

The University of Burdwan

Syllabus for the M Phil Course in Philosophy

(To be effective from the session 2021-23)

Course Structure and Distribution of Marks

Semester	Course Code	Course Title	Credit Value	Distribution of Marks
Semester-I (First Year)	101	Compulsory Paper-I (Research methodology)	4	50
	102	Research and Publication Ethics (RPE)	2	25
	103	Compulsory Paper-II (Philosophical Methodology)	4	50
	104	Term Paper(s) and Related Seminar Paper(s)	4	50 (25+25)
	Sub-Total		14	175
Semester-II (First Year)	201	Optional Papers-I (Advanced Level)	4	50
	202	Optional Papers-II (Advanced Level)	4	50
	203	Term Paper(s) and Related Seminar Paper(s)	4	50 (25+25)
	Sub-Total		12	150
Semester-III & Semester-IV (Second Year)	301	Dissertation	12	150
	401	Viva Voce	4	50

	Sub-Total		16	200
Grand Total			40	525

Paper-I01: Research Methodology

50 Marks

Section-I: Basics of Research Methodology (Marks: 30)

- a. Beginning a Research Project
- b. Kinds of Research and Topics of Research
- c. Choosing a Research Topic
- d. Executing a Research Project: Different Steps of Doing Research
- e. Finding Library Sources
- f. Putting Sources to Work
- g. Paraphrasing Sources and Quoting Sources
- h. Presentation of the Research Findings
- i. Bibliography: MLA and APA formats
- j. Punctuation and Proof-reading

Suggested Readings:

1. Richard Veit, Christopher Gould, and John Clifford: *Writing, Reading and Research* (2nd ed), Macmillian, New York, 1985.
2. T. P. Ramachandran: *The Methodology of Research in Philosophy*, University of Madrass Press
3. C.R. Kothari: *Research Methodology*, 2nd ed. New Age International Pub., 2004
4. G. Shelton Hubbel: *Writing Term Papers and Reports*, Barnes and Noble Books, New York, 1962
5. *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*, 7thed. New Delhi: East-West Press, 2009.
6. *Concise Rules of APA Style*: American Psychological Association, 2010.

Section-II: Computer Applications (Marks: 20)

- a. MS. WORDS
- b. Power Point Presentation
- c. Spread sheet/ MS EXCELL
- d. Internet

Suggested Readings:

1. P.K. Sinha: *Computer Fundamentals*, PHI
2. P. Dey& M. Ghosh: *Computer Fundamentals and Programming in c* , Oxford University Press
3. TrudiReisner: *10-Minute Guide to Excel*, PHI

4. CISTEMS School of Computing: Internet: An Introduction, TMH

Paper 102: Research and Publication Ethics (RPE)(Marks: 25)

THEORY

- RPE 01: Philosophy and Ethics (3 hrs)
 - a. Introduction of philosophy: Definition, Nature and scope, concept, branches
 - b. Ethics: Definition, moral philosophy, nature of moral judgments and reactions

- RPE 02: Scientific Conduct (5 hrs)
 - a. Ethics with respect to science and research
 - b. Intellectual honesty and research integrity
 - c. Scientific misconducts: Falsification an, Fabrication, and Plagiarism (FFP)
 - d. Redundant publications: Duplicate and overlapping publications, Salami Slicing
 - e. Selective reporting and mis-presentation of data

- RPE 03: Publication Ethics (7 hrs)
 - a. Publication ethics: Definition, introduction and importance
 - b. Best practices/standards setting initiatives and guidelines: COPE, WAME, etc.
 - c. Conflicts of interest
 - d. Publication misconduct: Definition, concept, problems that lead to unethical behavior and vice-versa, types
 - e. Violation of publication ethics, authorship and contributorship
 - f. Identification of publication misconduct, complaints and appeals
 - g. Predatory publishers and journals

PRACTICE

- RPE 04: Open Access Publishing (4 hrs)
 - a. Open access publications and initiatives
 - b. SHERPA/RoMEO online resource to check publisher copyright & self-achieving policies
 - c. Software tool to identify predatory publications developed by SPPU
 - d. Journal finder/journal suggestion tool viz., ZAME, Elsevier journal Finder, Springer journal suggester, etc.

- RPE 05: Publication Misconduct (4 hrs)
 - A. Group discussion (2 hrs)
 - a. Subject specific ethical issues, FFP, authorship
 - b. Conflicts of interest
 - c. Complaints and appeals: Examples and fraud from India and abroad
 - B. Software tools (2 hrs)
 - Use of plagiarism software like Turnitin, Urkund and other open source software tools

- RPE 06: Databases and Research Metrics
 - A. Databases (4 hrs)
 - a. Indexing databases
 - b. Citation databases: Web of science, Scopus, etc.

B. Research Metrics (3 hrs)

- a. Impact Factor of journal as per journal Citation report, SNIP, SJR, IPP, Cite Score
- b. Metrics: h-index, g index, i10 index, altmetrics

Paper-I03: Philosophical Methodology 50

Section-I: 40

- i) Basic concepts of Philosophical Methodology
- ii) Nature of Philosophy vis-à-vis Science
- iii) Methods of Philosophy: Deductive, Inductive, Rational Systematization/Critical Method, Analytic method, Phenomenological method, Hermeneutic method, Method of Historical Materialism, Feminist method, Experimental method (Selections)

Suggested Readings:

1. H. Cappelen, T. S. Gendler & J Hawthorne (eds.) *The Oxford Handbook of Philosophical Methodology*, Oxford University Press, 2016.
2. Giuseppina D'Oro & Søren Overgaard (eds.) *The Cambridge Companion to Philosophical Methodology*, Cambridge University Press, 2017.
3. Søren Overgaard, Paul Gilbert & Stephen Burward : *An Introduction to Metaphilosophy*, Cambridge University Press, 2013
4. Chris Daly: *An Introduction to Philosophical Methods*, Broadview Press, 2010
5. A. Spirkin: 'Philosophy as a World View and a Methodology', *Dialectical Materialism* (Chapter I), Progress Pub. , Moscow
6. Norman Blaikie: *Approaches to Social Inquiry*, Polity Press, 1993
7. K.C. Bhattacharya : 'Concept of Philosophy', *Studies in Philosophy*, Motilal Banarsidas, Delhi.

