

# **The University of Burdwan**



**Syllabus for 3-year degree/4-YearHonours**

**in**

**Philosophy**

**Under Curriculum and Credit Framework for Undergraduate Programmes (CCFUP) as per NEP,**

**2020**

**To be in effect from 2023-24**

**SEMESTER-WISE & COURSE -WISE CREDIT DISTRIBUTION STRUCTURE  
UNDER CCFUP AS PER NEP, 2020**

Semester	Course Type with Code	Level	Course Title	Credit	Lect.	Tuto.	Pract./Viva-voce	Full Marks	Distribution of Marks		
									Theory	Pract./Viva-voce	Internal Assessment
I	Major/DS Course (Core) Code: PHIL1011	100-199	<b>Outlines of Philosophy: Indian and Western—I</b>	4	3	1	0	75	60	00	15
	Minor Course Code: PHIL1021	100-199	<b>Philosophy : Indian and Western—I</b>	4	3	1	0	75	60	00	15
	Multi/Inter disciplinary Code: PHIL 1031		<b>Value Education in Indian Tradition—I : Swami Vivekananda and Sri Aurobindo</b>	3	2	1	0	50	40	00	10
	Ability Enhancement Course (AEC) [L <sub>1</sub> -1 MIL] Code: .....1041		Arabic/ Bengali/ Hindi/ Sanskrit/ Santali/ Urdu or Equivalent. Course from SWAYAM /Any other UGC recognized platform	2	2	0	0	50	40	00	10
	Skill Enhancement Course (SEC) Code: PHIL1051		<b>Philosophy of Human Rights</b>	3	2	1	0	50	40	00	10
	Common Value Added (CVA) Course Code: CVA1061		Environmental Science/ Education	4	3	0	1	100	60	20	20
	<b>Total</b>			<b>20</b>				<b>400</b>			

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									Theory	Pract./Viva-voce	Internal Assessment
II	Major/DS Course (Core) Code: PHIL2011	100-199	<b>Outlines of Philosophy: Indian and Western—II</b>	4	3	1	0	75	60	00	15
	Minor Course Code: PHIL2021	100-199	<b>Philosophy: Indian and Western---II</b>	4	3	1	0	75	60	00	15
	Multi/Interdisciplinary Code: PHIL2031		<b>Value Education in Indian Tradition (II) : Rabindranath Tagore, S. Radhakrishnan and Md. Iqbal</b>	3	2	1	0	50	40	00	10
	Ability Enhancement Course (AEC)[L <sub>2</sub> -1] Code: ENGL2041		English or Equivalent. Course from SWAYAM/ /Any other UGC-recognized platform	2	2	0	0	50	40	00	10
	Skill Enhancement Course (SEC) Code: PHIL2051		<b>Environmental Ethics</b> .....	3	2	1	0	50	40	00	10
	Common Value Added (CVA) Course Code: CVA2061		Understanding India/Digital & Technological Solutions/Health & Wellness, Yoga Education, Sports & Fitness	4	3/3	1/0	0/1	100	80/60	0/20	20
<b>Skill based vocational course (addl. 4 Cr) during summer term for 8 weeks, who will exit the programme after securing 40 cr.</b>											
<b>For UG Certificate 40cr + Additional 4 cr (work based vocational course) = 44 cr. Students are allowed to re-enter within 3 years and complete the program within the stipulated max. period of 7 years</b>											
	<b>Total</b>			<b>20</b>				<b>400</b>			

## Syllabus in details

### Semester -I

Major/DS Course (Core)

Outlines of Philosophy: Indian and Western-I

#### Module-I

**Detailed Introduction:** General Features of Indian Philosophy, Basic concepts of the vedic and the Upaniṣadic world-views (BAISHAKHI MODAK)

#### Module-II

**Cārvāka:** *pramāṇatattva*, *jaḍavāda* and *dehātmavāda* (BAISHAKHI MODAK)

**Jainism:** *anekāntavāda*, *syādvāda* and *nayavāda*, Theory of self and liberation, Nature of substance: Relation between Substance, Attributes & Modes (HARU MARDI)

**Buddhism:** Four Noble Truths, *pratītyasamutpādavāda*, *kṣaṇabhaṅgavāda*, *nairātmyavāda*, Four Major Schools of Buddhism. (HARU MARDI)

#### Module-III

**The Pre-Socratic Period :** Ionian School, Parmenides, Heraclitus , Zeno (PRAKASH MONDAL)

**Plato :** Theory of Knowledge, Theory of Ideas. (PRAKASH MONDAL)

#### Module-IV

**Aristotle :** Refutation of Plato's Theory of Ideas, Theory of Substance, Form and Matter, Theory of Causation. (SOURAV MAJUMDAR)

