

Vidyasagar University

Curriculum for B.A. (Honours) in Philosophy [Choice Based Credit System]

Semester-I

Course	Course Code	Name of the Subjects	Course Type/ Nature	Teaching Scheme in hour per week			Credit	Marks
				L	T	P		
CC1		C1T:Indian Philosophy-I	Core Course-1	5	1	0	6	75
CC2		C2T:History of Western Philosophy -I	Core Course-2	5	1	0	6	75
GE1		TBD	Generic Elective-1				4/5	75
							2/1	
AECC		English	AECC (Elective)	1	1	0	2	50
Semester Total							20	275

L=Lecture, **T**=Tutorial, **P**=Practical, **CC**- Core Course, **TBD** - To be decided, **AECC**- Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course

Generic Elective (GE) (Interdisciplinary) from other Department [Paper will be of 6 credits]

Semester-I
CORE COURSE (CC)

CC-1: Indian Philosophy – I

Credit 06

C1T: Indian Philosophy – I

Credit 06

A. Introduction: Division of Indian Philosophical Schools: Āstika and Nāstika

B. Cārvāka School—Epistemology, Metaphysics, Ethics.

C. Jainism—Concept of Dravya, Sat, Guṇa, Paryāya Anekāntavāda, Syādvāda and Saptabhaṅginaya.

D. Buddhism— Four noble Truths, Theory of Dependent Origination (Pratītyasamutpādvāda), Definition of Reality (Arthakriyākāritva), Doctrine of Momentariness, (Kṣanabhangavāda), Theory of no-soul (Nairātmyavāda), Four Schools of Buddhism (Basic tenets).

E. Nyāya –Pramā and Pramāṇa, Pratyakṣa (Definition), Sannikarṣa, Classification of Pratyakṣa: Nirvikalpaka, Savikalpaka, Laukika, Alaukika;

F. Anumiti, Anumāna (Definition), vyāpti, parāmarśa, Classification of Anumāna: pūrvavat, śesavat, smānyatodrsta, kevalānvayī, kevalavyātirekī, anvayavyātirekī, svārthānumāna, parārthānumāna, Upamāna (definition), Śabda (definition),

G. Vaiśeṣika—Seven Padārthas, dravya, guṇa, karma, sāmānya, viśeṣa, samavāya, abhāva,

H. Different types of causes: samavayi, asamavayi and nimitta. Asatkāryavāda.

Suggested Readings:

English:

1. Outlines of Indian Philosophy: M. Hiriyanna
2. A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy: C.D. Sharma
3. An Introduction to Indian Philosophy: D. M. Dutta & S.C. Chatterjee
4. Classical Indian Philosophy: J.N. Mohanty
5. History of Indian Philosophy: S.N. Dasgupta
6. Indian Philosophy (Vol. I & II): S. Radhakrishnan
7. Indian Philosophy (Vol. I & II): J.N. Sinha
8. Studies on the Carvaka/Lokayata: Ramakrishna Bhattacharya
9. The Central Philosophy of Buddhism: T.R.V. Murti
10. Yogacara Idealism: A.K. Chatterjee
11. An Introduction to Mādhyamika Philosophy: Jaydev Singh
12. Reflections on Indian Philosophy: K.P. Sinha
13. Philosophy of Jainism: K.P. Sinha

14. Nyaya Theory of Knowledge: S.C. Chatterjee
15. Six Ways of Knowing: D.M. Dutta
16. Nyaya-Vaisesika Metaphysics: Sadananda Bhaduri
17. The Doctrine of Maya: A.K. Roychoudhuri
18. Self and Falsity in Advaita Vedanta: A.K. Roychoudhuri
19. The Word and the world: Bimal Krishna Matilal
20. Logic, Language and Reality: Bimal Krishna Matilal

Bengali:

21. Bharatiya Darshan: Debabrata Sen
22. Bharatiya Darshan: Nirodbaran Chakraborty
23. Sayan Madhaviya Sarva Darshan Samgraha: Satyajyoti Chakraborti
24. Lokayata Darshan: Debiprasad Chatoopadhyay
25. Carvakacarca: Ramakrisna Bhattacharya
26. Carvaka Darshan: Panchanan Sastri
27. Carvaka Darshan: Amit Kumar Bhattacharya
28. Bauddha Dharma O Darshan: Swami Vidyaranya
29. Bauddha Darshan: Panchanan Sastri
30. Gautama Buddher Darshan o Dharma: Sukomol Choudhury
31. Bauddha Darshan: Amit Kumar Bhattacharya
32. Ksanabhangavada: Bidhubhusan Bhattacharya
33. Jainadarshaner Digdarshan: Satindra Chandra Bhattacharya
34. Nyaya Darshan: Phanibhushan Tarkavagisha
35. Nyaya Paricaya: Phanibhushan Tarkavagisha
36. Nyaya-Vaisesika Darshan: Karuna Bhattacharya
37. Nyaya Tattva Parikrama: Kalikrishna Bandyopadhyaya
38. Samkhya Darshan: Bhupendranath Bhattacharya
39. Samkhya Darshaner Vivarana: Bidhubhusan Bhattacharya
40. Samkhyamata Samiksa: Yogendranath Bagchi
41. Samkhya Tattva Kaumudi: Narayan Chandra Goswami
42. Samkhya-Patanjal Darshan: Kanakprabha Bandyopadhyaya
43. Patanjali Darshan: Purnachandra Vedantachanchu
44. Puva Mimasa Darshan: Sukhamaya Bhattacharya
45. Vedanta Darshan: Roma Choudhury
46. Vedanta Darshan: Advaitavada: Ashutosh Sastri
47. Mayavada: Pramatha Nath Tarkabhushan
48. Vedanta Darshan: Swami Vidyaranya

