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Syllabus in details for the
B. A. PROGRAMME IN PHILOSOPHY
(SIX SEMESTERS PATTERN)
(To be effective from the academic session 2016-2018)

BAPPHIC101	Outlines of Indian Philosophy
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Suggested Topics:

1. Introduction:

(a) General Features of Indian Philosophy

2. Cārvāka:

- (a) Perception as the only Source of Knowledge
(b) Refutation of Inference and Testimony as Sources of Knowledge
(c) *jaḍavāda* and *dehātmavāda*

3. Jainism:

- (a) *anekāntavāda*
(b) *syādvāda* and *nayavāda*
(c) Theory of Self and Liberation

4. Buddhism:

- (a) Four Noble Truths
(b) *pratītyasamutpāda*
(c) *kṣaṇabhangavāda*
(d) *nairātmyavāda*
(e) Schools of Buddhism

5. Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika:

- (a) Nyāya Epistemology : Perception, Inference, Comparison and Testimony;
(b) Vaiśeṣika Metaphysics : Theory of Causality, *paramanuvāda*, Seven Categories

6. Sāṃkhya:

- (a) Theory of Evolution
(b) *prakṛti* and its *guṇa-s*
(c) Notion of *puruṣa*, *bahupuruṣavāda*
(d) Theory of Causality

7. Yoga :

- (a) *citta*
(b) *cittabhūmi*
(c) *cittavṛtti*
(d) *cittavṛttinirodha*

8. Advaita Vedānta:

- (a) Nature of Brahman
(b) *vivartavāda*
(c) *māyā*
(d) *jīva* and *jagat*

Recommended Texts :

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- S. C. Chatterjee & D. M. Dutta : *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy*, Calcutta University Press, Kolkata 700019, 2004
- C. D. Sharma : *A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy*, Motilal Banarsidass Publishers Private Limited, Delhi, 2009

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- J. N. Mohanty : *Classical Indian Philosophy*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2000
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- Karuna Bhattacharya : *Nyaya-Vaiśeṣika Darśan*, Paschimanga Rajya Pustak Parsad, Kolkata, January 2013.
- Panchanan Shastri : *Cārvāk Darśan*, Marmabani Press, Kolkata, 1394 Bangabda.
- Panchanan Shastri : *Bauddha Darśan*, Pratham Sanskaran, 1401(Bangabda), Praptisthan- Joyguru pustakalaya, 12/1B, Bankim Chatterjee street, Kolkata 73.
- Rajat Bhattacharya : *Sāṃkhyakārikā O Sāṃkhyatattvakumudī*, Pragatishil Prakasak, Kolkata, 2011
- Haridas Bandyopadhyay : *Bhāratīya Darśaner Marmakathā*, The New Durga Printing Works, Medinipur, 7th ed.1986

AECC-1(Core): MIL-1: Marks: 50

Ability-Enhancement Compulsory Course
Common Syllabus Attached Below

AECC-2(Elective): Environmental Studies: Marks: 50

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Semester-II

BAPPHIC201

History of Western Philosophy

Suggested Topics:

- **Descartes :**
(a) Method of Doubt, (b) *Cogito Ergo Sum*, (c) Criterion of Truth, (d) Existence of God, e) Mind and Body
- **Spinoza :**
(a) The Doctrine of Substance, Attributes and Modes, (b) Relation between Mind and Body : Parallelism, (c) Degrees of Knowledge
- **Leibniz :**
(a) Doctrine of Monads and Pre-established Harmony (b) Truths of Reason and Truths of Fact, (c) Theory of Knowledge
- **Locke :**
(a) Refutation of Innate Ideas and Principles, (b) Theory of Ideas, (c) Theory of Substance, (d) Distinction between Primary and Secondary Qualities, (e) Theory of Knowledge
- **Berkeley :**
(b) Rejection of the Lockean notion of Substance, (b) Refutation of Abstract Ideas (c) *Esse Est Percipii*
- **Hume :**
(c) Origin of Knowledge : Impressions and Ideas, (b) Laws of Association, (c) Distinction between Relations of Ideas and Matters of Fact, (d) Notion of Causality (F) Hume's Scepticism.

Recommended Texts :

- Y. Masih : *A Critical History of Western Philosophy*, Motilal Banarsidass Publishers Private limited., Delhi, 1996.

