

CBCS SYLLABUS
for
B.A. (PROGRAMME) IN
PHILOSOPHY
Proposed to be introduced from the session 2018 and onward



UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL
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Detailed Course Structure

| Course Components | No. of Courses | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|
| | B.Sc./ BCA | | B.A. | | B.Com./ BBA | |
| | Honours Program | Program | Honours Program | Program | Honours Program | Program |
| Discipline Specific Core Course (DSC) | 14 | 12 | 14 | 12 | 14 | 12 |
| Discipline Specific Elective (DSE) Course | 4 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Generic Elective (GE) Course | 4 | ---- | 4 | 2 | 4 | 2 |
| Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course (AECC) | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Skill Enhancement Course (SEC) | 2 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 4 |
| Total Courses | 26 | 24 | 26 | 24 | 26 | 24 |

Credit Details of B.A./ B.Sc./ B.Com. Program Course under CBCS

| Courses | | Credits | |
|---------------------|---|---------------------------------|------------|
| | | Non-Practical Based Courses | |
| | | Theory + Tutorial | Total |
| 1. | DSC Course (12 Courses) | $(12 \times 5) + (12 \times 1)$ | 72 |
| 2. | Elective Courses (6 courses) | | |
| 2A. | DSE (6 Courses for B.Sc./ 4 Courses for B.A and B.Com.) | $(4 \times 5) + (4 \times 1)$ | 24 |
| 2B. | GE (4 Courses) | $(2 \times 5) + (2 \times 1)$ | 12 |
| 3. | Ability Enhancement Courses | | |
| 3A. | AECC - 1 | (1×2) | 2 |
| | AECC - 2 | (1×2) | 2 |
| 3B. | SEC (4 Courses taking 2 courses each from chosen DSC course) | (4×2) | 8 |
| TOTAL CREDIT | | | 120 |

A candidate to be eligible for appearing at any of the Semesters of UNDER-GRADUATE Examination must have minimum 75% attendance of lectures delivered. Award of 05 (five) marks on class attendance shall be given in the following manner:

Attendance of 75% and above but below 80% -- 02 marks

Attendance of 80% and above but below 85% -- 03 marks

Attendance of 85% and above but below 90% -- 04 marks

Attendance of 90% and above -- 05 marks

Scheme for CBCS for B.A. Program in Philosophy

| Year | Semester | Discipline specific Core Course (DSC) | Language Core Course (LCC 1) | Language Core Course (LCC 2) | Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course (AECC) | Skill Enhancement Course (SEC) | Discipline Specific Elective Course (DSE) | Generic Elective Course (GE) | | | | | |
|------|----------|---|--|------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--|--|-------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--|
| 1 | 1 | Discipline Specific Core 1 (Paper-1) Fundamentals of Indian Philosophy | Bengali / Sanskrit/ Nepali/Hindi (Paper-1) | | AECC-1 ENVS | | | | | | | | |
| | | Discipline Specific Core 2 (Paper-1) From other discipline | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 2 | Discipline Specific Core 1 (Paper-2) Logic (Western) | | | | | | | English (Paper-1) | AECC-2 Communicative English | | | |
| | | Discipline Specific Core 2 (Paper-2) From other Discipline | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | 3 | Discipline Specific Core 1 (Paper-3) Western Epistemology and Metaphysics | Bengali / Sanskrit/ Nepali/Hindi (Paper-2) | | | SEC 1 Paper-1 Basics of Counselling | | | | | | | |
| | | Discipline Specific Core 2 (Paper-3) From other Discipline | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 4 | Discipline Specific Core 1 (Paper-4) Western Ethics | | | | | | | English (Paper-2) | | SEC 1 Paper-2 Critical Thinking | | |
| | | Discipline Specific Core 2 (Paper-4) From other Discipline | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | 5 | | | | | SEC 2 Paper-1 From Other discipline | DSE 1 Paper 1 Psychology OR Philosophy of Religion | GE-1 (Paper-1) Fundamentals of Indian Philosophy | | | | | |
| | 6 | | | | | SEC 2 Paper-2 From other Discipline | DSE 1 Paper 2 Socio-Political Philosophy or Practical Ethics | | | | | | |

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SEMESTER-I

COURSE: -DSC 1 Paper I:

FUNDAMENTALS OF INDIAN PHILOSOPHY

UNIT I: Introduction :

- i. Nature of Indian Philosophy
- ii. Division of Indian Philosophy : Astika and Nastika Systems.

UNIT II: Carvaka: Metaphysics and Ethics

UNIT III: Bauddha Philosophy:

Four Noble Truths, Theory of Dependent Origination

UNIT IV: Samkhya:

Causation : Prakriti : its constituents, arguments for its existence. Evolution, Purusa : arguments for its existence.

