

**THE UNIVERSITY OF BURDWAN**  
**MASTER OF ARTS (M.A.) PROGRAMME IN PHILOSOPHY**  
 (To be effective from the academic session 2020-2022)

<b>PRINCIPLES/FORMULA/RULES</b>							
1 LECTURE OF 1 HOUR PER WEEK × (16 WEEKS) = 1 CREDIT							
CORE COURSE—75 CREDITS							
MAJOR ELECTIVE/SPECIAL COURSE—MINIMUM 20 CREDITS							
INTERDISCIPLINARY COURSE—MINIMUM 4 CREDITS							
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT—2 CREDITS							
CREDIT REQUIRED FOR A PG COURSE:101 CREDITS							
EACH PAPER SHOULD HAVE A NOMENCLATURE AND AN ALPHA-NUMERIC CODE							
EACH PAPER OF 50 MARKS HAS 10 MARKS FOR INTERNAL ASSESSMENT (WRITTEN/VIVA-VOCE)							
LEVEL	COURSE NO.	COURSE TYPE	COURSE TITLE	COURSE CODE	PATTERN OF TEACHING HOUR Per Week (L:T:P)	CERDIT	MARKS
<b>MA SEM-I</b>	101	CORE COURSE	INDIAN CLASSIC	MAPHIL 101	5:0:0	5	50
	102	CORE COURSE	INDIAN EPISTEMOLOGY	MAPHIL 102	5:0:0	5	50
	103	CORE COURSE	WESTERN CLASSIC	MAPHIL 103	5:0:0	5	50
	104	CORE COURSE	WESTERN ETHICS	MAPHIL 104	5:0:0	5	50
	105	CORE COURSE	SOCIO-POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY: INDIAN	MAPHIL 105	5:0:0	5	50
<b>MA SEM-II</b>	201	CORE COURSE	INDIAN ETHICS	MAPHIL 201	5:0:0	5	50
	202	CORE COURSE	INDIAN METAPHYSICS	MAPHIL 202	5:0:0	5	50
	203	CORE COURSE	WESTERN EPISTEMOLOGY	MAPHIL 203	5:0:0	5	50
	204	CORE COURSE	WESTERN LOGIC	MAPHIL 204	5:0:0	5	50
	205	CORE COURSE	SOCIO-POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY: WESTERN	MAPHIL 205	5:0:0	5	50
<b>MA SEM-III</b>	301	CORE COURSE	INDIAN PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE	MAPHIL 301	5:0:0	5	50
	302	CORE COURSE	WESTERN METAPHYSICS	MAPHIL 302	5:0:0	5	50

	303	MAJOR ELECTIVE /SPECIAL COURSE	A: NYAYA-VAIŚEŚIKA/ B: VEDANTA/ C: APPLIED ETHICS/ D: WESTERN LOGIC/ E: SĀMKHYA-YOGA	MAPHIL 303 [A/B/C/D/E]	5:0:0	5	50
	304	MAJOR ELECTIVE /SPECIAL COURSE	A: NYAYA-VAIŚEŚIKA/ B: VEDANTA/ C: APPLIED ETHICS/ D: WESTERN LOGIC/ E: SĀMKHYA-YOGA	MAPHIL 304 [A/B/C/D/E]	5:0:0	5	50
	305	INTERDISCIPLINARY ELECTIVE	PHILOSOPHY FOR REAL LIFE ISSUES	MAPHIL305A	5:0:0	4	50
<b>MA SEM-IV</b>	400	COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMME (Practical)	PHILOSOPHICAL COUNSELLING	MAPHIL400	0:0:5	2	25
	401	CORE COURSE	CONTINENTAL PHILOSOPHY	MAPHIL 401	5:0:0	5	50
	402	CORE COURSE	WESTERN PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE	MAPHIL 402	5:0:0	5	50
	403	MAJOR ELECTIVE	A: NYAYA-VAIŚEŚIKA/ B: VEDANTA/ C: APPLIED ETHICS/ D: WESTERN LOGIC/ E: SĀMKHYA-YOGA	MAPHIL 403 [A/B/C/D/E]	5:0:0	5	50
	404	MAJOR ELECTIVE	A: NYAYA-VAIŚEŚIKA/ B: VEDANTA/ C: APPLIED ETHICS/ D: WESTERN LOGIC/ E: SĀMKHYA-YOGA	MAPHIL 404 [A/B/C/D/E]	5:0:0	5	50
	405	PROJECT PAPER (Practical)		MAPHIL 405	0:0:5	5	50

### SEMESTER-I

Full Marks: 250

**CORE COURSE: MAPHIL101: INDIAN CLASSICS** (Marks: 50)

- (i) Praśastapāda :*Padārthadharmasaṁgraha* (Six *padārtha*-s, both *uddeśa* and *parikṣā*) (40 Hrs.)
- (ii) Umāsvāti :*Tattvārthasūtra* (Selections, excluding Ch-VII) (40 Hrs.)

**CORE COURSE: MAPHIL102: INDIAN EPISTEMOLOGY** (Marks: 50)

- (i) Gaṅgeśa : *Tattvacintāmaṇi (prāmāṇyavāda* upto the end of “*naturajatatvenapurovar-tināmitī*”) (40 Hrs.)
- (ii) Dharmakīrti : *Nyāyabindu* (Up to “*trirūpānica*”) (40 Hrs.)

**CORECOURSE: MAPHIL103: WESTERN CLASSICS** (Marks: 50)

Kant: *Critique of Pure Reason* (N. K. Smith’s abridged ed. (up to the end of Transcendental Analytic) (80 Hrs.)