### Minor Course

Code: PHIL1021

Philosophy: Indian and Western—I

#### Module-I

**Introduction:** General features of Indian Philosophy (BAISHAKHI MODAK)

**Cārvāka :** *pramāṇatattva*, *jaḍavāda* and *dehātmavāda* (BAISHAKHI MODAK)

#### Module : II

**Jainism :** *anekāntavāda*, *syādvāda* and *nayavāda* (HARU MARDI)

**Buddhism:** Four noble truths, *pratītyasamutpādavāda*, *kṣaṇabhaṅgavāda*, *nairātmyavāda* (HARU MARDI)

### Module- III

**Metaphysics** : Nature of Metaphysics, Elimination of Metaphysics (PRAKASH MONDAL)

**Realism** : Naïve Realism, Scientific Realism, Representative Realism (PRAKASH MONDAL)

**Idealism**: Subjective Idealism, Objective Idealism (PRAKASH MONDAL)

### Module-IV

**Substance** : Views of Descartes, Spinoza, Locke and Berkeley (SOURAV MAJUMDAR)

**Relation between Mind and Body** : Interactionism and Parallelism (SOURAV MAJUMDAR)

**Multi/Inter  
disciplinary Code:  
PHIL 1031**

**Value Education in Indian Tradition—I: Swami Vivekananda and Sri Aurobindo**

#### Module-I

##### Swami Vivekananda

Nature of God, Man and the World; Education. (PRAKASH MONDAL)

#### Module-II

##### Swami Vivekananda

*karma yoga, jñāna yoga, bhakti yoga* and *rāja yoga*; universal religion (PRAKASH MONDAL)

#### Module-III

##### Sri Aurobindo

Integral yoga, Integral education and *Niṣkāma karma*, the human cycle (BAISHAKHI MODAK)

**Skill Enhancement Course (SEC)**

**Code: PHIL 1051**

**Philosophy of Human Rights**

#### Module-I

Definition and nature of Human Rights (HARU MARDI)

Origin and historical development of Human Rights during ancient, medieval, modern and contemporary period (HARU MARDI)

#### Module-II

Natural Rights tradition: Thomas Hobbes, John Locke and Thomas Paine, (HARU MARDI)

Some Reactions to Natural Rights tradition: Jeremy Bentham, Edmund

Burke (SOURAV MAJUMDAR)

Contemporary perspective: Joel Feinberg, Thomas Hill Green, Rex Martin and Margaret MacDonald (SOURAV MAJUMDAR)

### Module-III

Indian Constitution: Preamble, Fundamental Rights and Duties Fundamental Rights vis-à-vis

Human Rights (SOURAV MAJUMDAR)

## Semester-II

Major/DS Course (Core)

Code: PHIL2011

### Outlines of Philosophy : Indian and Western—II

#### Module-I

**Nyāya–Vaiśeṣika:** Nyāya Epistemology : *pratyakṣa, anumāna, upamāna* and *śabda*; Vaiśeṣika Metaphysics : *saptapadārtha, paramāṇuvāda* (BAISHAKHI MODAK)

#### Module-II

**Sāṃkhya and Yoga:** *satkāryavāda, pañcaviṃśatitattva, tattvapariṇāma, prakṛti* and its *guṇas*, notion of *puruṣa, bahupuruṣavāda, citta, cittabhūmi, cittavṛtti, cittavṛttinirodha* and *īśvara* (HARU MARDI)

#### Module-III

**Descartes :** Method of Doubt, *Cogito Ergo Sum*, Criterion of Truth, Classification of Ideas, Interactionism, Substance (PRAKASH MONDAL)

#### Module-IV

**Spinoza :** The Doctrine of Substance, Attributes and Modes, Parallelism, Degrees of Knowledge, Determinism and Freedom (SOURAV MAJUMDAR)

**Leibniz :** Monadology and Pre-established Harmony, Truths of Reason and Truths of Fact, Theory of Knowledge (SOURAV MAJUMDAR)

