

TRIPURA UNIVERSITY

SYLLABUS

FOR

UNDERGRADUATE IN PHILOSOPHY

(SEMESTERS- I TO II)

MAJOR (CORE)

CBCS PATTERN (NEP-2020)

(Approved by BUGS held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022)

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## UNDERGRADUATE SYLLABUS IN PHILOSOPHY

### MAJOR (CORE)

Semester	Paper	Name of Paper	Credits
I	I	Indian Philosophy	4
I	II	Western Philosophy	4
II	III	Indian Ethics	4
II	IV	Western Ethics	4

**Bachelor of Arts (BA)**  
**Semester – I**

**Subject: Philosophy**

**Paper – I (MAJOR)**  
**Indian Philosophy**  
**Credits: 4**

**Unit - I:** (i) Introduction: Common characteristics and classifications of Indian Philosophical Schools: Astika and Nastika

(ii) Carvaka School: Epistemology, Metaphysics and Ethics

(ii) Jainism: Concepts of jiva, ajiva, Anekantavada, Syadvada and Nayavada, Bondage and Liberation and Ethical views

(iii) Buddhism: (a) Theory of Dependent Origination, Four Noble Truths, Theory of Momentariness, Theory of No-Soul, (b) Four schools of Buddhism: Vaibhasika, Sautrantika, Yogacara and Madhyamika .

**Unit - II:** (i) Nyaya: Definition of Perception (Pratyaksa), Definition of Sannikarsa and its significance, Classification of Pratyaksa – Ordinary Laukika, Extra-ordinary Alaukia, Indeterminate (Nirbikalpaka) and Determinate (Savikalpaka), Recognition (Pratvijnna), Inference (Anumana), Comparison (Upamana), Testimony (Sabda), The individual self and its liberation, The idea of God and proofs for its existence

(ii) Vaishesika Philosophy – Padartha, Dravya, Guna, Karma, Samanya, Visesa, Samavaya, Abhava

**Unit - III:** (i) Samkhya: Satkaryavada, Nature of Prakriti and its constituents- Theory of Evolution, Nature of Purusa and proofs for its existence, Plurality of Purusas.

(ii) Yoga: Citta, Cittavrtti, Cittabhumi, Eightfold path of Yoga, God.

(iii) Purva Mimamsa: Nature of Knowledge- the debates between Kumarila and Prabhakara about Anupalabdhi, Arthapatti and Pramanyavada.

**Unit - IV:** (i) Advaita Vedanta of Sankaracharya – Sankara's view of Brahman, Maya, and Jiva, Three grades of Satta, Jiva, Jagat, Moksha.

(ii) Visitadvaita Vedanta of Ramanuja: Nature of Brahman, Refutation of Sankara's doctrine of Maya, Jiva, Jagat, Moksa.

**Suggested Readings:**

1. An Introduction to Indian Philosophy: D.M. Dutta and S.C. Chatterjee

2. Outlines of Indian Philosophy : M. Hiriyana
3. A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy: C.D. Sharma
4. Indian Philosophy (Vol. I & Vol. III): S. Radhakrishnan
5. Central Philosophy of Buddhism: T.R.V. Murti
6. Reason and Tradition in Indian Philosophy: J.N. Mahanti
7. Studies in Philosophy: Vol. I: K.C. Bhattacharya
8. Sayan Madhaviya Sarva Darsan Saigraha: Satyajyoti Chakraborty
9. Bharatiya Darsan: Debabrata Sen
10. Bharatiya Darsan: Nirode Baran Chakraborty
11. Carvaka Darsan: Panchanan Sastri
12. Carvaka Darsan: Daksina Ranjan Sastri
13. Buddha Darsan: Panchanan Sastri
14. Nyaya Vaisesika Darsana: Karuna Bhattacharya
15. Sankhya Tattva Kaumudi: Narayan Goswami
16. Sankhya Patanjali Darsan: Kanak Prava Bhattacharya
17. Purva Mimansa Darsan: Sukhomay Bhattacharya
18. Bharatiya Darsan: Pradyot Kumar Mandal
19. Bharatiya Darsaner Marma Katha: Haridas Bandupadhyaya
20. Bhartiya Darsan: Dipak Kumar Bagchi
21. Bhartiya Darsan: Samarendra Bhattacharjee

**Bachelor of Arts (BA)**  
**Semester – I**

**Subject: Philosophy**

**Paper – II (MAJOR)**  
**Western Philosophy**  
**Credits: 4**

Unit I : (i) Plato: Theory of knowledge (episteme) and opinion (doxa), Theory of Forms  
(ii) Aristotle: Critique of Plato's theory of Forms, Theory of Causation, Form and Matter, Potentiality and Actuality.

Unit II: (i) Descartes: Method and need for Method in philosophy, Method of Doubt: Cogito Ergo Sum, types of Ideas, mind and matter, mind-body interactionism, God: nature and proofs for His existence.