**CORE COURSE: MAPHIL104: WESTERN ETHICS** (Marks: 50)

- (i) Normative Ethics: Utilitarianism and Deontology (30 Hrs.)
- (ii) Virtue Ethics (5 Hours)
- (iii) Metaethics: Cognitivism: Naturalism and Intuitionism; Non-cognitivism: Emotivism and Prescriptivism; Descriptivism (25 Hrs.)
- (iv) Applied Ethics : Notion and Methodology of Applied Ethics, Life and Death Issues (Euthanasia and/or Abortion), Environmental Ethics: Definition and Concerns (20 Hrs.)

**Suggested Readings:**

- J. S. Mill : ‘Utilitarianism’. *Collected Works of J. S. Mill*, Vol. X, University of Toronto Press
- Kant : *Groundwork of Metaphysic of Morals*, Macmillan
- Aristotle : *Nichomachean Ethics* (ed. David Ross), Oxford University Press
- W. D. Hudson : *Modern Moral Philosophy*, Macmillan
- Peter Singer : *Practical Ethics*, Cambridge University Press
- David S. Oderberg : *Applied Ethics: A Non-Consequential Approach*, Blackwell
- Tom L. Beauchamp : “The Nature of Applied Ethics”, *A Companion to Applied Ethics* (eds. R.G. Frey & C.H. Wellman), Blackwell
- Robin Attfield : *Environmental Ethics: A Very Short Introduction*, Oxford Univ. Press, 2018
- Robert Elliot (ed.): *Environmental Ethics*, Oxford University Press
- MacIntyre: “After Virtue”, *A Historical Introduction to Moral Philosophy* (ed. M. F. Wagner), Prentice Hall

**CORE COURSE: MAPHIL105: SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY: INDIAN** (Marks: 50)

1. *Mahābhārata : Rājadharmā*
2. *Manusmṛhitā*: Divine origin of the State, Administration of Justice (*Danḍanīti*), Status of Women
3. *Kautilyīya Arthasāstra : Danḍanīti*
4. *Kāmandakīya Nītisāra : Saptāṅga Rājya*
5. *Sri Sri Rāmakṛṣṇakathāmṛta: Sarvadharmasamabhāva*

6. D. D. Upadhyay : Integral Humanism
7. Jyotirao Phule : Eradication of Untouchability and the Caste System, Womens' Emancipation
8. Moulana Abul Kalam Azad : Socio-Political Philosophy

**Recommended Texts:**

- Vedavyāsa : *Mahābhārata* (Śāntiparva), Chs.56-57), Gita Press, Gorakhpur
- Manabendu Bandyopadhyay (ed.): *Manusmṛhitā*: (Chs.III, V,IX) Sanskrit Pustak Bhandar, Kolkata
- Radhagobinda Basak (ed.): *Kautilya: Arthashastra* (Ch. I), Kolkata (1989)
- Dinesh Kumar Garg (ed.): *Kāmandakīya Nītisāra* (Ch.IV), Varanasi (2016)
- Mahendranath Gupta : *Sri Sri Ramakrishnakathamrita* (Selections), Udbodhan Karyalay, Kolkata (2012)
- Deendayal Upadhyay : *Integral Humanism*. Hindi Sahitya Sadan, 2014 (In English)
- *Collected Works of Mahatma Jotirao Phule* (selections), Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai, 1991
- G. P. Deshpande (tr. & ed): *Selected Writings of Jotirao Phule*. Left Word Books, New Delhi, 2002
- Moulana Abdul Kalam Azad: *India Wins Freedom* (Selections), Orient Longman, Kolkata
- Sayed Abdul Latif Moulana (tr.): *Abdul Kalam Azad: The Tarjuman al-Qur'an: Al-Fatiha to Al-Muninun*, Kitab Bhavan, 1990

**References:**

- Bibek Debroy (tr.) : *The Mahabharata*, Penguin, 2015
- G. Buhler (tr.) : *The Law of Manu*, Clarendon Press, Oxford (1886)
- R. P. Kangle (tr.) : *The Arthashastra*, 2012
- Manmatha Nath Dutt (tr.) : *Kamandakiya Nitisara or The Elements of Polity*, Elysium Press, Calcutta, 1896
- Swami Saradananda : *Sri Sri Ramakrishna Lilaprosanga*, Udbodhan Karyalay, Kolkata (2012)
- Swami Nikhilananda (tr.) : *The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*, Ramakrishna Vivekananda Center, New York (1942)
- Dhananjay Keer : *Mahatma Jotirao Phule: Father of the Indian Social Revolution*, Popular Prakashan, Mumbai
- Rosalind O'Hanlon : *Caste, Conflict and Ideology: Mahatma Jotirao Phule and Low Caste Protest in Nineteenth Century Western India*, Cambridge Univ. Press, 2002
- Mushirul Hasan. "Maulana Abul Kalam Azad: The Odd Secularist". *India Today*. Archived (18 October 2006).
- Meraj Ahmad: "Moulana Azad's Vision of Modern India". *International Journal of Humanities and Social Science Research*, Vol.4, No.2, 2018

**SEMESTER-II**  
**Full Marks: 250**

**CORE COURSE: MAPHIL201: INDIAN ETHICS (Marks: 50)**

(i) *Śrīmadbhagavadgītā* (Chapters II & III) (40 Hours)

(ii) Laugakṣi Bhāskara: *Arthasaṃgraha* (*dharma, bhāvanā, vidhi* and its varieties; *arthavāda*) (40 Hrs.)

