

## The University of Burdwan

### Syllabus for the One-Semester Ph D Coursework in Philosophy

(To be effective from the Session 2017-19)

#### 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	Compulsory Paper-II (Philosophical Methodology)	4	50
	103	Term Paper(s) and Related Seminar Paper(s)	4	50 (25+25)
	Sub-Total		12	150

#### Paper-I01: Research Methodology

50 Marks

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

- i) Beginning a Research Project
- ii) Kinds of Research and Topics of Research
- iii) Choosing a Research Topic
- iv) Executing a Research Project: Different Steps of Doing Research
- v) Finding Library Sources
- vi) Putting Sources to Work
- vii) Paraphrasing Sources and Quoting Sources
- viii) Presentation of the Research Findings
- ix) Bibliography: MLA and APA formats
- x) 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*, 7<sup>th</sup> ed. New Delhi: East-West Press, 2009.
6. *Concise Rules of APA Style*: American Psychological Association, 2010.

##### Section-II: Indian Perspective: Vāda, Jalpa and Vitaṇḍā (Marks: 10)

Recommended Text: Nyāyasūtra 1.2.1-3 with Vātsāyanabhāṣya

**Section-III: Computer Applications (Marks: 10)**

- i) MS. WORDS
- ii) Power Point Presentation
- iii) Spread sheet/ MS EXCELL
- iv) 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. Trudi Reisner: 10 minute Guide to Excel, PHI
4. CISTEMS School of Computing: Internet: An Introduction, TMH

**Paper-I02: Philosophical Methodology**

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- 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.

**Paper-I03: Term Paper(s) and Related Seminar Paper(s)**

50 (25+25)

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