(ii) Spinoza: Substance, attributes and modes, the concept of 'God or Nature', Pantheism, mind-body problem, three orders of knowing.

(iii) Leibnitz: Monadology, doctrine of pre-established harmony, truths of reason and truths of facts, innateness of all ideas, principles of non-contradiction, sufficient reason and identity of the indiscernible

Unit III: (i) Locke: Ideas and their classification, refutation of innate ideas, knowledge and its grades, substance, qualities.

(ii) Berkeley: Rejection of abstract ideas, rejection of the distinction between primary and secondary qualities, immaterialism, *esse est percipi*.

(ii) Hume: Impressions and ideas, judgments concerning relations of ideas and matters of fact, causality, skepticism.

Unit IV: Kant: Conception of critical philosophy, classification of judgments: analytic, synthetic, apriori, aposteriori, possibility of synthetic apriori judgments, the forms of sensibility (space and time), categories of the understanding, the metaphysical deduction of categories, postulates of moral judgments, phenomena and noumena, postulates of moral judgements.

### **Suggested Readings:**

1. Greek Philosophy: Burnet
2. A History of Philosophy: F. Coplston
3. A Critical History of Modern Philosophy: D.J.O'Connor
4. History of Modern Philosophy: Richard Falckenberg
5. A History of Modern Philosophy: W.K. Wright
6. A Critical History of Greek Philosophy: W.T. Stace
7. Locke, Berkeley, Hume: C.R. Morris
8. The Rationalists: John Cottingham
9. Locke, Berkeley, Hume: Nirode Baran Chakraborty
10. Plato and Aristotle: Nirode Baran Chakraborty
11. Paschatya Darsaner Itihas (Plato O Aristotle): Debabrata Sen
12. Paschatya Darsaner Itihas (Descartes, Spinoza and Leibnitz): Chandradaya Bhattacharya
13. Paschatya Darsaner Itihas: Iksanbad (Locke, Berkeley, Hume): Chandradaya Bhattacharya
14. Critique of Pure Reason: Kant (Edited by N.K. Smith)
15. Kanter Darsan: Raj Vihari Das
16. A Handbook of Kant's Critique of Pure Reason: Raj Vihari Das
17. A Inquiry Concerning Human Understanding: Hume (edited by J.N. Mahanti)
18. Hume 'Inquiry': Rama Prasad Das

**Bachelor of Arts (BA)**  
**Semester – II**

**Subject: Philosophy**

**Paper – III (MAJOR)**  
**Indian Ethics**  
**Credits: 4**

Unit –I : Concepts and doctrines: (a) ṛta and satya, (b) ṛṇa and yajña, (c) yoga and kṣema, (d) karmayoga, svadharma, lokasaṅgraha, Varnashrama Dharma,

Unit- II : Carvaka Ethics, Purusarthas and their inter-relations, Purusartha Sadhana,  
Law of Karma,

Unit-III : Buddhist Ethics: The Four Noble Truths, Astangika Marga  
: Jaina Ethics: Anuvrata, Mahavrata, Triratna.

Unit-IV: Ethics of the Gita: Svadharma and Paradharma, niṣkāmakarma, Jnana Yogo, Bhakti Yoga.

**Suggested Readings:**

1. Carvaka Darsanam: Panchanan Sastri
2. Carvaka darsan: Daksina Ranjan Sastri
3. Bharatiya Darsan: Pradyot Kumar Mandal
4. Bharatiya Darsan: Nirode Baran Chakraborty
5. Bharatiya Darsan: Dipak Kumar Bagchi
6. Buddha Darsan: Panchanan Sastri
7. Purva Mimansa Darsan: Sukhomay Bhattacharya
8. Nitividya: Samarendranath Bhattacharya
9. Nitividya : Shibapada Chakraborty
10. Nitividyar Tattvakatha: Somnath Chakraborty
11. The Ethics of Hindus: S.K. Maitra
12. Fundamentals of Hinduism: S.C. Chatterjee
13. Indian Philosophy: S. Radhakrishnan
14. Introduction to Indian Philosophy: D.M. Dutta and S.C. Chatterjee
15. A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy: C.D. Sharma
16. Principles of Ethics: Phani Busan Chatterjee

**Bachelor of Arts (BA)**  
**Semester – II**

**Subject: Philosophy**

**Paper – IV (MAJOR)**  
**Western Ethics**  
**Credits: 4**

Unit-I : Western Ethics : Nature and Scope, Voluntary and Non-Voluntary Actions,

Unit-II: Moral Judgements, Postulates of Moral Judgements, Objects of Moral Judgements.

Unit-III: Western Ethics: Theories of Moral Standard (Hedonism, Rigorism of Kant, Perfectionism),

Unit-IV : Practical Ethics : Rights and Human Rights : Their Characteristics (Racism, Casteism), Feminism (Radical & Spiritual), Environmental Ethics.