**CORE COURSE: MAPHIL202: INDIAN METAPHYSICS** (Marks: 50)

(i) Sadānanda Yogīndra: *Vedāntasāra* with *Subodhinī* (Selections) (40 Hours)

(ii) Iśvarakṛṣṇa: *Sāṃkhyakārikā* with *Tattvakaumudī* (Kārikā-s 1-3, 9-22) (40 Hours)

**CORE COURSE: MAPHIL203: WESTERN EPISTEMOLOGY** (Marks: 50)

(i) Nature and Definition of Knowledge (20 Hours)

(ii) Gettier Problem and Responses to it (20 Hours)

(iii) Scepticism and the Possibility of Knowledge (20 Hours)

(iv) Justification of Knowledge Claims: Foundationalism (including Internalism and Externalism), Coherentism and Reliabilism (20 Hours)

**Suggested Readings:**

- J. Dancy: *Introduction to Contemporary Epistemology*, Blackwell
- R. M. Chisholm: *Theory of Knowledge* (3rd ed.) Prentice Hall
- J. Ayer: *The Problem of Knowledge*, Penguin Books
- J.L. Pollock: *Contemporary Theories of Knowledge*, Rowman & Littlefield
- A. Stroll (ed.): *Epistemology: New Essays in Theory of Knowledge*, Harper & Row
- Keith Lehrer: *Knowledge*, Clarendon Press
- Sandhya Basu: *Justification: Concepts and Theories*, Progressive Pub., Kolkata
- Sutapa Saha: *Evidence and Truth*, Allied Publishers (in association with Jadavpur University)

**CORE COURSE: MAPHIL204: WESTERN LOGIC** (Marks: 50)

(i) Propositional Logic: Rules of Natural Deduction, The Rule of Conditional Proof, Indirect Proof, Proving Invalidity (14 Hours)

(ii) Quantification Theory: Singular and General Propositions, Multiply-General Propositions, Quantification Rules and Proving Validity, Proving Invalidity, Logical Truths Involving Quantifiers (50 Hours)

(iii) Truth-Tree and its Applications (16 Hours)

**Recommended Texts:**

- I. M. Copi : *Symbolic Logic* (5th edition), Chapters 3 and 4) Prentice Hall of India, 1998
- Richard Jeffrey: *Formal Logic: Its Scope and Limits* (1st edition), Tata McGraw-Hill, 1967

**CORE COURSE: MAPHIL205: SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY: WESTERN**(Marks: 50)

- i) **Social Contract Theory:** Hobbes, Locke and Rousseau (10 Hrs.)
- ii) **Liberalism and Distributive Justice:** Rawls and Sen(10 Hrs.)
- iii) **Libertarianism:** Nozick(10 Hrs.)
- iv) **Marxism:** Origin, Alienation, Dialectical and Historical Materialism, Philosophy for Change, Surplus Value and Capitalism, Class-Struggle, Social Revolution, Idea of State, Critique of Marxism(20 Hrs.)
- v) **Philosophy of Globalization**(10 Hrs.)
- vi) **Communitarianism &Multiculturalism**(10 Hrs.)
  - Communitarianism: Communitarian Critique of Liberal Self, Universalism Vs. Particularism, Theories of Charles Taylor, MacIntyre, and Michael Sandel
  - Multiculturalism: Charles Taylor; Politics of Recognition, Will Kymlicka; Conception of Minority Rights
- vii) **Feminism** (10 Hrs.)

**Recommended Texts:**

- Hobbes, Thomas ([1651] 1986) *Leviathan*. Harmondsworth: Penguin Books.
- Locke, John ([1690] 1963) *Two Treatises of Government*. Ed. Peter Laslett. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Rousseau, Jean-Jacques ([1760] 1987) "On the Social Contract", in *Rousseau: Basic Political Writings*. (Trans.)Donald Cress. Indianapolis, IN: Hackett Publishing Co.
- Rawls, John (1971) *A Theory of Justice*. Rev. ed. (1999) Cambridge, MA:HarvardUniversity Press.
- ---- (1993) *Political Liberalism*. New York: Columbia University Press.
- Sen, Amartya (1992).*Inequality Reexamined*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard UniversityPress.
- ----(2009):*The Theory of Justice, London:* Penguin.
- ---- (1997) *On Economic Inequality*. Oxford: Clarendon.
- Nozick, Robert (1974) *.Anarchy, State, and Utopia*. New York: Basic Books.
- Karl Marx: *Economic and Philosophic Manuscriptsof 1884*, Moscow: Progress Publishers,1959
- Karl Marx: *Selected Writings* (eds. T. Bottomore and M. Rubel), Penguin, 1975.
- C. Roldán, D. Brauer and J.Rohbeck (eds.) (2018)*Philosophy of Globalization*, De Grueter.
- Singer, P. (2002)*One World: The Ethics of Globalization*, Yale University Press.
- ---- *One World Now*(Revised)Yale University Press, New Haven, 2016.
- MacIntyre, Alasdair (1981) *After Virtue*. Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre DamePress.
- ---- (1987) *Whose Justice? Which Rationality?* Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press.

- Sandel, Michael J. (1982) *Liberalism and the Limits of Justice*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2nd ed. 1999.
- ---- (1996) *Democracy's Discontent: America in Search of a Public Philosophy*. Cambridge, MA: Belknap Press.
- Taylor, Charles (1989a) 'Cross-Purposes: The Liberal-Communitarian Debate,' in Rosenblum( ed.) (1989) *Liberalism and the Moral Life*, Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.
- ---- (1989b) *Sources of the Self: The Making of Modern Identity*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.
- ---- (1991) *The Ethics of Authenticity*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.
- ---- (1992) *Multiculturalism and the 'Politics of Recognition.'* Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.
- Kymlicka, Will (1989) *Liberalism, Community and Culture*. Oxford: Clarendon.
- ---- (1990) *Contemporary Political Philosophy: An Introduction*. Oxford: Clarendon.
- ---- (1995) *Multicultural Citizenship: A Liberal Theory of Minority Rights*. Oxford: Clarendon.
- Moitra, Sefali (2002) *Feminist Theory: Androcentrism, Communication, and Objectivity*, New Delhi: MunshiramManoharlal.
- Tong, Rosemarie(2018). *Feminist Thought: A More Comprehensive Introduction, 5<sup>th</sup> ed.* New York: Talyor& Francis.

