

CBCS SYLLABUS
for
B.A. (GENERAL) IN PHILOSOPHY
(w.e.f. 2017)



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PHIL = PHILOSOPHY (Subject Code) C = Core Course, AECC = Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course, SEC = Skill Enhancement Course, GE = Generic Elective, DSE = Discipline Specific Elective IA = Internal Assessment, ESE = End-Semester Examination, Lec. = Lecture, Tu. = Tutorial, and Prc. = Practical

Structure of the Syllabus

SEMESTER – I

Course Code	Course Title	Credit	Marks			No. of Hours		
			I.A.	ESE	Total	Lec.	Tu.	Pr.
APPHI 101C – 1A	Indian Philosophy	6	10	40	50	5	1	-
	Discipline 2	6	10	40	50			
UG 103C - MIL	Hindi/MIL	6	10	40	50	5	1	-
ACSHP 104AECC - ENV	Environmental Studies	4	10	40	50	3	1	-
Total in Semester – I		22	40	160	200			

SEMESTER –II

Course Code	Course Title	Credit	Marks			No. of Hours		
			I.A.	ESE	Total	Lec.	Tu.	Pr.
APPHI 201C –1B	Western Metaphysics	6	10	40	50	5	1	-
	Discipline 2	6	10	40	50			
UG 203C - E	English	6	10	40	50	5	1	-
ACSHP 204 - E/MIL	English/Hindi/MIL	2	10	40	50	2	-	-
Total in Semester – II		20	40	160	200			

**SEMESTER – III**

Course Code	Course Title	Credit	Marks			No. of Hours		
			I.A.	ESE	Total	Lec.	Tu.	Pr.
APPHI 301C -1C	Deductive Logic (Western)	6	10	40	50	5	1	-
	Discipline 2	6	10	40	50			
UG 303C - MIL	Hindi/MIL	6	10	40	50	5	1	-
APPHI 304SEC -1	Yoga Philosophy (Theory and Practice)	2	10	40	50	1	-	2
Total in Semester – III		20	40	160	200			

SEMESTER – IV

Course Code	Course Title	Credit	Marks			No. of Hours		
			I.A.	ESE	Total	Lec.	Tu.	Pr.
APPHI 401C -1D	Western Ethics	6	10	40	50	5	1	-
	Discipline 2	6	10	40	50			
UG 403C - E	English	6	10	40	50	5	1	-
APPHI 404SEC -2	Computer Skill and IT Ethics	2	10	40	50	1	-	2
Total in Semester – IV		20	40	160	200			

**SEMESTER – V**

Course Code	Course Title	Credit	Marks			No. of Hours		
			I.A.	ESE	Total	Lec.	Tu.	Pr.
APPHI 501DSE -1	A. Psychology OR B. Philosophy of Religion	6	10	40	50	5	1	-
	Discipline 2	6	10	40	50			
APPHI 503GE -1	Religion of Man: R. N. Tagore	6	10	40	50	5	1	-
APPHI 504SEC -3	Critical Thinking	2	10	40	50	1	1	-
Total in Semester – V		20	40	160	200			

SEMESTER – VI

Course Code	Course Title	Credit	Marks			No. of Hours		
			I.A.	ESE	Total	Lec.	Tu.	Pr.
APPHI 601DSE -2	A. Socio Political Philosophy OR B. Inductive Logic (Western)	6	10	40	50	5	1	-
	Discipline 2	6	10	40	50			
APPHI 603GE -2	Feminism	6	10	40	50	5	1	-
APPHI 604SEC -4	Art and Film Appreciation	2	10	40	50	1	-	2
Total in Semester – VI		20	40	160	200			



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Per Course Internal Assessment: 10 marks and End Semester Examination: 40 marks

Recommended by the UGBS Meeting on 14.02.2017

SEMESTER-I

COURSE: APPHI 101C -1A: INDIAN PHILOSOPHY (Marks: 50) (90 Hours)

1. **Cārvāka:** *pratyakṣa is the only pramāṇa and Refutation of anumāna* (10 Hours)
2. **Bauddha:** *Four Noble Truths, kṣaṇabhangavāda, nairatmyavada mokṣamārga* (20 Hours)
3. **Jaina :** *mahāvratā, anuvratā, anekāntavadasyādavāda* (20 Hours)
4. **Nyāya :** *pratyakṣa and anumāna* (20 Hours)
5. **Vaiśeṣika:** *Ontology* (20 Hours)

References :

