

**Department of History**  
**The University of Burdwan**  
**Restructuring of PG Syllabus (History) - 2020**

### **Preamble**

The Department of History has undertaken the initiative to restructure the syllabus at the Post-Graduate level as per the guidelines set by the Syllabus Committee, Arts Faculty, the University of Burdwan. The purpose is to introduce a common pattern of syllabus in all subjects under the UGC prescribed CBCS system and to infuse uniformity in the syllabi across the disciplines.

The PG syllabus of History shall have a total of 1020 marks divided into 20 courses of 50 marks each and an additional 25 marks for Community Engagement Course.

Keeping in tune with the decision to offer various types of courses there are altogether four types of courses on offer in the department of History. 1. Core Course, 2. Major Elective Course, 3. Inter-disciplinary Elective, and 4. Community Engagement Course. The Project Paper is being bracketed under the category of Core course.

Each course of 50 marks shall be of 5 credits each except the Inter-disciplinary Elective course which shall be of 4 credits and the Community Engagement Course with 2 credits. **A Candidate has to earn at least 101 credits to get a PG degree**

### **First & Second Semesters**

**The first & second semesters** shall have five courses each, comprising of all the core courses, the marks and credit value of each semester being 250 and 25 respectively. In the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Semesters neither options in Core courses nor any major elective and interdisciplinary elective courses are made available to students.

### **Third & Fourth Semesters**

**In the third semester** major elective and interdisciplinary elective courses are introduced. Of the total five papers in Semester – III there are two core courses (301 & 302), two major elective courses (303 & 304) and one Inter-disciplinary course (305). Major Elective Courses are again have three options each, such as,

303A, 303B & 303C and 304A, 304B & 304C respectively. An Interdisciplinary course offered in this semester has four options, such as, 305A, 305B, 305C & 305D to be chosen one among these five by students. **However, students may opt for a 4 credit course from SWAYAM Platform and can avail the option of credit transfer, subject to prior approval of the departmental committee and University Authorities and uniformity of academic calendar**

In this semester, though the total marks value of five courses remain unchanged i.e., 250, a slight change in the total credit value (from 25 in earlier two semesters to 24 in Semester-III) results from the introduction of Inter-disciplinary Elective course in this semester with 4 credits.

**In the Fourth Semester**, two core courses (401 & 402), two major elective courses (403 & 404), and a project paper(405)categorized as a core course, are available. Here again three options are available in each major elective course, such as 403A, 403B & 403C and 404A, 404B &404C respectively. In addition to these, a new course on Community Engagement is introduced in this semester to extend the teaching learning process beyond the four walls of classroom and to connect it with the society at large. Since this course carry 25 marks and 2 credits, the total marks and credit value of this semester register an increase in comparison to other semesters, being 275 and 27 respectively.

### **Assessment Pattern**

The performance of a candidate in a theoretical course (paper) will be assessed for a maximum of 50 marks as explained below except for the Community Engagement Course (400) and Project (405)

- 40 marks as end-semester examination
- 10 marks as Internal Assessment based on class test, assignment, seminar etc.

	<b>Course Code</b>	<b>Course Type</b>	<b>Name of the Course /Title of the Paper</b>	<b>Course Status</b>	<b>Marks Distribution (End Sem + Int. Asst.)</b>	<b>Credit Value of the Course</b>
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The Core Course on Project will be assessed on total of 50 marks with divisions, such as, 40 marks for project writing and 10 marks for presentation or viva-voce examination. The project work may be based on field investigations to be carried out by students of 4<sup>th</sup> Semester only.

The Course on Community Engagement, meant only for 4th Semester students, will have thrust areas, such as a. Appreciation of Rural Society, b. Understanding of Rural Society, c. Rural Institutions, d. Rural Development etc. Assessment of this course will be carried out on 25 marks to be divided into 20 marks for report writing and another 5 marks for presentation and viva-voce to be held in the presence of external experts from other departments of the Home University.