**Suggested Readings:**

- Amal Roy & Mohit Bhattacharya ( 2013): *Political Theory: Ideas and Institutions*, Kolkata: World Press.
- Emile Burns(1939): *What is Marxism*, Create Space
- Shlomo Avineri & Avner De-Shalit (1992) *Communitarianism and Individualism*, Oxford Univ. Press.
- Nelson, Brian R. (2014) *Western Political Thoughts*, Pearson.
- Christman, John (2002) *Social and Political Philosophy: A Contemporary Introduction*, Routledge, London & New York.
- Marxist Archive: [www.marxists.org](http://www.marxists.org)

**SEMESTER III**  
**Full Marks: 250**

**CORE COURSE: MAPHIL301: INDIAN PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE (Marks: 50)**

Viśvanātha : *Bhāṣāpariccheda* with *Siddhāntamuktāvalī (Śabdakhaṇḍa)* (80 Hours)

**CORE COURSE MAPHIL302: WESTERN METAPHYSICS (Marks: 50)**

- (i) Nature and Notions of Metaphysics: Traditional and Contemporary (15 Hours)
- (ii) Essentialism and the Notion of Possible Worlds (20 Hours)
- (iii) Substance: The Aristotelian Conception, Basic Particulars, Ryle on Mind-Body Dualism (25 Hours)

- (iv) Self-Knowledge and Self-Identity: Memory Criterion, Body Criterion; Primitiveness of the Concept of Person (20 Hours)

**Suggested Readings:**

- Michael J. Loux: *Metaphysics: A Contemporary Introduction*, Routledge, 2006
- D.W. Hamlyn: *Metaphysics*, Cambridge University Press, 1984
- P.F. Strawson: *Individuals: An Essay in Descriptive Metaphysics*, Methuen, 1957
- Aristotle: *Metaphysics*, Book Zeta
- B.A. Brody: *Identity and Essence*, Princeton University Press, 1980
- Gilbert Ryle: *The Concept of Mind*, Penguin Books, 1973
- E. J. Lowe: 'Substance', *An Encyclopaedia of Philosophy* (ed. G.H.R. Parkinson), Routledge
- IndraniSanyal, *On Essentialist Claims*, Allied Publishers Private Limited, 2002
- IndraniSanyal, 'Modality and Possible Worlds', *Foundations of Logic and Language* (ed. Pranab Kumar Sen), Allied Publications, 1990

**MAJOR ELECTIVES**

[ANY ONE GROUP TO BE CHOSEN FROM 303 A& 304A, 303B &304B, 303C &304C, 303D &304D, 303E &304E]

**GROUP-A: NYĀYA-VAIŚEṢIKA**

**MAJOR ELECTIVE COURSE: MAPHIL303A: PRĀCĪNA NYĀYA-I** (Marks: 50)

Gotama: *Nyāyasūtra* with *Vātsyāyanabhāṣya* (*Adhyāya-I, Ānhika-I*) (80 Hours)

**MAJOR ELECTIVE COURSE: MAPHIL 304A: PRĀCĪNA NYĀYA-II** (Marks: 50)

Udayana: *Nyāyakusumāñjali* (1st Stavaka) (80 Hours)

**GROUP-B : VEDANTA**

**MAJOR ELECTIVE COURSE: MAPHIL303B: ADVAITA METAPHYSICS- I** (Marks: 50)

Bādarāyana: *Brahmasūtra* with *Śāṅkarabhāṣya* (*Catuhsūtrī*) (80 Hours)

**MAJOR ELECTIVE COURSE: MAPHIL304B: DVAITĀDVAITA AND DVAITA METAPHYSICS**  
(Marks: 50)

i) Bādarāyana : *Brahmasūtra* with *Vedāntapārijātasaurabha* (Selections) (40 Hours)

ii) Bādarāyana : *Brahmasūtra* with *Purṇaprajñābhāṣya* (Selections) (40 Hours)

**GROUP-C: APPLIED ETHICS**

**MAJOR ELECTIVE COURSE: MAPHIL303C: BIOMEDICAL ETHICS:** (Marks: 50)



- i) Introduction: A brief history of Biomedical Ethics, Its Definition and Scope, Mid-level Principles & Some Moral Theories (5 Hours)
- ii) Patient-Doctor Relationship: Informed Consent, Therapeutic Privilege, The Rule of Confidentiality (15 Hours)
- iii) Medical Research on Humans: The Nuremberg Code, Design of Clinical Trials, Equipoise, Randomization and Placebos, Problems with Consent, Vulnerable Populations (10 Hours)
- iv) Reproductive Rights and Technologies: Abortion, The Moral Status of Embryo/ Fetus, Surrogate Motherhood, Sex Selection and Female Feticide, Cloning (15 Hours)
- v) Genetics: Genetic Testing and Screening, Gene Therapy, Genetic Enhancement, Eugenics (15 Hours)
- vi) Medical Decisions at the End of Life: Defining Death, Withdrawing and Withholding Treatment, Euthanasia and Physician-Assisted Suicide (8 Hours)
- vii) Allocating Scarce Medical Resources: Quality-Adjusted Life-Years, Age-Based Rationing, Organ Transplantation (7 Hours)
- viii) Biomedical Ethics in Ancient India (5 Hours)

**Recommended Texts:**

- Walter Glannon: *Biomedical Ethics*, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2005
- *Charaka-samhitā* (Selections) (ed. Brajendra Chandra Nag), NabapatraPrakashan, Kolkata