UNIT V: Yoga Philosophy:

Concept of Yoga, Citta and Cittabritti, Astanga Yoga.

UNIT VI: Nyaya Philosophy:

Pramanas: Pratyaksha and Anumana

UNIT VII: Vaisesika Philosophy:

Seven Padarthas

Recommended Readings:

- Dutta and Chatterjee : *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy.*
- Dr. Niradbaran Chakraborty : *Bharatiya Darsan.*
- Dr. Karuna Bhattacharjee : *Nyaya Vaisesika Darsan.*
- Dr. Samarendra Bhattacharya : *Darsan.*
- C.D. Sharma : *A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy.*
- M. Hiriyana : *Outlines of Indian Philosophy.*
- Swami Vivekananda : *Practical Vedanta.*

- Prodyut Kumar Mondal: *Bharatiya Dassan*

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SEMESTER-II
COURSE: DSC-1 Paper II: Logic (Western)

Unit I: Proposition, Categorical Proposition and classes: Quality, Quantity and Distribution.

Unit II:

Traditional Square of Oppositions

Unit III:

Further immediate Inference: Conversion, Obversion and Contraposition.

Unit IV:

Existential Import of Propositions: Boolean Interpretation of Categorical Proposition.
Translating categorical propositions into standard forms.

Unit V:

Categorical Syllogism: Figure, Mood, Testing syllogism for validity, Testing arguments by Venn Diagram. .

Unit VI:

Symbolic Logic: The value of special symbols for conjunction, Negation and Disjunction, implications and material implications. Argument Forms and Argument statements. Truth-Table Method for testing arguments.

Unit VII:

Inductive Logic: Deduction & Induction, Analogy

Recommended Readings:

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- Rama Prasad Das : *Paschatya Darsan O Juktivijan*.
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SEMESTER-III

COURSE: -DSC1 Paper III : Western Epistemology and Metaphysics

Unit I:

Theories of the Origin of Knowledge : Rationalism, Empiricism and Kant's critical theory.

Unit II:

Realism and Idealism as theories of reality:

- i. Realism : Naive Realism, Scientific Realism.
- ii. Idealism : Subjective Idealism (Berkeley).

Unit III:

Causality : Entailment Theory , Regularity Theory.

Unit IV:

Mind-Body Problem : Interactionism, Parallelism Theory.

Recommended Readings:

- Niradbaran Chakraborty : *Paschatya Darshaner Bhumika*.
- Ramaprasad Das & Shiba Pada Chakraborty : *Paschatya Darshaner Ruprekha*.
- Jagadishwar Sanyal : *Paschatya Darsan*.
- John Hospers: *An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis*.
- Dr. Samarendra Bhattacharya : *Paschatya Darsan*.
- S.P. Chakraborty : *Darsan Bhumika*.
- Satyajyoti Chakraborty : *General Philosophy*.
- Samarendranath Bhattacharya: *Darsanik Bislesaner Bhumika* vol. 1 & 2
- Samari Kanta Samanta: *Darsanik Bislesaner Ruprekha* vol. 1 & 2

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SEMESTER-IV

COURSE: -DSC-1 Paper IV : WESTERN ETHICS

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

Recommended Readings:

- 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 Karma Ethics*
- Mrinal Kanti Bhadra: *Nītividyā*
- Santosh Kumar Pal: *Falita Nītiśāstra* (Pratham Khanda)
- Dikshit Gupta: *Nītiśāstra*
- Aurobindo Basu: *Frāmkenār Nītidarśan*

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PROGRAMME (GENERIC ELECTIVE COURSE)**

GE1 (Paper I): FUNDAMENTALS OF INDIAN PHILOSOPHY

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GE-1 Paper II: Logic (Western):

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Discipline Specific Elective (DSE)(Choose any one from Paper I & one from Paper II)

DSE: 1 Paper I

Psychology

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

Recommended Readings:

- 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*

OR

Philosophy of Religion

1. The problem and scope of the philosophy of religion.
2. The origin of religion in the light of anthropology.
3. The psychological origin and development of religion.
4. Proofs for existence of God: Ontological, Cosmological, Teleological and Moral Argument
5. Summary of different Religions: Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Christianity, Universal Religion
6. Humanism in the form of Religion

Recommended readings :

- The philosophy of religion : D Miall Edwards.
- History of dharmashastra. :P.V.Kane.
- Dharmodarsana : Ramesh ch.Munshi.
- Dharmadarsana : Rabindranath Das.
- Dharmadarsana :Samarendra Bhattacharya.
- Dharmadarsana : Aurobinda Bosu & Nivedita Chakraborty