- C. D. Sharma : *A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy*
- M. Hiriyanna : *Outlines of Indian Philosophy*
- D.M. Dutta & S. C. Chatterjee : *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy*
- Pradyot Kumar Mandal : *Bhāratīya Darśan*
- Debabrata Sen : *Bhāratīya Darśan*
- Niradbaran Chakraborty : *Bhāratīya Darśan*
- Karuna Bhattacharya: *Nyaya-Vaiśeṣika Darśan*
- Panchanan Shastri : *Cārvaka Darśan*
- Panchanan Shastri : *Bauddha Darśan*



SEMESTER-II

COURSE: APPHI 201C -1B: WESTERN METAPHYSICS (Marks: 50) (90 Hours)

1. Nature of Metaphysics (15Hours)
2. Elimination of Metaphysics(10 Hours)
3. Realism: Naïve Realism and Scientific Realism (10 Hours)
4. Idealism: Subjective and Objective(10 Hours)
5. Theories of Causation (Regularity Theory, Entailment Theory) (10 Hours)
6. Relation between Mind and Body (Interactionism and Parallelism) (15 Hours)
7. Theories of Evolution (Mechanistic and Emergent) (20 Hours)

References :

- Pradip Sengupta, An Introduction to Philosophy
- Sibapada Chakraborti, An Introduction to General Philosophy
- Rama Prasad Das &Sibapada Chakraborty, Paschatya Darsaner Ruparekha
- Ramchandra Pal, Darsana Parichaya
- Niradbaran Chakraborti, Paschatya Darsaner Bhumika

SEMESTER -III

COURSE: APPHI 301C -1C: DEDUCTIVE LOGIC (WESTERN) (50 Marks) (90 Hours)

1. Classes and their Relations (10 Hours)
2. Boolean Interpretation of A, E, I and O (10 Hours)
3. Propositions (5 Hours)
4. Square of Oppositions (10 Hours)
5. Conversion (5 Hours)
6. Obversion and Contraposition (10 Hours)
7. Categorical Syllogism (10 Hours)
8. Figure and Mood(10 Hours)
9. Venn Diagram technique for Testing Validity (10 Hours)



10. Test of Truth-functional Arguments by Truth Tables (10 Hours)

References :

- I. M. Copi & C. Cohen, *Introduction to Logic* (9th Edition) [Relevant Chapters]
- B. Indra Kr. Roy, *Pratiki Nyaya*
- Samir Kumar Chakraborty, *Yuktibijñāner Bhumikā*, Disha Prakashan, Hooghly, 2008
- Shukla Chakraborty, *Tarkabijñān*, Pragatishil Prakashak, Kolkata, 2009

COURSE: APPHI 304SEC -1: YOGA PHILOSOPHY (THEORY AND PRACTICE) (Marks: 50)

UNIT I: (Theory) (20 Marks) (15 Hours)

1. The Definition and Essence of *Yoga*.
2. *Jnana Yoga, Bhakti Yoga, Raj Yoga and Karma Yoga*.

UNIT II: (Practical): To be conducted at home centres in presence of an external expert: (20 Marks) (30 Hours)

1. Practice of any ten *Asanas* & any five *Pranayamas*.

Recommended Readings:

- Abhishiktananda, Swami: (1974) *Guru and Disciple*, London: Society for the Promotion of Christiana Knowledge,
- Aranya, H.: (1983) *Yoga Philosophy of Patanjali*, rev. ed. Trans. by P. N. Mukherji, Albany, New York: Suny Press,
- Bhattacharya, H. (1956) (ed.). *The Cultural Heritage of India*, Calcutta: Ramkrishna Mission Institute of Culture, 4 vol.
- Cleary, T. (1995) translated *Buddhist Yoga: A Comprehensive Course*, Boston, Mass: Shambhala Publications.
- Dasgupta, S. N. (1930) *Yoga Philosophy in Relation to Other Systems of Indian Thought*, Calcutta: University of Calcutta.
- Gopalan S. (1974) *Outlines of Jainism*, John Wiley & Sons (Asia) Pte Ltd.
- Kaveeshwar, G. W. (1971) *The Ethics of the Gita*, Delhi: Motilal Banarsidas
- Swami Satchidananda, *The yoga Sutras of Patanjali*
- *Light on Yoga*, BKS.
- *Yoga Philosophy of Patanjali*, tr.by P.N. Mukherjee.
- D.M. Datta and S.C.Chatterjee, *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy*, Calcutta, 1939.