**References:**

- Tom L. Beauchamp & James F. Childress: *Principles of Bio-medical Ethics*, Oxford Univ. Press
- Helga Kushe & Peter Singer: *Bioethics: An Anthology*, Blackwell, 1999
- Anthony Dyson and John Harris: *Experiments on Embryos*, Routledge, 1990 (Chap.V)
- S.N. Dasgupta: *History of Indian Philosophy*, Vol. 2, Cambridge University Press
- Ratna Datta Sharma: 'Charak and the Notification of the Indian Medical Council on Physician-Patient Relationship', *Patient-Physician Relationship* (eds. Ratna Datta Sharma & Sashinungla), Decent Books, New Delhi

**MAJOR ELECTIVE COURSE: MAPHIL304C: SOCIO-POLITICAL ETHICS: (Marks: 50)**

- i) **Equality and its Applications:** The Meaning and Basis of Equality, Racism and Equality, Casteism and Equality, Affirmative Action (30 Hours)

**Recommended Texts:**

- Peter Singer: *Practical Ethics*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed. (Chapter-2), Cambridge University Press, 2011
- B.R. Ambedkar: "Annihilation of Caste", *The Essential Writings of B.R. Ambedkar* (ed. V. Rodrigues), Oxford Univ. Press

- ii) **Ethics of Poverty** (10 Hours)

**Recommended Texts:**

- Peter Singer: *Practical Ethics*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition (Chapter-8: Rich and Poor)), Cambridge University Press, 2011

**iii) Business Ethics:** For and Against its Possibility, Corporate Responsibility: Moral and Social (10 Hours)

**Recommended Texts:**

- Manuel G. Velasquez: *Business Ethics: Concepts and Cases*, 6<sup>th</sup>ed, Prentice-Hall
- Jaffrey Moriarty: "Business Ethics", *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (internet edition) @ <http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/ethics-business>

**iv) Ethics of Terror and Warfare** (10 Hours)

**Recommended Texts:**

- Judith Wagner DeCew: 'Codes of Warfare', *Encyclopaedia of Applied Ethics* (ed. Ruth Chadwick et al), Academic Press, 1998, Vol. IV

**Reference:**

- Haig Khatchadourian: "Terrorism and Morality", *Applied Philosophy: Morals and Metaphysics in Contemporary Debates* (eds. Brenda Almond & Donald Hill), Routledge

**v) Feminist Ethics** (10 Hours)

**Recommended Text:**

- Rosemarie Tong: "Feminist Ethics", *Encyclopaedia of Applied Ethics* (ed. Ruth Chadwick et al), Academic Press, 1998, Vol. II, and
- Joan Tronto: "An Ethic of Care", *Feminist Theory: A Philosophical Anthology*, Blackwell, 2007

**Reference:**

- Stephanie Collins: *The Core of Care Ethics*, Springer, 2015 *Stanford Encyclopaedia of Philosophy* (internet edition) @ <http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/feminism-ethics>

**vi) Media Ethics:** Its Concerns, Freedom and Responsibility, Quality, Neutrality & Objectivity (10 Hours)

**Recommended Texts:**

- Judith Lichtenberg: "Media Ethics", *A Companion to Applied Ethics* (eds. R.G. Frey & C.H. Wellman), Blackwell
- Andrew Belsey and Ruth Chadwick (eds.) *Ethical Issues in Journalism and the Media*, Routledge, 1992

**GROUP-D: WESTERN LOGIC**

**MAJOR ELECTIVE COURSE: MAPHIL303D: SET THEORY & PHILOSOPHY OF LOGIC (Marks: 50)**

**Section-I:Set Theory (Marks: 35)**

- (i) Basic Notions of Set Theory (10 Hours)
- (ii) Basic Operations on Sets (15 Hours)
- (iii) Relations; Binary, n-ary (20 Hours)
- (iv) Functions (10 Hours)

**Recommended Text:**

- P. Suppes: *Introduction to Logic*, East-West Press, 2010

**Section-II:Philosophy of Logic (Marks: 15)**

Existence and Predication (25 Hours)

**Suggested Readings:**

- I. Kant, *Critique of Pure Reason*, tr. N. K. Smith, Macmillan, 1963
- G. Frege, *The Foundations of Arithmetic*, (tr.) by J. L. Austin, Blackwell, Oxford, 1953
- P.F. Strawson (ed.) *Philosophical Logic*, Oxford University Press, 1977

**MAJOR ELECTIVE COURSE: MAPHIL304D:INDUCTIVE LOGIC &PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE  
(Marks: 50)**

**INDUCTIVE LOGIC: (Marks:25)**

- i) Problem of Induction (8 Hours)
- ii) Hypothesis (8 Hours)
- iii) The Nature of Evidence-statements (5 Hours)
- iv) Justification of Induction (10 Hours)
- v) Eliminative Induction (9 Hours)

**PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE: (Marks:25)**

- i) The relationship between science and philosophy (5 Hours)
- ii) Explanation, causation and laws (10 Hours)
- iii) Scientific explanation and its discontents(9 Hours)
- iv) Causation as Regular Succession (8 Hours)
- v) Counterfactuals and Dispositions (8 Hours)

**Suggested Readings:**

- S. F. Barker: *Induction and Hypothesis*, Cornell University Press

- Alex Rosenberg: *Philosophy of Science: A Contemporary Introduction*, Routledge
- R. B. Braithwaite: *Scientific Explanation*, Harper and Brothers
- Arther Pap: *An Introduction to the Philosophy of Science*, Eyre and Spottiswoode
- Alex Rosenberg: *Philosophy of Science: A Contemporary Introduction*, Routledge

### MAJOR ELECTIVE GROUP-E: SĀMKHYA-YOGA

#### MAJOR ELECTIVE COURSE: MAPHIL303E: CLASSICAL SĀMKHYA-I (Marks: 50)

Īśvarakṛṣṇa: *Sāmkhyakārikā* with *Sāmkhyatattvakumūlī* of VācaspatiMiśra (excluding *kārikā*-Nos. 1-3 and 9-22) (80 Hours)