References :

- F. Copleston : *A History of Philosophy* [Vols. I, IV, V, & VII], Continuum Publishers, London(1946-1974)
- B. Russell : *History of Western Philosophy*, George Allen & Unwin Ltd., London, 1946
- R. Falckenberg : *History of Modern Philosophy*, Progressive Publishers, Calcutta, 1962
- W.T. Stace : *A Critical History of Greek Philosophy*, MacMillan and St. Martine's Press Inc, 1967
- W.K. Wright: *A History of Modern Philosophy*, The Macmillan Company, New York, 1958
- Anders Wedberg : *A History of Philosophy*, Vol.-I & II, Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1982
- Tom Sorell & G. A. J. Rogers (ed.): *Analytic Philosophy and History of Philosophy*, Clarendon Press, Oxford, 2005

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AECC-2(Core):ENGLISH-1: Marks: 50

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AECC-2(Elective): Environmental Studies-II: Marks: 50

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Common Syllabus to be provided shortly

Semester-III

BAPPHIC301	Ethics
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Suggested Topics:

1. Nature and Scope of Ethics; Nature of Morality
2. Object of Moral Judgment : Motive and Intention
3. Postulates of Morality
4. Normative Theories :
Consequentialism (Teleology): Ethical Egoism, Utilitarianism, Kant's Moral Theory
5. Theories of Punishment
6. Issues in Applied Ethics :
Suicide, Euthanasia, Basic Concerns of Environmental Ethics

• **Recommended Texts:**

- W. Frankena: *Ethics*, 2nd ed., Prentice Hall of India Private Limited, Delhi, 1973
- Y. V. Satyanarayan : *Ethics : Theory and Practice*

References:

- W. Lillie : *An Introduction to Ethics*, University Paperbacks, London, 1955
- J. S. Mackenzie : *A Manual of Ethics*, Oxford University Press, London, 1973
- J. L. Mackie : *Ethics: Inventing Right and Wrong*, Penguin Books, New York, 1977
- P. Singer : *Practical Ethics*, Cambridge University Press, 2011
- Somnath Chakraborty : *Nītividyā Tattvakathā*, Progressive Publishers, Kolkata, 2002
- Somnath Chakraborty : *Kathāy Karme Ethics*, Progressive Publishers, Kolkata, 2006
- Mrinal Kanti Bhadra : *Nītividyā*, The University of Burdwan , Burdwan, 1991
- Dikshit Gupta : *Nītiśāstra*, Paschimanga Rajya Pustak Parsad, Kolkata, 2nd ed., 2007

Suggested Topics:

- **Definition and classification of *anumāna***
 - a) The *Nyāya* model
 - b) The Buddhist model
- **Aid to *anumāna*:**
 - a) *tarka*
 - b) *avayava*
 - c) *dr̥ṣṭānta*
 - d) *siddhānta*
- **Logical Fallacies**
 - a) *hetvābhāsa* : Nature and Types

Recommended Texts :

- Gautama : *Nyāyasūtra*: Phanibhushan Tarkabagish, Paschimbanga Rajya Pustak Parshad, Kolkata
- Th. Stcherbatsky: *Buddhist Logic*, Vol.-I, Motilal Banarsidass Publishers Private Ltd., Delhi, 2008
- Bimal Krishna Matilal: *The Character of Logic in India*, Oxford University Press, New York, 1998
- B. N. Singh: *Indian Logic*, Asha Prakashan, Baranasi, 1982

References:

- Bimal Krishna Matilal: *Logic , Language and Reality*, Motilal Banarsidass, Delhi, 1985 .
- J.N. Mohanty: *Reason and Tradition in Indian Thought* , Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1992
- PhanibhushanTarkabagish: *Nyāya Parichay*, Paschimbango Rajya Pustak Parsad, Kolkata
- Satischandra Chatterjee : *The Nyaya Theory of Knowledge* , Motilal Banarsidass Publishers Private Ltd., Delhi, 2017(Reprint)

AECC-3(Core): MIL-II: Marks: 50

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Semester-IV

BAPPHIC401	Logic
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Suggested Topics:

- Categorical propositions
- Categorical Syllogism: Figure and Mood, Venn Diagram Technique for Testing Validity
- Symbolic Logic : Test of Truth-functional Arguments by Truth-Tables
- Analogical Reasoning
- Science and Hypothesis

Recommended Texts :

I. M. Copi, C. Cohen, P. Jetli & M.Prabhakar :*Introduction to Logic* (13th Edition) [Chapters :3 to 8], Pearson Education,Inc, New Delhi, 2009

Reference:

I. M. Copi, C. Cohen, K. McMahon: *Introduction to Logic* (14th Edition) (Relevant Chapters) First published 2014 by Pearson Education, Inc, Reprint Routledge, 2017.