- Swami Muktibodhananda, Hathyoga Pradipika, (4th ed., 2012), Yoga Publications Trust, Munger, Bihar.
- Theory and practice of Yoga, Larson Gerald James and K A Jacobson, 2008, Brill.
- A History of Yoga, Vivian Worthington, 1982, Routledge.
- Yoga as philosophy and religion, S N Dasgupta, 2002, Dover.

SEMESTER- IV

COURSE: APPHI 401C -1D: WESTERN ETHICS (50 Marks) (90 Hours)

1. Nature and Scope of Ethics (7 Hours)
2. Moral and Non-moral Actions (15 Hours)
3. Kant's Categorical Imperative (8 Hours)
4. Utilitarianism (15 Hours)
5. Hedonism (15 Hours)
6. Punishment (15 Hours)
7. Euthanasia (15 Hours)

References:

- W. Lillie: *An Introduction to Ethics*
- W.K. Frankena, *Ethics*
- J. S. Mackenzie: *A Manual of Ethics*
- P. Singer: *Practical Ethics* 2nd Ed, Cambridge, 1999
- P. Singer: *Applied Ethics*, OUP, 1986
- Somnath Chakraborty : *Nītividyār Tattvakathā*
- Somnath Chakraborty : *Kathāy Karne Ethics*
- Mrinal Kanti Bhadra: *Nītividyā*
- Santosh KumarPal: *Falita Nītisāstra* (Pratham Khanda)
- Dikshit Gupta: *Nītisāstra*
- Aurobindo Basu: *Frāmkenār Nītidarśan*



COURSE: APPHI 404SEC -2: Computer Skill and IT Ethics (Marks: 50)

A. Computer Skill – Basic Course (Marks: 20) (30 hours)

B. IT Ethics (Marks: 20) (15 hours)

1. Definition and scope of IT and cyber ethics
2. Ethical issues regarding respect for copyright and intellectual property right of data
3. Accessibility, censorship and filtering of cyber data: privacy, freedom and plagiarism
4. Internet use: its abuse; effects on individual and society
5. Cybercrimes, like hacking, sabotage, fraud and bullying

References:

- G. Stamatellos, *Computer Ethics: A Global Perspective*, Jones and Bartlett, Canada, 2007.
- Ali Salehnia, *Ethical Issues of Information Systems*, IRM Press, London, 2002.
- George Reynolds, *Ethics in Information Technology*, (5th Ed.), Cengage, 2014.
- Jeroen van den Hoven, John Weckert (ed.), *Information Technology and Moral Philosophy*, Cambridge, 2008.
- Richard T. De George, *The Ethics of Information Technology and Business*, Blackwell, 2003.
- David Wall, *Crime and the Internet*, Routledge, 2003.
- Tom Chen, Lee Jarvis, Stuart Macdonald (ed.), *Cybercrime: The Transformation of Crime in the Information Age*, Springer, NY, 2014.
- Ruth Chadwick et al eds. *Encyclopedia of Applied Ethics*, 2nd ed. Academic Press Inc, 2012.
- Internet resources.



SEMESTER- V

COURSE: APPHI 501DSE: (Choose any one of the following) (Marks: 50) (90 Hours)

A. Psychology (Marks: 50) (90 Hours)

1. Nature and Scope of Psychology (10 Hours)
2. Methods of psychology (Introspection, Observation and Experimental Methods) (20 Hours)
3. Memory (10 Hours)
4. Theories of Learning (Trial and Error Theory, Gestalt Theory) (20 Hours)
5. Freud's Theory of Consciousness and Proofs for the Existence of the Unconscious (15 Hours)
6. Freud's Theory of Dream (15 Hours)

References:

- G.T. Morgan, *Introduction to Psychology*, Tata McGraw-Hill, 1993.
- Clifford Morgan, *A Brief Introduction to Psychology*, Tata McGraw-Hill, 1987.
- Rex Knight & M. Knight, *A Modern Introduction to Psychology*, University Tutorial Press, London, 1948.
- R. S. Woodworth, *Contemporary Schools of Psychology*, Asia Publishing House, 1961.
- Pareshnath Bhattacharya, *A Textbook of Psychology*, A. Mukherjee & Co., 1973.
- S. K. Mangal, *General Psychology*, Sterling Publishers, 1998.
- Debiprasad Chattopadhyay, *Manobigyan*, New Central Book Agency, 1964.
- Pareshnath Bhattacharya, *Manovidyā*, Mukherjee and Co., 1963.
- PritiBhusan Chattopadhyay, *Manovidyā*
- Ira Sengupta, *Manovidyā*
- M. N. Mitra O Puspa Mishra, *Manasamīkṣā*