**\*\* Each course of 5 credits shall have 5 Lectures of one hour duration per week over a period of one semester of 16 weeks for teaching-learning process. Departments will have the liberty to allocate hours in lecture hours/Tutorial/Practical (Keeping in mind that two tutorials are equivalent to one Lecture hour)**

	MA HIST 101	TH	Interrogating Indian Historiography	Core Course	40+10 = 50	5
	MA HIST 102	TH	Nineteenth Century Bengal: Life and Culture	Core Course	40+10 = 50	5
	MA HIST 103	TH	Institutional Politics in India: Pre-Gandhian Phase	Core Course	40+10 = 50	5
	MA HIST 104	TH	Burma, Indo-China and Thailand: Society, Economy and Politics	Core Course	40+10 = 50	5
	MA HIST 105	TH	History of Ideas: 19 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup> Century India	Core Course	40+10 = 50	5
	<b>Semester Total</b>				<b>250</b>	<b>25</b>

	Course Code	Course Type	Name of the Course /Title of the Paper	Course Status	Marks Distribution (End Sem + Int. Asst.)	Credit Value of the Course
	MA HIST 201	TH	Historiography and Methodology: Western Tradition	Core Course	40+10 = 50	5
	MA HIST 202	TH	Twentieth Century Bengal: Life and Culture	Core Course	40+10 = 50	5
	MA HIST 203	TH	Institutional Politics in India: Gandhian Phase	Core Course	40+10 = 50	5
	MA HIST 204	TH	Indonesia and Malay: Society, Economy and Politics	Core Course	40+10 = 50	5
	MA	TH	Western Political	Core	40+10 = 50	5

	HIST 205		Ideas: Machiavelli to Marx	Course		
			<b>Semester Total</b>		<b>250</b>	<b>25</b>

Semester - III	Course Code	Course Type	Name of the Course /Title of the Paper	Course Status	Marks Distribution (End Sem + Int. Asst.)	Credit Value of the Course
	MA HIST 301	TH	The Rahr in the Nineteenth Century	Core Course	40+10 = 50	5
	MA HIST 302	TH	Economy in Transition: Pre- colonial India	Core Course	40+10 = 50	5
	MA HIST 303A	TH	Science & Society in Pre-colonial India	Major Elective	40+10 = 50	5
	MA HIST 303B	TH	State and Society in Colonial India	Major Elective	40+10 = 50	5
	MA HIST 303C	TH	History of the USA (I776-1900)	Major Elective	40+10 = 50	5
	MA HIST 304A	TH	State and Society in Ancient India	Major Elective	40+10 = 50	5
	MA HIST 304B	TH	Science & Society in Colonial & Post -Colonial India	Major Elective	40+10 = 50	5
	MA HIST 304C	TH	History of the USA (1900-1945)	Major Elective	40+10 = 50	5
	MA HIST 305A	TH	History of Women: Emerging Perspectives	Interdisciplinary Elective	40+10 = 50	4
MA HIST 305B	TH	Emergence of Industrial Societies in Europe	Interdisciplinary Elective	40+10 = 50	4	

	MA HIST 305C	TH	A Cultural History of Europe: Renaissance and Reformation	Interdisciplinary Elective	40+10 = 50	4
	MA HIST 305D	TH	Indian Foreign Policy: 1952-2014	Interdisciplinary Elective	40+10 = 50	4
	<b>Semester Total</b>				<b>250</b>	<b>24</b>

Semester - IV	Course Code	Course Type	Name of the Course /Title of the Paper	Course Status	Marks Distribution (End Sem + Int. Asst.)	Credit Value of the Course
	MA HIST 400	PR	Community Engagement Course	Community Engagement	20+5 = 25	2
	MA HIST 401	TH	The Rahr in the Twentieth Century: 1900-1947	Core Course	40+10 = 50	5
	MA HIST 402	TH	Economy in Transition: Colonial India	Core Course	40+10 = 50	5
	MA HIST 403A	TH	State & Society in Medieval India	Major Elective	40+10 = 50	5
	MA HIST 403B	TH	India Since Independence: 1947- 2007	Major Elective	40+10 = 50	5
	MA HIST 403C	TH	History of the USA: 1945-1991	Major Elective	40+10 = 50	5
	MA HIST 404A	TH	Indian Women Through the Ages	Major Elective	40+10 = 50	5
	MA HIST 404B	TH	Bi-Polarism to Unipolarism: International Relations (1945-1991)	Major Elective	40+10 = 50	5
	MA HIST 404C	TH	Europe in the Age of Enlightenment	Major Elective	40+10 = 50	5
	MA HIST 405	PR	Project Paper	Core Course	40+10 = 50	5
	<b>Semester Total</b>				<b>275</b>	<b>27</b>
	<b>Programme Total</b>				<b>1020</b>	<b>101</b>