts/Humanities/Philosophy as an elective course.

PHIL-DRP-304
ADVANCED RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Part-A
Research Methodology (Indian)

Methodologies in Indian Philosophical Texts and Traditions:

1. Narrative - *Upaniṣad*-s and early Buddhists texts
2. Analytical – *sūtra*-based literature: *uddeśa-lakṣaṇa-parīkṣā*, *anvīkṣā*, *vāda*, *jalpa*, *vitandā*, *prasaṅga*
3. Hermeneutic understanding in Indian philosophy: *Pūrva Mīmāṃsā*
4. *Navya Nyāya* method of language analysis
5. Fusion philosophy, cross-cultural philosophy

Suggested Readings:

- Major *Upaniṣad*-s: *Īśa*, *Kena*, *Kaṭha*, *Muṇḍaka*, *Māṇḍūkya*, *Taittirīya*, *Brhadāraṇyaka*, *Chāndogya* etc.
- *Mīmāṃsā-Sūtra* of Jaimini with *Śābara Bhāṣya* and *Ślokavārttika* of Kumārila
- Goutama, *Nyāya Sūtra* with *Bhāṣya*
- Laugākṣī Bhāskara, *Arthasaṃgraha*
- Nāgārjuna, *Vigrahavyāvartanī*
- Maheshchandra Nyāyaratna, *Navya Nyāya Bhāṣāpradīp*
- Dutta Sharma, Ratna. 2000. *Philosophical Discourse*, Allied Publishers Pvt. Ltd
- Matilal, B.K. 1998. 'Is Prasaṅga a Form of Deconstruction?', in *The Collected Essays of B. K. Matilal* (Vol.1), Jonardan Ganeri (Ed.), OUP
- Matilal, B.K.1981. *The Central Philosophy of Jainism*. L.D. Institute of Indology

- Mohanty, J.N. 2001. 'What the East and West can Learn from Each other in Philosophy'. In *Explorations in Philosophy*. OUP
- Roy, Krishna. *Hermeneutics: East and West*, 1993
- Burik, S., Smid, R., Weber, R. (Eds.). 2022. *Comparative Philosophy and Method*. Bloomsbury
- Chakrabarti, Arindam., Weber, Ralph., (Eds). 2016. *Comparative Philosophy without Borders*. Bloomsbury

Part-B **Research Methodology (Western)**

1. Philosophical Methodology and Metaphilosophy
2. Traditional Methods – Socrates' Dialectics, Cartesian Method of Doubt, Husserl's *epoché*.
3. Contemporary Methods – Commonsense, Analysis, Thought Experiments, Naturalism and Experimental Philosophy
4. Transcendental method: Kant
5. Hermeneutic methods

Suggested Readings:

- Kothari, C. R. 2023. *Research Methodology: Methods and Techniques*. 5th Edition. New Age International Publishers.
- Cappelen, H., Gendler, T. S. and Hawthorne, J. (Ed). 2016. *The Oxford Handbook of Philosophical Methodology*. Oxford University Press.
- Oro, G. and Overgaard, S. (Ed.) 2017. *The Cambridge Companion to Philosophical Methodology*. Cambridge University Press.
- Daly, Chris. 2010. *An Introduction to Philosophical Methods* (Broadview Guides to Philosophy). Broadview Press Ltd.
- Shan, Y. 2023. *Examining Philosophy Itself* (Metaphilosophy). Wiley-Blackwell.
- Overgaard, S., Gilbert, P. and Burwood, S. 2013. *An Introduction to Metaphilosophy* (Cambridge Introductions to Philosophy). Cambridge University Press
- Hennink, M. and Bailey, A. 2020. *Qualitative Research Methods*. Sage Publications.
- Seeskin, Kenneth: *Dialogue and Discovery- A Study in Socratic Method*
- Moran, Dermot & Timothy Mooney (edited): *The Phenomenology Reader*
- Williamson, Timothy: *Philosophy of Philosophy*

PHIL-DRP-305 **DISSERTATION-1**

1. Submission of a project paper on any philosophical topic in consultation with the teachers (Word limit: 3500 – 5000 words). [Marks: 80]
2. Viva-voce: [Marks: 20]

SEMESTER – IV

PHIL-DSC-401

PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE (WESTERN)

- The linguistic turn in analytic philosophy
- Principle of verification; identity statements; proper names; definite descriptions; negative existential
- Frege: sense and reference; concept and objects
- Wittgenstein: Picture theory of meaning
- Speech acts: Austin, Searle
- Quine: Rejection of analytic-synthetic distinction, indeterminacy of translation
- Theories of meaning: Davidson and Dummett