B. Philosophy of Religion (Marks: 50) (90 Hours)

1. Nature of Religion (15 Hours)
2. Distinction between Religion and Dharma (25 Hours)
3. Different Types of Religion: Hinduism, Islam, Christianity and Buddhism (30 Hours)
4. Humanism as a form of Religion (20 Hours)

References:

- Mial Edwards : The Philosophy of Religion
- The Complete Works of Swami Vivekananda, Vol.-II
- Swami Vivekananda : The Chicago Address
- J.S. Mackenzie : Outlines of Social Philosophy
- Rabindranath Tagore : Religion of Man

COURSE: APPHI 503GE -1: Text:Religion of Man,R. N. Tagore (Marks: 50) (90 Hours)

1. Spiritual Union (15 Hours)
2. The Man of My Heart (15 Hours)
3. Man's Nature (15 Hours)
4. The Teacher (15 Hours)
5. Spiritual Freedom (15 Hours)
6. The Four Stages of Life (15 Hours)

References:

- Santinath Chattopadhyay, *The Universal Man: Tagore's Vision of the Religion of Humanity*, Naya Prokash, 1987.
- Kalpana Paul Choudhury, *Rabindra darshner Muktibhavana*



COURSE: APPHI 504SEC -3: Critical Thinking (Marks: 50) (30 Hours)

UNIT I: Critical Thinking and its Components

1. Critical Thinking: A Second-Order Activity
2. Identification and Analysis of the Problem.
3. Organizing the Data and Identifying the Errors.

UNIT II: Problem Analysis, Decision Making and Wrapping up for Solution

1. Evaluating the Argument: Validity, Soundness and Strength; Reflecting upon the issue with Sensitivity and Fairness.
2. Evaluating Decision Options from Multiple Perspectives.
3. Identifying Inconsistencies, Understanding Dilemma and Looking for Appropriate Solution within Limitations.

References :

- Hurley, Patrick J.(2007) Introduction to Logic, Wadsworth, Cengage learning.
- Kam Chun Aik, and Stephen Edmonds, Critical Thinking, Longman
- Dewey, John. (1933) How to Think: A Restatement of the Relation of Reflective Thinking to the Educative Process. revised edition. Boston: Heath
- Noisich, Gerald M. (2002) Learning to Think things through: A Guide to Critical Thinking, Prentice Hall.
- Madhuchhanda Sen, An Introduction to Critical Thinking



SEMESTER- VI

COURSE: APPHI 601DSE: (Choose any one of the following) (Marks: 50) (90 Hours)

A. Socio-Political Philosophy : (Marks: 50) (90 Hours)

1. Nature and Scope of Social and Political Philosophy (20 Hours)
2. Basic Concepts (Society, Social Group, Community, Association, Institution) (40 Hours)
3. Political Ideas (Forms of Democracy, Meaning and Nature of Secularism, Swaraj and Sarvodaya) (30 Hours)

References :

- R. M. MacIver & C. H. Page, *Society*, Rinehart and Co., NY, 1949.
- Morris Ginsberg, *Sociology*, OUP, 1947.
- Tom B. Bottomore, *Sociology*, Routledge, 2010.
- Pascual Gisbert, *Fundamentals of Sociology*, Orient Longman, 2004.
- Satyabrata Chakraborty, *Bhāratbarṣa: Rāṣṭrabhābanā*
- AmalKumar Mukhopadhyay, “Secularism in the Present Indian Society” in *Bulletin of the Ramkrishna Mission Institute of Culture*, Vol. No. II
- Donald E. Smith, *India as A Secular State*, Princeton University Press, 1969.
- Krishna Roy (ed.), *Political Philosophy: East and West*, Allied Publishers, 2003.
- Krishna Roy and Chhanda Gupta (eds.), *Essays in Social and Political Philosophy*, Allied Publishers, 1989.
- Amal Kumar Mukhopadhyay, *Rāṣṭra darśaner Dhāra*
- Sandip Das, *Samāj O Rājnaitik Darśan*
- Sailesh Kumar Bandyopadhyay, *Gāndhi Parikramā*
- JaharSen, *Gandhipather Digdarshan*
- Bhikhu Parekh, *Gandhi, A Very Short Introduction*, OUP, 1997.
- Bhikhu Parekh, *Gandhi's Political Philosophy*, Palgrave MacMillan, 1989.
- Samarendra Bhattacharya, *Samājdarśan O Rāṣṭadarśan*
- M.K. Gandhi, *Hindswaraj*