BAPPHISEC401	Reasoning, Logical Rules & Fallacies (Western)
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Suggested Topics:

- Argument: Deductive and Inductive
- Deductive Argument: Immediate inference , Categorical Syllogism, Truth functional Argument
- Opposition of propositions: Rules and Fallacies
- Immediate inference: Rules and Fallacies
- Categorical Syllogisms : Rules and Fallacies
- Truth functional Argument : Rules and Fallacies
- Fallacious Reasoning in Argumentation
- Inductive Argument : Rules and Fallacies

Recommended Texts :

- M. Copi, C. Cohen, P. Jetli & M. Prabhakar : *Introduction to Logic* (14th Edition)
- R.S. Aggarwal:A Modern Approach to Logical Reasoning Paperback, 2007

References:

- Bo Bennett : Logically Fallacious: The Ultimate Collection of Over 300 Logical Fallacies (Academic Edition)

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AECC-4(Core): ENGLISH-II: Marks: 50

Ability-Enhancement Compulsory Course

Semester-V

DSE – GROUP A

BAPPHIDSE501

Debiprasad Chattopadhyay: *Lokayata Darsana*

Suggested Topics:

- Prathama, dvitīya, and tṛitīya *pariccheda*

Recommended Texts :

- Debiprasad Chattopadhyay: *Lokāyata Darśana* , New Age Publisher's PVT. Kolkata, 1956

References :

- Chattopadhyaya , Debiprasad : *Lokayata: A study in Ancient Indian Materialism* ,People's Publishing House, New Delhi, 1959

BAPPHIDSE502

Plato : *The Republic*

Recommended Texts :

Suggested Topics:

- Part I, Chapters 1-4
- Part II, Chapters 5,6,10-14
- Part III, Chapters 18, 23

Recommended Texts : *The Republic of Plato*, Translated with introduction and notes by Francis Macdonald cornford, Oxford University Press, 1941.

Suggested Topics:

- **Common and differentiating characteristics of Philosophy and *darśana***
- **Nature of Inquiry in *darśana***
- Types of Inquiry in *darśana*:
 1. Epistemic Inquiry in *darśana*
 2. Metaphysical Inquiry in *darśana*
 3. Axiological Inquiry in *darśana*
- **Methods of Philosophical Discourse (*kathā*)**
 - a) *nigraha-sthāna*
 - b) *chala*
 - c) *jāti*
 - d) *vāda*
 - e) *jalpa*
 - f) *vitaṇḍā*

Recommended Texts :

- B.K. Matilal: *The Word And The World* , Oxford University Press, 2001
- Th. Stcherbatsky: *Buddhist Logic*, Vol.-I, Motilal Banarsidass Publishers Ltd., Delhi, 2008
- Bimal Krishna Matilal: *The Character of Logic in India*, Oxford University Press, New York, 1998
- Gautama : *Nyāyasūtra*: Phanibhushan Tarkabagish, Paschimbanga Rajya Pustak Parshad, Kolkata

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- B.K. Matilal: *Perception* , Oxford University Press, 1986
- S.C. Chatterjee & D. M. Datta : *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy*, Calcutta University Press, Kolkata , 2004
- C. D. Sharma : *Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy*, Motilal Banarsidass Publishers Private Limited, Delhi, 2009
- Phanibhushan Tarkabagish: *Nyāya Parichay*, Paschimbango Rajya Pustak Parsad, Kolkata

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Semester-VI

DSE – GROUP B

BAPPHIDSE601

Shibaditya Misra : *Saptapadārthī*

Suggested Topics:

- *māṅgalācaraṇa, uddesā prakaraṇa, lakṣaṇa prakaraṇa*

References :

- Joy Bhattacharjee: *Shibaditya-Birochito- Saptapadārthī*, Ramkrishna Mission Institute of Culture.

BAPPHIDSE602

- René Descartes: *Meditations on First Philosophy*

Suggested Topics:

- *Pages 1 to 57 (6 Meditations)* ; Objections & Replies excluded

Recommended Texts :

- René Descartes: *Meditations on First Philosophy*, Translated & Edited by John Cottingham, Cambridge University Press, 2017 (First Published 1986)

BAPPHISEC601

Methods of Philosophical Enquiry (Western)

Suggested Topics:

- Reasoned Speculation
- Conceptual Analysis
- Linguistic Analysis
- Logical Argumentation
- Critical Reflection

Recommended Texts :

- H. Cappelen: *The Oxford Handbook of Philosophical Methodology*, Oxford University Press, 2016

References:

- Paul F. Kiskak: *Philosophical Methodology : the Methods of Philosophical Inquiry* CSI Publishing Platform, 2016
- Bertrand Russell: *The Problems of Philosophy*, Chapter xv (The Value of Philosophy), Holt, New York, 1912
- R. M. Keon: *Philosophic Semantics and Philosophic Inquiry*
- G. E. Moore: *Some Main Problems of Philosophy*, London George Allen & Unwin Ltd. New York - The Macmillan Company, 1953

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**POOL OF GENERIC ELECTIVE PAPERS [INTERDISCIPLINARY]
FOR B.A. PROGRAM: SEMESTER 1-6**

[Students of a particular program should choose one Generic Elective
Paper of any other existing program except of his/her own Department from the pool provided below.]