Section-II: Vada, Jalpa and Vitanda 10

Recommended Text: *Nyāyasūtra* 1.2.1-3 with Vātsāyanabhāṣya

Paper-104: Term Paper(s) and Related Seminar Paper(s) 50 (25+25)

Semester-II

Paper 201: Optional (Advanced Level): Indian 50

Any one of the following (as decided by the Department)

1. Gotam: *Nyayasutra* (Sutras 2.1.8 to 2.1.20) with Bhasya and Vartika
2. Vachaspati Mishra: *Bhamati* on *Adhyasabhasya* (from *syadetat, addhapurvapratiimatramupayujyate to sarvatranasvasaprasangah*)
3. Chitsukha: *Tattvapradipika*: 11 purvapaksalaksanas and siddhantalaksana of svaprakasa
4. Jayanta Bhatta: *Nyayamanjari* (Anhika-I): Pramanalaksana

5. Patanjali: *Yogasutra* (sutras-II 29,30,32,46,49,54; and Sutra-III 1,2 &3) with Vyasabhasya
6. Sri Aurobindo: *The Ideal of Human Unity* (Pondichery edition),1997) Part-I Chapters-1&2; Part-II Chapters 17, 32—34)
7. K C Bhattacharyay: *Studies in Philosophy*, Vol.II Chapters-1, 3, 5 & 8

Paper 202: Optional (Advanced Level): Western

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Any one of the following (as decided by the Department)

1. Michael Beaney: *The Frege Reader*, Blackwell, Oxford, 1997

a) Thought & b) Function and Concept

Ref: M. Dummett: *Frege: Philosophy of Language*, Harper & Row, New York, 1973

G. Evans : *The Varieties of Reference* (ed. J. MacDowel), Clarendon Press, Oxford,1982

2. Immanuel Kant: *Critique of Pure Reason* (Transcendental Dialectic)

Ref: N. K. Smith: *A Commentary on Kant's Critique of Pure Reason*, Humanities Press, New Jersey, 1923

3. L. Wittgenstein: *Philosophical Investigations* (tran.G.E.M. Anscombe), Basil Blackwell, Oxford, 1968

a) Privacy and Certainty, b) Private Language, c) Acquisition of Concept, d) Retention of Concept, e) Epistemic Privacy, & f) Privacy of Ownership

Ref: P M S Hacker: *Insight and Illusion*, Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1972

A. Kenny: *Wittgenstein*, Penguin books, 1975

4. W V O Quine: *From A Logical Point of View*, Harper & Row, New York, 1953

a) On What There is, b)Two Dogmas of Empiricism, c) Notes on the theory of Reference, d) Reference and Modality

Ref: W V O Quine: *The Ways of Paradox and Other Essays*, Random House, New York, 1965

R. Barrell& R. Gibson: *Perspectives on Quine*, Blackwell, Oxford, 1980

D Davidson & J. Hintikka (eds): *Words and Objections: Essays on the Works of W V Quine*, D. Reidel Publishing Co., Boston, 1975

5. M. Dummett: *The Logical Basis of Metaphysics*, Duckworth, London, 1991

a) Truth and Meaning Theories, b)The Origin and the Role of Concept of Truth, c) Realism and the theory of Meaning

6. Nina Witoszek& Andrew Brennan (eds): *Philosophical Dialogues: Arne Naess and the Progress of Eco-Philosophy*, Rowman and Littlefield, 1999

a) Contemporary Environmental Ethics—Its scope and concerns, theory of inherent value, ; anthropocentrism and speciesism, b) Deep Ecology--its Principles, Norms, Premises and Intuitions, c) Critique of Deep Ecology—the Feminist critique, The Third World Critique of Radical Environmentalism, Relation between Social Ecology and Deep Ecology

Ref: Arne Naess: *Ecology, Community and Life-style: Outline of an Ecosophy*, Cambridge University Press, 2003

.....: *Ecology of Wisdom*, Counterpoint, Berkeley, 2010

7. Hans-GergeGadamer: *Philosophical Hermeneutics*, University of California Press, Oakland, 1977
- a) Hermeneutics—its different senses, Hermeneutics as an act of interpretation and as an art, Regional Hermeneutics, General Hermeneutics, Philosophical Hermeneutics; b) the idea of Text, Understanding and Interpretation, the Life-World Historicity, Situatedness, and Contextuality, Conflicts of interpretations of Text, Criteria of Appropriate Interpretation; c) Phenomenology and Hermeneutics, Existentialism And Hermeneutics, Hermeneutics And Deconstruction, d) the Development of Philosophical hermeneutics: Dilthey, Heidegger, Gadamer, Habermas and Ricoeur

Ref: Kurt Muller-Vollmer (ed): *The Hermeneutics Reader*, Basil Blackwell, Oxford, 1985

Krishna Roy: *Hermeneutics: East and West*, Allied Publishers, Kolkata, 1993

Semesters-III & IV

Paper-301	Dissertation	150
Paper-401	Viva Voce	50

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