

The University of Burdwan

Syllabus for the One-Semester Ph D Coursework in Philosophy

(To be effective from the Session 2021)

Course Structure and Distribution of Marks

| Semester | Course Code | Course Title | Credit Value | Distribution of Marks |
|------------|-------------|---|--------------|-----------------------|
| Semester-I | 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 | | 12 | 175 |

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. iv 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, Chistopher 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 hr)
 - 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

- a. Basic concepts of Philosophical Methodology
- b. Nature of Philosophy vis-à-vis Science
- c. 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-I04: Term Paper(s) and Related Seminar Paper(s)

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