## Minor Course

Code: PHIL 2021

### Philosophy: Indian and Western—II

#### Module-I

**Nyāya–Vaiśeṣika :** *pramāṇas (pratyakṣa, anumāna, upamāna and śabda), saptapadārtha* (BAISHAKHI MODAK)

**Sāṃkhya:** Concepts of *puruṣa* and *prakṛti, satkāryavāda, pariṇāmvāda* (HARU MARDI)

**Yoga :** *cittavṛttinirodha, aṣṭāṅgayoga* (HARU MARDI)

## Module-II

**Mīmāṃsā: *pramāṇas*** (SOURAV MAJUMDAR)

**Advaita Vedānta: *Brahman, jīva, jagat*** (SOURAV MAJUMDAR)

## Module-III

**Critical theory of Kant** (PRAKASH MONDAL)

**Theories of Causation** : Regularity theory and Entailment theory (PRAKASH MONDAL)

## Module-IV

**Theories of Evolution** (PRAKASH MONDAL)

## Multi/Interdisciplinary

Code: PHIL2031

**Value Education in Indian Tradition-II : Rabindranath Tagore, S. Radhakrishnan and MdIqbal**

### Module-I

**Rabindranath Tagore** :Nature of Religion, Problem of Evil, Surplus  
in man (PRAKASH MONDAL)

### Module-II

**S. Radhakrishnan**: Nature of Religious Experience, Nature of Intuitive Apprehension, Secularism  
(PRAKASH MONDAL)

### Module III

**Md. Iqbal** :Nature of the Self, Nature of the World, Nature of God (BAISHAKHI MODAK)

## Skill Enhancement Course (SEC)

Code: PHIL 2051

### Environmental Ethics

#### Module-I

Nature & Scope of Environmental Ethics, Intrinsic and Instrumental Values (HARU MARDI)

#### Module-II

Anthropocentrism, Non-Anthropocentrism (HARU MARDI)

#### Module-III

Tagore's Understanding of Nature (SOURAV MAJUMDAR)

## Semester: III

### Major/DS Course(Core)

Code: PHIL3011

### Outlines of Philosophy : Indian and Western—III

#### Module-I

**1. Locke : (SOURAV MAJUMDAR)**

(a) Refutation of Innate Ideas and Principles, (b) Theory of Ideas, (c) Theory of Substance, (d) Distinction between Primary and Secondary Qualities, (e) Theory of Knowledge

**2. Berkeley : (SOURAV MAJUMDAR)**

(a) Rejection of the Lockean notion of Substance, (b) Refutation of Abstract Ideas (c) Rejection of the Distinction between Primary and Secondary Qualities, (d) *Esse Est Percipii*

#### Module-II

**Hume : (BAISHAKHI MODAK)**

(b) Origin of Knowledge : Impressions and Ideas, (b) Laws of Association, (c) Relations of Ideas and Matters of Fact,  
(d) Notion of Causality, (e) Problem of Personal Identity, (F) Scepticism.

**3. Kant : (PRAKASH MONDAL)**

(a) Idea of the Critical Philosophy, (b) Possibility of Metaphysics, (c) Kant's Copernican Revolution in Philosophy, (d) Role of Sensibility and Understanding in the origin of Knowledge, (e) Possibility of Synthetic *a-priori* Judgments, (f) Space and Time

**4. Hegel: (BAISHAKHI MODAK)**

(a) Dialectical Method, (b) The Absolute.

#### Module-III

**Pūrva Mīmāṃsā : (SOURAV MAJUMDAR)**

(i) *pramāṇa*-s with special reference to *arthāpatti* and *anupalabdhi*, (ii) *prāmāṇyavāda*

#### Module-IV

**1. Advaita Vedānta : (SOURAV MAJUMDAR)**

(i) *vivartavāda*, (ii) *māyā*, (iii) Brahman, *jīva* and *jagat*

**2. Viśiṣṭādvaita Vedānta: (SOURAV MAJUMDAR)**

(i) Distinction between *advaitavāda* and *viśiṣṭādvaitavāda*, (ii) Nature of *īśvara*, *jīva* and *jagat*, (iii) Criticism of Saṅkara's Doctrine of *māyā*

### Major/DS Course (Core)

Code: PHIL3012

### Ethics : Indian and Western-I

#### Module-I. (HARU MARDI)

Vedic Concepts : *ṛta*, *satya*, *yajña*, *ṛṇa*, *puruṣārtha*



## Module-II (HARU MARDI)

Ethics in *Śrīmadbhagavadgītā*: *niṣkāmakarma* and *sthitaprajña*

### 5. Module-III. (PRAKASH MONDAL)

- Nature and Scope of Ethics
- Moral and Non-moral actions
- Object of Moral Judgment: Motive and Intention

### 6. Module-IV. (PRAKASH MONDAL)

- Postulates of Morality
- The Development of Morality

## Multi/Inter disciplinary

Code: PHIL 3031

### Value Education in Indian Tradition (iii)

**Mahatma Gandhi:** (a) God and Truth (b) Nature of the World and Man (c) Ahimsa (d) Satyagraha (e) Philosophy of End and Means (f) Morality (g) Doctrine of trusteeship (h) Ideal State and Sarvodaya (i) Education. (BAISHAKHI MODAK)