BAPPHIGE501	Outlines of Indian Philosophy	
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Suggested Topics:

- **Introduction:**
 - (b) General Features of Indian Philosophy
- **Cārvāka:**
 - (a) Perception as the only Source of Knowledge
 - (b) Refutation of Inference and Testimony as Sources of Knowledge
 - (c) *jaḍavāda* and *dehātmanvāda*
- **Jainism:**
 - (d) *anekāntavāda*
 - (e) *syādvāda* and *nayavāda*
 - (f) Theory of Self and Liberation
- **Buddhism:**
 - (a) Four Noble Truths
 - (b) *pratītyasamutpāda*
 - (c) *kṣaṇabhangavāda*
 - (d) *nairātmyavāda*
 - (e) Schools of Buddhism
- **Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika:**
 - (a) Nyāya Epistemology: Perception, Inference, Comparison and Testimony,;
 - (b) Vaiśeṣika Metaphysics: Theory of Causality, *paramanuvāda*, Seven Categories
- **Sāṃkhya:**
 - (e) Theory of Evolution
 - (f) *prakṛti* and its *guṇa-s*
 - (g) Notion of *puruṣa*, *bahupuruṣavāda*
 - (h) Theory of Causality
- **Yoga :**
 - (e) *citta*
 - (f) *cittabhūmi*
 - (g) *cittavṛtti*
 - (h) *cittavṛttinirodha*
- **Advaita Vedānta:**
 - (e) Nature of Brahman
 - (f) *vivartavāda*
 - (g) *māyā*
 - (h) *jīva* and *jagat*

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- C. D. Sharma : *A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy* ,Motilal Banarsidass Publishers Private Limited, Delhi, 2009

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BAPPHIGE502	Psychology	
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Suggested Topics:

- Nature of Psychology
- Psychological Research Methods
- Biological processes and behavior: Nervous system and endocrine system
- Perception : Colour and depth , pattern recognition, perceptual organization
- Attention
- Learning: Classical Conditioning Theory, Instrumental(Operant) Conditioning Theory
- Memory
- Cognition and emotion : Appraisal theory of emotion, Cognition-emotion- action
- Consciousness: Content and levels of Consciousness

• **Recommended Texts :**

- C.T.Morgan & R.A.King Jr.: *Introduction to Psychology*, Tata McGraw-Hill Publishing Company Ltd.,New Delhi,1993
- Robert S. Feldman: *Understanding Psychology*, Mc Graw-Hill, Inc.,1993

References:

- G. F. Stout : *A Manual of Psychology*, Hinds, Noble & Eldridge, 1915
- Woodworth & Marquis : *Psychology*, Holt, New York, 1947
- R. S. Woodworth : *Contemporary Schools of Psychology*, Methuen & Co.Ltd., Great Britain,1931
- E. B. Titchener : *A Text- book of Psychology*, Macmillan, 1921
- Baron & Misra : *Psychology*, Pearson, 5th Edition, 2014
- Sadhan Chakraborti : *Monovidyar Prathamik Porichay*, Paschimbanga Rajya Pustak Parshad, Kolkata, 2017

BAPPHIGE601

History of Western Philosophy**Suggested Topics:**➤ **Descartes :**

(a) Method of Doubt, (b) *Cogito Ergo Sum*, (c) Criterion of Truth, (d) Existence of God, (e) Mind and Body

➤ **Spinoza :**

(a) The Doctrine of Substance, Attributes and Modes, (b) Relation between Mind and Body : Parallelism, (c) Degrees of Knowledge

➤ **Leibniz :**

(a) Doctrine of Monads and Pre-established Harmony (b) Truths of Reason and Truths of Fact, (c) Theory of Knowledge

➤ **Locke :**

(d) Refutation of Innate Ideas and Principles, (b) Theory of Ideas, (c) Theory of Substance, (d) Distinction between Primary and Secondary Qualities, (e) Theory of Knowledge

➤ **Berkeley :**

(e) Rejection of the Lockean notion of Substance, (b) Refutation of Abstract Ideas (c) *Esse Est Percipii*

➤ **Hume :**

(f) Origin of Knowledge : Impressions and Ideas, (b) Laws of Association, (c) Distinction between Relations of Ideas and Matters of Fact, (d) Notion of Causality (F) Hume's Scepticism.

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BAPPHIGE602	Logic	
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