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. W.V.O. Quine : 'On What There is' and Two Dogmas of Empiricism'
2. J.L. Austin : *How to do things with Words?*
3. B. Russell : 'Descriptions' in Russell's *Introduction to Mathematical Philosophy*, also in *Meaning and Reference*, A.W. Moore (Ed)
4. P. F. Strawson : 'On Referring'
5. Donald Davidson : *Inquiries into Truth and Interpretation*
6. Michael Devitt & Kim Sterelney: *Language and Reality*
7. Frege : 'On Sense and Reference' in Translation from the *Philosophical Writings of Gottlob Frege*, (eds) Geach & Black
8. Wittgenstein : *Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus*
9. Michael Dummett : *Frege: The Philosophy of Language*
10. Michael Dummett : *The Seas of Language*
11. A.P. Martinich : *The Philosophy of Language*
12. Quine : 'Two Dogmas of Empiricism'
13. Russell : *Logic and Knowledge*
14. Anthony Kenny : *The Wittgenstein Reader*
15. Max Black : *A Companion to Wittgenstein's Tractatus*
16. George Pitcher : *The Philosophy of Wittgenstein*
17. Ammerman (Ed) : *Classics of Analytic Philosophy*
18. Milton K. Munitz : *Contemporary Analytic Philosophy*
19. A. Miller : *Philosophy of Language*
20. Avrum Stroll : *Twentieth-Century Analytic Philosophy*
21. Barry Gross : *Analytic Philosophy: An Historical Introduction*

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| 22. Pranab Kumar Sen | : | <i>Logic, Induction, and Ontology: Essays in philosophical Analysis</i> |
| 23. | : | <i>Reference and Truth</i> |
| 24. R.C. Pradhan | : | <i>Recent Developments in Analytic Philosophy</i> |
| 25. Chandidas Bhattacharya | : | <i>Bearers of Meaning</i> |
| 26. Manjulika Ghosh | : | <i>Performatives, Knowledge and Truth</i> |
| 27. Kanti Lal Das | : | <i>Philosophical Relevance of Language</i> |

PHIL-DSE-402(A)
ŚRI ŚAṆKARĀCĀRYA: BRAHMA-SŪTRA BHĀṢYA

TEXT:

- *Brahmasūtra - Śaṅkarabhāṣya* (Selections)

SUGGESTED READINGS:

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| 1. Swami Vishvarupananda | : | <i>Vedāntadarśanam</i> (in Bengali). (Vol. 1-4). Udbodhana Karyalaya |
| 2. Swami Gambhirananda | : | <i>Brahmasūtrabhāṣya of Śaṅkarācārya</i> (in English). Advaita Ashrama |
| 3. S. Bhattacharya | : | <i>Bhāmātī</i> (in Bengali). Sanskrit Pustak Bhandar. |
| 4. Śaṅkara | : | Commentaries on the <i>Vedānta Sūtras</i> , <i>Chāndogya Upaniṣad</i> and <i>Brṛhadāranyaka Upaniṣad</i> (Selections) |
| 5. Govind Chandra Pande | : | <i>Life and Thought of Śaṅkarācārya</i> |
| 6. Roma Chaudhuri | : | <i>Ten Schools of the Vedānta</i> (Part I, II, III). Rabindra Bharati University |
| 7. K.C. Bhattacharyya | : | Studies in Vedantism (from <i>Studies in Philosophy</i>) |
| 8. T.M.P. Mahadevan | : | <i>The Philosophy of Advaita</i> |

PHIL-DSE-402(B)
MADHUSŪDANA SARASWATI: ADVAITASIDDHI

TEXT:

- Madhusūdana Saraswati : *Advaitasiddhi* (Selections)

SUGGESTED READINGS:

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| 1. Sri Yogendranath | : | <i>Advaitasiddhi</i> (in Bengali) |
| 2. Ganganath Jha | : | <i>The Advaitasiddhi of Madhusūdana Saraswati</i> (in English) |
| 3. Karuna Bhattacharya | : | <i>Madhusūdana Saraswati: Advaitasiddhiḥ</i> |
| 4. K. Maheswaran Nair | : | <i>Advaitasiddhi: A Critical Study</i> |

5. P.K. Sundaram : *Advaita Epistemology*, Madras, 1968
6. Swami Satprakashananda: *Methods of knowledge*, London, 1965
7. K.C. Bhattacharyya : *Studies in Vedantism* (from *Studies in Philosophy*)
8. Jadunath Sinha : *Problems of Post-Śaṅkara Advaita Vedānta*, Calcutta

PHIL-DSE-402(C)
GAṆGEŚA: TATTVACINTĀMAṆI

TEXT:

Gaṅgeśa Upādhyāya: *Tattvacintāmaṇi* (Selections)