- Andrea Veltman, *Social and Political Philosophy*, OUP, 2008.
- Pannalal Dasgupta, *Gandhi Gobeshana*, Nabapatra, 1986.
- Asoke Kumar Mukhopadhyay, *Bharatiya Rāṣṭracintā Paricaya*

B. Western Logic (Inductive): (Marks: 50) (90 Hours)

I.M. Copi: *Introduction to Logic* (14th Edition) [Chapters: 11 to 14] (Marks: 50)

1. Chapter 11 - Analogical Reasoning (20 Hours)
2. Chapter 12 - Causal Reasoning (20 Hours)
3. Chapter 13 - Science and Hypothesis (25 Hours)
4. Chapter 14 - Probability (25 Hours)

Reference:

- I. M. Copi, C. Cohen, K. McMahon: *Introduction to Logic* (14th Edition), Pearson, 2015.
- Samir Kumar Chakraborty, *Yuktibijñāner Bhumikā*, Disha Prakashan, Hooghly, 2008
- Shukla Chakraborty, *Tarkabijñān*, Pragatishil Prakashak, Kolkata, 2009

COURSE: APPHI 603GE -2: Feminism (Marks: 50) (90 Hours)

1. History of Feminist Movements (15 Hours)
2. Gender Inequality (20 Hours)
3. Gender Role Development (20 Hours)
4. Women in Workplace (15 Hours)
5. Transgender Human Rights (20 Hours)

References :

- V. Geetha, *Gender*, Stree, Calcutta, 2015.
- Barbara Ryan, *Feminism and the Women's Movement*, Routledge, NY, 1992.
- Marlene LeGates, *In Their Time: A History of Feminism in Western Society*, Routledge, NY, 2001.
- S. Gillis, G. Howie, R. Munford (eds.), *Third Wave Feminism: A Critical Exploration*, Palgrave MacMillan, NY, 2007.



- S. Budgeon, *Third-Wave Feminism and the Politics of Gender in Late Modernity*, Palgrave MacMillan, NY, 2011.
- Linda J. Nicholson, *The Second Wave: A Reader in Feminist Theory (Vol. 1)*, Routledge, NY, 1997.
- Imelda Whelehan, *Modern Feminist Thought: From the Second Wave to 'Post-Feminism'*, New York University Press, 1995.
- Rory Dicker, *A History of U.S. Feminisms*, Seal press, California, 2008.
- Frederic P. Miller and A. F. Vandome (ed.), *Feminism*, Alphascript Publishing, 2010.
- Olive Banks, *Becoming a Feminist: The Social origins of First Wave Feminism*, University of Georgia Press, 1987.
- Carole R. Beal, *Boys and Girls: The Development of gender Roles*, Tata McGraw-Hill, 1994.
- Suzanne J. Kessler, Wendy McKenna, *Gender: An Ethnomethodological Approach*, University of Chicago Press, 1978.
- Deborah L. Rhode, *Speaking of Sex: The Denial of Gender Inequality*, Harvard University Press, 1997.
- Raymond F. Gregory, *Women and Workplace Discrimination: Overcoming Barriers to Gender Equality*, Rutgers University Press, 2003.
- Nancy Elder Walden, *Gender Bias As Related to Women in the Workplace*, Xlibris Corporation, 2000.
- Indrani Sen, *Human Rights of Minority and Women's: Transgender human rights (Vol. 2)*, Isha Books, 2005.

COURSE: APPHI 604SEC-4: Art and Film Appreciation (Marks: 50) (45 Hours)

UNIT I: Art and Experience

1. Meaning and Analysis

UNIT II: Film as an Art Form

1. Documentaries, Commercial and Parallel Cinema

UNIT III: Art, Social Values and Morality

1. Life art interface
2. Film and Cultural representation

UNIT IV: Art and Communication in and through Films



References:

- Harold Osborne, (1976) Aesthetics, OUP.
- John Hospers. (1969) Introduction Readings in Aesthetics, Free Press.
- Christopher Falzon, Philosophy goes to the Movies, Routledge.
- Vijaya Mishra. (2009) Specters of Sensibility: The BollywPood Film. Routledge.
- Sussane Langer. (1953) Feeling and Form, Longman Publishing House.