#### MAJOR ELECTIVE COURSE: MAPHIL304E: CLASSICAL SĀMKHYA -II (Marks: 50)

Īśvarakṛṣṇa: *Sāmkhyakārikā* with *Yuktidīpikā* (Selections from *kārikā*-1 to *kārikā*-22) (80 Hours)

#### INTERDISCIPLINARY ELECTIVE: MAPHIL305

(To be opted by the Students of MA Programme in any subject other than Philosophy)

#### INTERDISCIPLINARY ELECTIVE COURSE: MAPHIL305: PHILOSOPHY FOR REAL LIFE ISSUES (Marks: 50) [ 4 Credits]

##### Unit-I: PHILOSOPHY AND DARŚANA (4 Hours)

###### • Basic Concepts:

- (i) Nature, Classification, Branches, Aims and Objectives
- (ii) Philosophy & its Relation to other Disciplines

##### Unit-II: CORE ISSUES IN PHILOSOPHY (20 Hours)

###### • Epistemological Issues:

The key issues concerning (i) nature, (ii) possibility, (iii) sources, (v) validity of knowledge.

###### • Metaphysical Issues: The key issues concerning

- [1] Meaning of the terms: (i) appearance, (ii) phenomena, (iii) reality and (iv) noumena;
- [2] Ontological status the phenomenal things;
- [3] Free Will and Determinism.

###### • Moral Issues: The key issues concerning

- (i) morality & ethics, (ii) intrinsic and extrinsic values; moral value (iii) consequentialism, deontology & virtue theory

### Unit-III: CORE ISSUES IN DARŚANA (20 Hours)

- **Epistemological Issues:** The key issues concerning (i) nature, (ii) validity, (iii) factors and (iv) sources of knowledge.
- **Metaphysical Issues:** The key issues concerning
  - (i) Ontological status the phenomenal things,
  - (ii) Attainability of reality,
  - (iii) The way to attain reality.
  - (iv) Stages or levels of reality.
- **Issues Concerning Ontological and Moral Status of Man in the framework of major World-views:** The key issues concerning
  - (i) The frame-work of major World-Views,
  - (ii) Ontological Status of Man in the frame-work of a World-view,
  - (iii) Moral Status of Man in the frame-work of a World-view,

### Unit-IV: REAL LIFE ISSUES IN PHILOSOPHY AND DARŚANA (20 Hours)

- **Environmental issues:** (i) The key issues related to Deep Ecology and its Indian counterparts
- **Socio-political issues:** The key issues concerning (i) Non-violence, (ii) Humanism, (iii) Terrorism, and (iv) Gender inequality,
- **Bio-medical issues:** The key issues concerning (i) Medical research on humans, (ii) Surrogacy, and (iii) Population Genomic
- **Spiritual issues:** The key issues concerning (i) summumbonum of human life and the way to attain it.

### Suggested Readings:

- S. Radhakrishnan: *Indian Philosophy*
- D. M. Datta & S. C. Chatterjee: *Introduction to Indian Philosophy*, University of Calcutta
- S. N. Dasgupta: *History of Indian Philosophy*, Cambridge University Press
- S. C. Chatterjee: *The Problems of Philosophy*, University of Calcutta
- Haridas Bandyopadhyay: *Bharatiya Darshner Marmakatha* (in Bengali)
- Ramaprasad Das & Shibapada Chakraborty: *Paschyatya Darshner Ruprekha* (in Bengali)
- Kant, *Critique of Pure Reason*, tr. N. K. Smith, Macmillan, 1963
- Rashbihari Das: *A Handbook to Kant's Critique of Pure Reason*
- R. M. Chisholm: *Theory of Knowledge* (3rd ed.) Prentice Hall
- Sandhya Basu: *Justification: Concepts and Theories*, Progressive Pub., Kolkata
- W. K. Frankena: *Ethics*

- Walter Glannon: *Biomedical Ethics*, Oxford University Press, 2005
- J. Hospers: *An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis*
- A.P. Griffiths: *Knowledge and Belief*, OUP, 1967
- D.W.Hamlyn: *Metaphysics*
- A.J. Ayer: *The Problem of Knowledge*
- B. Russell: *The Problems of Philosophy*
- H. J. Gensler: *Ethics: A Contemporary Introduction*
- B. K. Lal: *Contemporary Indian Philosophy*
- V. Geetha: *Gender*
- Haig Khatchadourian: "Terrorism and Morality," *Applied Philosophy: Morals and Metaphysics in Contemporary Debates* (eds. Brenda Almond & Donald Hill) Routledge, 1992

#### **SEMESTER –IV**

**FULL MARKS: 275**

**CORE COURSE(Practical): MAPHIL400: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT** [25 MARKS: (Report Writing:20& Viva Voce/Internal:5)]: PHILOSOPHICAL COUNSELLING

**CORE COURSE: MAPHIL401: CONTINENTAL PHILOSOPHY** (Marks: 50)

- (i) Phenomenology: Development of Husserl's Phenomenology, Reduction, Essential Intuition, Intentionality, Solipsism and Intersubjectivity, The Life-World (30 Hours)
- (ii) Existentialism: Sartre's Existentialism, Nothingness, Being-for-itself *vis-a-vis* Being-in-itself, Freedom and Responsibility, Bad faith (30 Hours)
- (iii) Hermeneutics: Basic Notions: The Idea of Text, Explanation and Interpretation, Criteria of Acceptability of Interpretation; Heidegger's Hermeneutics of Being and Dasein (20 Hours)