**Suggested Readings:**

1. Manual of Ethics: Mackenzie
2. An Introduction to Ethics : William Lillie

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## UNDERGRADUATE SYLLABUS IN PHILOSOPHY

### MINOR (CORE)

Semester	Paper	Name of Paper	Credits
I	I	Ethics and Environment	4
II	II	Philosophy of Culture	4

**Bachelor of Arts (BA)**  
**Semester – I**

Subject: Philosophy

Paper – I (MINOR/ELECTIVE)

**Ethics and Environment**

**Credits: 4**

**Unit- I**

Nature, scope and significance of Ethics and Environment,

Moral attitudes towards biotic and abiotic life-world: Man's responsibility towards biotic and abiotic life-world, conservation of abiotic world, population explosion, global warming and climate change, duties and responsibilities towards future generation.

**Unit-II**

Man-Nature Relationship: Biocentrism and Anthropocentrism

**Unit – III**

The Contemporary Indian perspective on Environment (M. K. Gandhi and Tagore)

**Unit-IV**

Environmental movements in India

Eco-feminism: Feminists and environmental ethics.

**Suggested Readings:**

1. Kuhse, H. and Singer, P.; *A Companion to Bio-ethics*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., Blackwell Publishing Ltd., 2009.
2. Callicut, J. B. and Frodeman, R., *Encyclopedia of Environmental Ethics and Philosophy*, Vol. I & 2, MacMillan, GALE, Cengage Learning, 2009.
3. Taylor, P. W.; *Respect for Nature*, Princeton University Press, Princeton and Oxford, 1989.
4. *The Feminist Papers from Adams to De Beauvoir*, North eastern University Press, Boston, 1988.
5. Preston, C. J. and Ouderkirk, W.; *Nature, Value and Duty*, Springer, 2007.
6. Singer, P.; *Practical Ethics*, Cambridge University Press, New York, 2011.

**Bachelor of Arts (BA)**  
**Semester – II**

Subject: Philosophy

Paper – II (MINOR/ELECTIVE)

**Philosophy of culture**  
**Credits: 4**

Unit-I

Definitions of Culture, Philosophy of Culture and Cultural anthropology

Unit-II

Theories of culture: Structuralism and Functionalism, Culture as Superstructure, Psychoanalysis

Unit-III

Society, Nature, Culture, and Cultural identity  
Tradition, modernity and changes

Unit-IV

Culture and Globalization: Impact of globalization on culture  
Cultural relativism and cultural pluralism

**Suggested Readings:**

1. Bernasconi, Robert. (2003). "Ethnicity, Culture and Philosophy". In Nicholas Bunnin, Eric Tsui-James (Eds.). *The Blackwell Companion to Philosophy*. Oxford, UK: Blackwell.
2. Boas, F. (1940). *Race, Language, and Culture*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
3. Craig, E.; *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, London & New York, 1998.
4. Darwin, C. (1859). *The Origin of Species*. (First Edition). Harvard: Harvard University Press.
5. Debbarma, M.; *Ethnic and Cultural Identity*, Akansha Publishing House, Delhi, 2014.
6. Geertz, C. (1973). *Interpretation of Cultures*. New York: Basic Books.
7. Goldie, P. (2000). *The Emotions: A Philosophical Exploration*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
8. Harris, M. (2001). *Cultural Materialism: the Struggle for a Science of Culture*. Walnut Creek, CA: Alta Mira Press.

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Multidisciplinary/Interdisciplinary Courses

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### Multidisciplinary/Interdisciplinary Courses

Year	Semester	Paper	Name of Paper	Credits
I	I	I	Introduction to Philosophy (Indian and Western)	3
	II			

**Bachelor of Arts (BA) 1<sup>st</sup> year  
Semester –I and II**

**Subject: Philosophy**

**Paper – I (ID)**

**Introduction to Philosophy (Indian and Western)**

**Credits: 3**

Unit-I

1. Cārvāka: Epistemology, Metaphysics
2. Jaina: Anekāntavāda, Syādvāda

Unit-II

1. Nyaya: Perception, Inference
2. Vaisesika:Categories: Dravya, Sāmānya, Samavāya, Atomism

Unit-III

1. Theories of Knowledge: Empiricism, Rationalism, Critical Theory
2. Theories of Truth: Correspondence , Coherence, Pragmatic

Unit-IV

1. Idealism: Subjective and Objective
2. Realism: Naïve and Representative
3. Substance: Empiricist View and Rationalist View

Suggested Readings:

1. C.D. Sharma, *A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy*, Motilal Banarsidass.
2. Frank Thilly, *A History of Philosophy*, New Delhi.
3. Anthony Kenny, *A New History of Western Philosophy*, (Vol.I-IV), Clarendon Press.
4. Dutta and Chatterjee, *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy*, Rupa.
5. Indian Philosophy, Vol.1 and 2, Oxford University Press.