CC-2: History of Western Philosophy – I

Credit 06

C2T: History of Western Philosophy – I

- A.** Pre Socratic Philosophy: A brief outline (8)
- B.** Plato: Theory of Knowledge, Theory of Forms. (10)
- C.** Aristotle : Critique of Plato’s theory of Forms, Doctrine of four causes, Form and Matter (14)
- D.** St. Thomas Aquinas: Faith and Reason, Essence and Existence. (8)
- E.** Descartes: Cartesian method of doubt, cogito ergo sum, criterion of truth, types of ideas, Proofs for the existence of God, Mind- body dualism Proofs for the existence of the external world, (18)
- F.** Spinoza: Doctrine of substance, Attributes and Modes, Existence of God, Pantheism, Three orders of knowing. (14)
- G.** Leibniz: Monads, Truths of reason, Truths of facts, Innate ideas, Some metaphysical principles: Law of Identity of indiscernibles, Law of sufficient reason, Law of continuity, Doctrine of Pre-established harmony. (18)

Suggested Readings:

English:

1. The Greek Philosophers from Thales to Aristotle: W. K. C. Guthrie
2. A Critical History of Greek Philosophy: W.T. Stace
3. Encyclopedia of Philosophy: P. Edwards (ed.)
4. A History of Philosophy: F. Copleston, vols. I, II, IV, V, VI
5. History of Western Philosophy: B. Russell
6. History of Modern Philosophy: R. Falckenberg
7. A Critical History of Modern Philosophy: Y.H. Masih
8. A History of Philosophy: F. Thilly
9. A History of Modern Philosophy: W.K. Wright
10. A Critical History of Western Philosophy: D.J. O’Connor
11. A History of Philosophy from Descartes to Wittgenstein: R. Scruton
12. The Fundamental Questions of Philosophy: A.C. Ewing
13. A Brief History of Western Philosophy: A. Kenny
14. The Works of Descartes: Haldane & Ross (eds.)
15. Descartes: The Project of Pure Enquiry: B. Williams
16. Descartes: A. Kenny
17. Spinoza: Leon Roth
18. Leibniz: An Introduction to His Philosophy: N. Rescher
19. The Rationalists: J. Cottingham

Bengali:

20. Paschatya Darshaner Itihas: Tarak Candra Roy (pratham o dwitiya khanda)
21. Paschatya Darshaner Itihas: Kalyan Chandra Gupta
22. Paschatya Darshaner Itihas: Susanta Chakraborty
23. Paschatya Darshaner Itihas: Samarendra Bhattacharya (pratham o dwitiya khanda)
24. Paschatya Darshaner Itihas(Plato o Aristotle): N.B. Chakraborty
25. Paschatya Darshaner Itihas(Plato o Aristotle): Debabrata Sen
26. Paschatya Darshaner Itihas(Adhunik Yuga-Yuktivada (Descartes), Spinoza,Leibniz:): Chandrodaya Bhattacharya

Generic Elective (GE) GE-1 [Interdisciplinary for other department]

GE-1: Ethics : Indian and Western

Credit 06

GE-1T: Ethics : Indian and Western

- A.** Four Purusarthās – dharma, artha, kāma and mokṣa and their interrelation. Karma (Sakāma & Niṣkāma), Cārvāka Ethics. (12)
- B.** Buddhist Ethics: The Four Noble Truths and the Eight-Fold Path. (10)
- C.** Moral and Non-Moral Actions, Object of Moral Judgement. (10)
- D.** Teleological Ethics: Utilitarianism (Bentham and Mill). Deontological Ethics: Kant's Moral Theory. (14)
- E.** Theories of Punishment. (14)

Suggested Readings:

1. The Fundamentals of Hinduism-A Philosophical Study: S.C. Chatterjee
2. Nitividya: Shibapada Chakrabarty
3. Nitividyar Tattvakatha: Somnath Chakrabarty
4. Nitisastra: Dikshit Gupta
5. An Introduction to Ethics: W. Lillie