#### **Suggested Readings:**

- Edmund Husserl: *Ideas*, Book-I, MartinusNijhoff
- Edmund Husserl: *The Crisis of European Sciences and Transcendental Phenomenology*, North-Western Univ. Press
- Herbert Speigelberg: *The Phenomenological Movement* (Vols. I & II), MartinusNijhoff
- J. N. Mohanty & W. R. Mckenna (eds): *Husserl's Phenomenology: A Text Book*, University Press of America
- M. K. Bhadra: *A Critical Survey of Phenomenology and Existentialism*, ICPR-Allied Pub.
- J. N. Mohanty : 'The Development of Husserl's Thought' , *Cambridge Companion toHusserl*, Cambridge University Press
- Dermot Moran: *Introduction to Phenomenology*, Routledge
- DebabrataSinha: *Phenomenology and Existentialism: An Introduction*, Papyrus

- Jean-Paul Sartre: *Being and Nothingness*, Philosophical Library
- Krishna Roy: *Hermeneutics: East and West*, Allied Publishers (in collaboration with Jadavpur University)
- Martin Heidegger: *Being and Time* (trans. J. Macquarrie & E. Robinson), Harper and Row Publishers

**CORE COURSE: MAPHIL402: WESTERN PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE (Marks: 50)**

- (i) Issues and Problems: Proper Names, Definite Descriptions, Sense and Reference; Concepts and Objects; Negative Existentials, Performative-Constative, Speech Acts. (40 Hours)
- (ii) Wittgenstein: Language and Reality, Facts and Objects, Names and Propositions, the Picture Theory, Rejection of the Picture-model, Philosophy and Language, Meaning and Use, Forms of Life. (40 Hours)

**Suggested Readings:**

- Michael Beaney (ed.): *The Frege Reader*, Blackwell, 1997
- P. Martinich (ed.) *The Philosophy of Language*, Oxford University Press, 1985
- Russell: *Logic and Knowledge*, R.C. Marsh (ed.), Allen and Unwin, 1956
- Russell: *Introduction to Mathematical Philosophy*, Allen and Unwin, 1919
- L. Wittgenstein: *Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus*, (trans.) D.F. Pears and B.F. McGuinness, Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1961
- L. Wittgenstein: *Philosophical Investigations* (tran.) G.E.M. Anscombe, Basil Blackwell, 1953
- G. Pitcher: *The Philosophy of Wittgenstein*, Prentice-Hall, 1985
- J. L. Austin: *How to Do Things with Words*, (eds. G.T. Warnock and J.O. Urmson), Oxford University Press, 1980
- J. L. Austin: *Philosophical Papers* (eds. G.T. Warnock and J.O. Urmson) Oxford University Press, 1979
- Kamala Bandyopadhyay: *Austin's Philosophy of Language*, Grantham Nilay, Kolkata
- John R. Searle (ed.): *The Philosophy of Language*, Oxford University Press, 1971

**MAJOR ELECTIVES (AS CHOSEN IN SEMESTER-III)**

**GROUP-A: NYĀYA-VAIŚEṢIKA**

**MAJOR ELECTIVE COURSE: MAPHIL403A : NAVYA NYĀYA-I (Marks: 50)**

- Viśvanātha: *Bhāṣāpariccheda* with *Siddhāntamuktavali* (kārikā-s (51-65 & 125-137)) (80 Hours)

**MAJOR ELECTIVE COURSE: MAPHIL404A: NAVYA NYĀYA-II (Marks: 50)**

- Gaṅgeśa: *Vyāptipañcaka* with *Māthuri* (1st *vyāptilakṣaṇa*) (80 Hours)

**GROUP-B:(VEDĀNTA)**

**MAJOR ELECTIVE COURSE: MAPHIL403B: ADVAITA EPISTEMOLOGY (Marks: 50)**

- Dharmarāja: *Vedāntaparibhāṣā*(*pratyakṣapramāṇa*) (80 Hours)

**MAJOR ELECTIVE COURSE:MAPHIL404B:VIŚIṢṬĀDVAITA METAPHYSICS(Marks: 50)**

- Bādarāyana : *Brahmasūtra* with *Śrībhāṣya* (1st *sūtra*) (80 Hours)

**GROUP-C: APPLIED ETHICS**

**MAJOR ELECTIVE COURSE: MAPHIL403C: APPLIED ETHICS IN INDIAN CONTEXTS (Marks: 50)**

1. Different Moral Standards of Action: *Lokopadeśa*, *Lokaprasiddhi*, *Lokasthiti*, *Lokasiddhi*, *Sukhavāda*, *Preyas*, *Śreyas* (15 Hours)
2. The Jaina view of *Pañcavrata* (15 Hours)
3. The Nyāya view of *Cikirṣā*, *Dveṣa* (10 Hours)
4. Practical Vedanta of Swami Vivekananda (15Hours)
5. Environmental Ethics in Ancient India ( 25Hours)
  - i) *Prithivīsūkta: Atharva Veda*
  - ii) *Viṣṇupurāṇa* (2.6 & 3.11)

**Recommended Texts:**

- Umāsvāti : *Tattvārthasūtra* (Ch-VII)
- Viswanatha: *Bhāṣaparichheda* : *kārikā*-s 147-152 with *SiddhāntaMuktāvalī*
- *Atharva Veda* (XII, 1)
- Vedavyāsa: *Viṣṇupurāṇa*
- Swami Vivekananda: *The Complete Works of Swami Vivekananda, Vol. 2* (Practical Vedanta, Parts I-IV)

**References:**

- S. K Moitra: *The Ethics of the Hindus*
- Sinclair Stevenson: *The Heart of Jainism*
- Kastur Chand Lalwani: *Daśavaikalikasūtra*
- Nathmal Tantia : *Umāsvāti'sTattvārthasūtra* (Ch-VII)  
Swami Vivekanander Bani o Rachana, khanda 2 (Karma Jibane Vedanta: prastab 1-4)



Dinesh Chandra Bhattacharya: Vivekanander Vedanta Chinta, Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture

**MAJOR ELECTIVE COURSE: MAPHIL404C: ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS: (Marks: 50)**

i) Anthropocentrism and Speciesism (25 Hours)