DSE-1 Paper II

Socio -Political Philosophy :

1. Nature and Scope of Social and Political Philosophy
2. Basic Concepts : Society, Community, Social group.
3. Social class and Caste; Principles of class and caste, Attitudes and class-consciousness.
4. Ideas of Freedom, equality, justice, liberty.
5. Political Ideas (Forms of Democracy, Meaning and Nature of Secularism, Swaraj and Sarvodaya)

Recommended Readings :

- 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*
- Amal Kumar 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*
- Jahar Sen, *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*
- *Samaj tattva* : Parimal Bhushan Kar (W.B.Book Board).
- *Samaj Darshan Dipika* : Priti Bhushan Chattapadhyay .
- *Adhunik Rastra Matabader Bhumika* : Dilip Kumar Chattapadhyay (W.B.Book Board).
- *Darshan O Tar Proyog* : Dr.P. Roy & Dr.R.N.Ghosh.

- *Rastra Darsaner Dhara* : Dr.Amal K.Mukhopadhy (W.B.Book Board).
- *Man and Technology* : Dr.Pabitra Kumar Roy ,Jadavpur University.
- *SamajDarsan O Rastra Darsan* : Dr.Samarendra Bhattacharjee.
- *Rastra* : Sudarshan Roy Choudhury.
- *Adhunik Rastra Matabader Bhumika* : Dilip Kumar chattapadhy.

Sengupta, Basu & Ghosh : *Monovidya Samaj – O Darsan O Rastradarsan*

OR

PRACTICAL ETHICS:

Unit I:

Foundation of applied ethics – problem of applied ethics.

Unit II:

Environmental Ethics- ecology-man-nature relationship, the environment and the human community, Future Generation

Unit III:

Medical Ethics- Euthanasia, Suicide, Abortion.

Unit IV:

Human Rights, discrimination on the basis of sex, race, caste, religion.

Unit V:

Feminism – an analysis; Marriage, dowry and divorce.

Unit VI:

Media Ethics.

Recommended Readings :

Practical Ethics Theories : U.N.Ghoshal

Practical Ethics : Peter Singer

A Companion to Ethics : Peter Singer

Applied Ethics, Peter Singer, edt.

Patient-Physician Relationship Edited by Ratna Dutta Sharma and Shashinungla, Decent Books, New Delhi, 2007

Quagmires and Quandaries : Exploring Journalism Ethics, Ian Richards

Journalistic Ethics: Moral Responsibility in the media, Dale Jacquette

Byaboharik Nitidorshon, Benulal Dhar

Byaboharik o Tattvik Nitividya, Samarendrenath Bhattacharjee

Kathay o Karne Ethics, Somnath Chakraborty

Bharatiya Nitividya (4th edn.), Dipak Kumar Bagchi

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SKILL ENHANCEMENT COURSE (SEC)**

SEC-1 paper I : Basics of Counselling:

i. Counselling: Edited by Dr. Jyotsna Saha (Selected Chapters)

- a) The basics of counselling By Madhabendranath Mitra
- b) The Relevance of Philosophical Counselling in the Treatment of Mental Health By Debika Saha
- c) Philosophical Counselling for Children's Mental Health issues By Jhadeswar Ghosh
- d) Youth and Positive Mental Health By Sujata Roy Chowdhury
- e) Anger Management through Counselling By Manjulika Ghosh
- f) Academic Stress Memory and Mental Health By Sadhan Chakraborty
- g) Relationship related stress in College Students and its Management By Soumitra Basu
- h) Effective Communication: an Important Means of Problem Solving By Swagata Ghosh

ii. Patient-Physician Relationship Edited by Ratna Dutta Sharma and Sashinugla, "Shades of Confidentiality in Physician-Patient Relationship in the Context of Mental Health", by Somdatta Bhattacharyya

Recommended Readings:

- Counselling: Edited by Dr. Jyotsna Saha (Selected Chapters)
- Richards Nelson Jones: *Basic Counselling Skills*
- Richards Nelson Jones: *Introduction to Counselling Skill*
- *Confidentiality and Neutrality in Psychotherapy: A Philosophical Review*, by Somdatta Bhattacharyya, Papyrus

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SKILL ENHANCEMENT COURSE (SEC)**

SEC-1 paper II: Critical Thinking:

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

Recommended Readings :

- Hurley, Patrick J.(2007) Introduction to Logic, Wadsworth, Cengage learning.
- Dewey, John. (1933) How to Think: A Restatement of the Relation of Reflective Thinking to the Educative Process. revised edition. Boston: Heath
- Madhuchhanda Sen, An Introduction to Critical Thinking