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. Mathurānātha : *Vyaptipañcaka*, Rajendra Nath Ghosh (Tr.), Pashchimanga Rajya Pustak Parshad
2. D.H.H. Ingalls : *Materials for the Study of Navya-Nyāya Logic*, South Asia Books
3. B.K. Matilal : *The Navya-Nyāya Doctrine of Negation*
4. J.N. Mohanty : *Gaṅgeśa's Theory of Truth*
5. Toshihiro Wada : *Invariable Concomitance in Navya-Nyāya*, Sri Garib Dass Oriental Series
6. M.K. Chakraborti et al (Eds): *Logic, Navya-Nyāya and Applications: Homage to Bimal Krishna Matilal*
7. Raghunath Ghosh : *The Justification of Inference: A Navya-Nyāya Approach*, Delhi: Bharatiya Vidya Prakashan, 1990

PHIL-DSE-403(A)
HERMENEUTICS AND POSTMODERNISM

- The connection between postmodernism and wider cultural movements; Modernism and postmodernism; Incredulity towards meta-narratives
- Nietzsche as the precursor of postmodern philosophy
- Michael Foucault : Relation between Power and Knowledge
- Derrida : Logocentrism; Ethics of Deconstruction
- Martin Heidegger : The defining capacity of *Dasein* as the interpretative understanding of its world

- Hans-Georg Gadamer : Theory of fore-conceptions and prejudices; Consciousness as effective-historical; Fusion of horizons
- Emmanuel Levinas: The ethics of alterity or the ‘other’

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. Dave Robinson : *Nietzsche and Postmodernism*, Icon Books, 1999
2. H. Dreyfus & P. Rabinow : *Michael Foucault: Beyond Structuralism and Hermeneutics*, Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1982
3. Jaques Derrida : *Writing and Differance*, Tr. A. Bass, London: Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1978
4. : *Of Grammatology*, Tr. Gayatri Spivak, Baltimore: John Hopkins University Press, 1976
5. Christopher Norris : *Derrida*, London: Harper Collins, 1987
6. Foucault : *The Archaeology of Knowledge*, Routledge, 1989
7. K. O'Donnell : *Postmodernism*, Lion Publishing, 2003
7. M. McQuillan : *Deconstruction: A Reader*, New York: Routledge, 2001
8. Martin Heidegger : *The Basic Problems of Phenomenology*, Tr. A. Hofstadter, Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1982
9. : *Being and Time*, Trs, J. Macquarrie & E. Robinson, Oxford: Blackwell, 1980
10. H.L. Dreyfus : *Being-in-the-World*, Cambridge, Mass: MIT Press, 1991
11. Hans-Georg Gadamer : *Truth and Method*, Tr. W. Glen-Doepel, London: Sheed & Ward, 1979
12. : *Philosophical Hermeneutics*, Tr. & Edited by David E. Linge, University of California Press, 1976
13. Emmanuel Levinas : *Totality and Infinity: An Essay on Exteriority*, Martinus Nijhoff, 1979
14. J. Bleicher : *Contemporary Hermeneutics*, London: Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1980
15. Krishna Roy : *Hermeneutics: East and West*, Allied Publishers in collaboration with Jadavpur University, 1993
16. Manjulika Ghosh & R.N. Ghosh (Eds): *Language and Interpretation*, Northern Book Centre (NBU Studies in Philosophy – 11), 2007

PHIL-DSE-403(B)
WITTGENSTEIN: PHILOSOPHICAL INVESTIGATIONS

Text:

Wittgenstein : *Philosophical Investigations* (Tr. G.E.M. Anscombe, P.M.S. Hacker, J. Schulte, Revised 4th Edition) (Selections)

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. George Pitcher (Ed.) : *Wittgenstein: The Philosophical Investigations* (1968)
2. A.C. Grayling : *Wittgenstein: A Very Short Introduction* (USA: Oxford, 2001)
3. Anthony Kenny : *Wittgenstein* (Rev. ed. Blackwell Publishing Professional, 2005)
4. P.M.S. Hacker : *Wittgenstein: Meaning and Mind* (Wiley Blackwell, 2019)
5. David G. Stern : *Wittgenstein's Philosophical Investigations: An Introduction* (Cambridge, 2004)
6. Meredith Williams (Ed) : *Wittgenstein's Philosophical Investigations: Critical Essays* (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2006)
7. Robert L. Arrington, Hans-Johann Glock (Eds.): *Wittgenstein's Philosophical Investigations: Text and Context* (Routledge, 2002)
8. Marie McGinn : *The Routledge Guidebook to Wittgenstein's Philosophical Investigations*, (Routledge, 2013)
9. Arif Ahmed : *Wittgenstein's Philosophical Investigations: A Reader's Guide* (Continuum, 2010)

PHIL-DSE-403(C)
SWAYAM MOOCs

Student may choose a course of his/her choice from the SWAYAM MOOCs from Arts/Humanities/Philosophy as an elective course.

PHIL-DRP-404
DISSERTATION-2

- Student may write a dissertation on any topic of the PG Syllabus in consultation with the faculty member(s) [Word limit: 6000 – 8000 words]. [Marks: 100]
- Mid-term Examination (mode to be prescribed by the Department). [Marks: 30]
- Viva-voce on the Dissertation. [Marks: 20]