

THE UNIVERSITY OF BURDWAN

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

PRINCIPLES/FORMULA/RULES
1 LECTURE OF 1 HOUR PER WEEK \times (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)
<p>Our Mission:</p> <p>Philosophy helps us to understand the principles of events, occurrences and life-experiences. Pursuing M.A. program in Philosophy has far reaching impact on the spiritual development of the students. All branches of Philosophy for them have practical applicability for better living as humans in particular, and loving other species in general. Beside Metaphysics and Epistemology, Socio-political Philosophy, the study of Logic and Ethics from both Indian and Western perspectives have been very helpful for having a comprehensive view of life.</p> <p>In the M.A. programme in Philosophy 3 types of courses: Core Courses, Major Elective Courses (often called Special papers) and one Minor/Interdisciplinary Elective Course. Each course is adequately designed to give extra mileage for the UGC-NET/SET as well as for the placement of our students in our country and abroad.</p> <p>A Glimpse of the Programme:</p> <p>Aggregate Marks of the M.A. programme is 1025 marks, divided into 4 semesters.</p> <p>Each semester comprises 5 courses of 50 marks each and also our course entitled Community Engagement based on field work of 25 marks in Sem. IV.</p> <p>Each course of 50 marks (except Interdisciplinary elective, which is of 4 credits) will be of 5 credits, with 80% for final written examination and 20% for internal assessment (which includes written texts. Presentations, topic-specific assignments, group discussions and other mid-term tests as a part of continuous evaluation, maintaining the UGC norms.)</p> <p>These are some optional courses (here called Major Electives) providing students with a wider set of choices, as well as encouraging interdisciplinary learning.</p> <p>This M.A. programme has one core course on Research Methodology entitled Project Writing and another on Community Engagement.</p>

SEMESTER–IV

FULL MARKS: 275

CORE COURSE: MAPHIL400 : COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT [25 MARKS]:

PHILOSOPHICAL COUNSELLING

[This course, as the title itself signifies, is meant for sharing philosophical knowledge with adjacent communities so that they can be enabled to have a better understanding of their situations in life. Our students would help them getting rid of them.]

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

[This core course incorporates three modes of continental philosophy: Phenomenology, Existentialism and Hermeneutics, which are very important to understand our existence on this world as it is. The methodology of phenomenological reduction helps us to understand reality from a neutral position. Hermeneutics makes us realize that there may be more than one meaning of a 'text', while existentialism gives us an understanding of our existence.]

- (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 Spiegelberg: *The Phenomenological Movement* (Vols. I & II), Martinus Nijhoff
- 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 to Husserl*, Cambridge University Press
- Dermot Moran: *Introduction to Phenomenology*, Routledge
- Debabrata Sinha: *Phenomenology and Existentialism: An Introduction*, Papyrus
- Jean-Paul Sartre: *Being and Nothingness*, Philosophical Library
- Krishna Roy: *Hermeneutics: East and West*, Allied Publishers (in collaboration