**Recommended Texts:**

- Tim Hayward: 'Anthropocentrism: A Misunderstood Problem', Part-I, Chapter-3 of his *Political Theory and Ecological Values*, Polity Press, 1988
- Donald A. Graft: 'Speciesism', *Encyclopedia of Applied Ethics* (ed. Ruth Chadwick et al), Academic Press, 1998, Vol. IV

ii) Biocentrism and Animal Rights (15 Hours)

**Recommended Texts:**

- Paul Taylor: 'The Ethics of Respect for Nature', *Environmental Philosophy: From Animal Rights to Radical Ecology*(eds. Michael E. Zimmerman et al), Prentice Hall, 1993
- Tom Regan: 'Animal Rights, Human Wrongs', *Environmental Philosophy: From Animal Rights to Radical Ecology* (eds. Michael E. Zimmerman et al), Prentice Hall, 1993]

iii) Ecocentrism: The Land Ethic and Deep Ecology (30 Hours)

**Recommended Texts:**

- Aldo Leopold: 'The Land Ethic', *Environmental Philosophy: From Animal Rights to Radical Ecology*(eds. Michael E. Zimmerman et al), Prentice Hall, 1993
- Arne Naess: 'The Shallow and the Deep, Long-Range Ecology Movement: A Summary', *Philosophical Dialogues: Arne Naess and the Progress of Ecophilosophy*(eds. Nina Witoszek and Andrew Brennan), Rowman and Littlefield, Lanham, 1999
- Arne Naess: 'The Deep Ecological Movement: Some Philosophical Aspects', *Environmental Philosophy: From Animal Rights to Radical Ecology* (eds. Michael E. Zimmerman et al), Prentice Hall, 1993

iv) Ecofeminism (10 Hours)

**Recommended Text:**

- Karen J Warren: 'Power and Promise of Ecological Feminism', *Environmental Philosophy: From Animal Rights to Radical Ecology* (eds. Michael E. Zimmerman et al), Prentice Hall, 1993

**GROUP-D:WESTERN LOGIC**

**MAJOR ELECTIVE COURSE: MAPHIL403D: LOGIC OF RELATIONS& DEDUCTIVE SYSTEMS (Marks: 50)**

**Section-I: The Logic of Relations (Marks: 35)**

- (i) Symbolizing Relations (10 Hours)
- (ii) Arguments Involving Relations (15 Hours)
- (iii) Some Attributes of Relations (15 Hours)
- (iv) Identity and Definite Descriptions (10 Hours)

**Section-II: Deductive Systems (Marks: 15)**

- (i) Definition and Deduction (5 Hours)
- (ii) Euclidian Geometry (2 Hours)
- (iii) Formal Deductive Systems (5 Hours)
- (iv) Attributes of Formal Deductive Systems (7 Hours)
- (v) Proofs of Consistency and Independence(8 Hours)
- (VI) Logistic Systems (3 Hours.)

**Recommended Text:**

- M. Copi: *Symbolic Logic* (5th edition), Macmillan (Chapter V & VI)
- A.H. Basson and D. J. O'Connor: *Introduction to Symbolic Logic*, University Tutorial Press, 1953

Reference Books:

- Richard C. Jeffrey, *Formal Logic: Its Scope and Limits* (1st ed.), Tata McGraw-Hill(Chapters 6, 7 and 9), 1962
- W.V.O. Quine: *Methods of Logic*, Routledge, 1982

**MAJOR ELECTIVE COURSE: MAPHIL404D: PROPOSITIONAL LOGIC (Marks-50)**

**Section: I [Deductive System: PM] (Marks: 25)**

- (i) P.M. System: Its Primitive Ideas, Syntactical Rules, Definitions, the Postulates, Rules for Deduction of Theorems, Proofs of Theorems ( Propositional Part) (40Hours)

**Section: II[Modal Logic](Marks: 25)**

- (i)Modal Propositional Logic: The System T (20 Hours)
- (ii)Three Grades of Modal Involvements (20 Hours)

**Recommended Texts:**

- B. Russell & A.N. Whitehead: *Principia Mathematica* (abridged ed), Part-I: \*1, \*2 upto 2.41, Cambridge University Press, 1970
- G.E. Hughes & M. Cresswell: *An Introduction to Modal Logic*, Methuen, Chapters 1 & 2, 1972
- W.V.O. Quine: *The Ways of Paradox and Other Essays*, Random House, 1965

**Reference Books:**

- G.E. Hughes & D.G. Londey: *The Elements of Formal Logic*, Methuen, 1965
- Ambrose and M. Lazerowitz: *Fundamentals of Symbolic Logic*, New York, 1962
- I.M. Copi: *Symbolic Logic* (5th edition), Prentice Hall of India, Pvt. Ltd., 1998(Chapter-8)
- Basson and O'Connor: *Introduction to Symbolic Logic*, Oxford University Press, 1993

### **GROUP-E: SĀMKHYA-YOGA**

#### **MAJOR ELECTIVE COURSE: MAPHIL403E: LATER SĀMKHYA (Marks-50)**

*Sāmkhyapravacanasūtra* with *Sāmkhyapravacanabhāṣya* of *Vijñānabhikṣu* (Selections from *adhyāya-I* and *adhyāya-II*) (80 Hours)

#### **MAJOR ELECTIVE COURSE: MAPHIL404E: PATAÑJALA YOGA (Marks-50)**

Patañjali: *Yogasūtra* with *Yogasūtrabhāṣya* of *Vyāsa* (Selections from *sūtra I.1* to *sūtra II.29*) (80 Hours)

#### **CORE COURSE: MAPHIL405: PROJECT WRITING [Marks: 50]**

##### **Project Work: (80 Hours/Practical Classes)**

Written Part (Dissertation): Marks: 40

Internal Assessment (Seminar Presentation/Viva Voce): Marks: 10

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