**B.R. Ambedkar:** (a) Concept of Dhamma (b) Criticism of Caste System (c) Dalit Movement (PRAKASH MONDAL)

## Skill Enhancement Course (SEC)

Code: PHIL 3051

### Informal Fallacies

#### Module-1 (HARU MARDI)

What is fallacy, Formal and Informal Fallacy, Classification of Fallacies

#### Module-2 (HARU MARDI)

Fallacies of Relevance: (i). Appeal to the populace (Appeal to common belief, *Argumentum ad populum*), (ii). Appeals to emotion (Appeal to pity, *ad misericordiam*), (iii). Red Herring, (iv). Strawman Fallacy, (v). Argument Against the Person (The attack on the person, *Argumentum ad Hominem*), (vi). Appeal to force (*Argumentum ad Baculum*), (vii). Missing the Point (*Ignoratio Elenchi*), (viii). Slippery Slope

#### Module-3 (HARU MARDI)

**Fallacies of Defective Induction:** (i). Argument from Ignorance (*Argumentum ad Ignorantiam*), (ii). Appeal to Inappropriate Authority (*Argumentum ad Verecundiam*), (iii). False Cause (Argument *non Causa pro Causa*), (iv). Hasty Generalization, (v). Biased Sample Fallacy

#### Module-4 (HARU MARDI)

Fallacies of Presumption: (i). Accident, (ii). Complex Question (*Plurium Interrogationum*), (iii). Begging the Question (*Petitio Principii*), (iv). False Dilemma, (v). Prejudicial Language

Fallacies of Ambiguity: (i). Equivocation, (ii). Amphiboly, (iii) Accent, (iv). Composition, (v). Division, (vi). Failure to Elucidate (*Obscurum per Obscurius*),

**SEMESTER IV**  
**Major/DS Course (Core)**  
**Code: PHIL4011**  
**Ethics : Indian and Western-II**

**Module-I. (HARU MARDI)**

Buddhist Ethics: *Pañcaśīla* and *Brahmavihāra*

**Module-II. (HARU MARDI)**

Jaina Ethics: *Pañcavrata: Mahāvratā* and *Anuvratā, Triratna*

Yoga Ethics: *Yama* and *Niyama*

**Module-III. (PRAKASH MONDAL)**

Normative Theories : (i) Consequentialism: (a) Hedonism, (b) Act Utilitarianism and Rule Utilitarianism;

(ii) Deontological Theories: (a) Act Deontology and Rule Deontology, (b) Kant's Moral  
Theory

**Module-IV. (PRAKASH MONDAL)**

1. (i) Theories of Punishment: Retributive, Deterrent and Reformative Theory  
(ii) Capital Punishment
2. Issues in Applied Ethics: (a) Suicide, (b) Euthanasia, (c) Gender Equality

**Major/DS Course (Core)**  
**Code: PHIL4012**  
**Western Logic: Deductive**

**Recommended Text & Topics: (PRAKASH MONDAL) & (BAISHAKHI MODAK)**

M. Copi, C. Cohen, K McMahon: *Introduction to Logic* (14<sup>th</sup> Edition), Chapters 5 to 10

Chapters 5 & 6:

Chapters 7 & 8:

Chapters 9

Chapters 10

**Major/DS Course (Core)**

**Code: PHIL4013**

**Indian Logic**

**Recommended Text & Topics: (SOURAV MAJUMDAR)**

**Annambhatta : *Tarkasaṅgraha* with *Dīpikā***

Starting from the definition of *buddhi* (“*sarvavyavahāraheturguṇo buddhirjñānam*”) to the end of *upamānapramāṇa*

**Minor Course**

**Code: PHIL4021**

**Contemporary Indian Philosophy**

**Recommended Topics:** Philosophical Thoughts of Rabindranath Tagore, Swami Vivekananda, Sri Aurobindo, S. Radhakrishnan, Md. Iqbal and Mahatma Gandhi

1. **Rabindranath Tagore:** (a) Nature of Man: The Finite Aspect of Man, the Infinite Aspect of Man, (b) Nature of Religion (c) Surplus in man **(PRAKASH MONDAL)**
2. **Swami Vivekananda:** (a) Practical Vedānta (b) Universal Religion **(PRAKASH MONDAL)**
3. **Sri Aurobindo:** (a) Nature of Reality, (b) Human Evolution—its different stages, (c) Integral Yoga **(BAISHAKHI MODAK)**