

DIRECTORATE OF DISTANCE EDUCATION
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL
SYLLABUS FOR
BA PROGRAMME IN PHILOSOPHY: 3 YEARS (6 SEMESTERS)
UNDER CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM (CBCS)

DETAILED SYLLABUS OF BA PROGRAMME IN PHILOSOPHY UNDER CBCS

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE (DSC)

DSC – 1: PAPER – I (SEMESTER – I)

FUNDAMENTALS OF INDIAN PHILOSOPHY

UNIT I: Introduction:

- i. Nature of Indian Philosophy
- ii. Division of Indian Philosophy: Astika and Nastika Systems.

UNIT II: Carvaka:

Metaphysics and Ethics

UNIT III: Bauddha

Philosophy:

Four Noble Truths, Theory of Dependent Origination

UNIT IV: Samkhya:

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UNIT VII: Vaisesika Philosophy:

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DSC – 1: PAPER – III (SEMESTER – III)

Western Epistemology and Metaphysics

Unit I:

Theories of the Origin of Knowledge: Rationalism, Empiricism and Kant's critical theory.

Unit II:

Realism and Idealism as theories of reality:

- i. Realism: Naive Realism, Scientific Realism.
- ii. Idealism: Subjective Idealism (Berkeley).

Unit III:

Causality: Entailment Theory, Regularity Theory.

Unit IV:

Mind-Body Problem: Interactionism, Parallelism Theory.

DSC – 1: PAPER – IV (SEMESTER – IV)

WESTERN ETHICS

1. Nature and Scope of Ethics
2. Moral and Non-moral Actions
3. Kant's Categorical Imperative
4. Utilitarianism
5. Hedonism
6. Punishment
7. Euthanasia

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LANGUAGE CORE COURSE (LCC-1)

LCC – 1: PAPER – I (SEMESTER – I)

BENGALI

Common approved syllabus to be followed.

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LANGUAGE CORE COURSE (LCC-2)

LCC – 2: PAPER – I (SEMESTER – II)

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LCC – 2: PAPER – II (SEMESTER – IV)

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ABILITY ENHANCEMENT COMPULSORY COURSE (AECC)

AECC –1: Environmental Studies (SEMESTER – I)

Unit 1: Introduction to environmental studies

- Multidisciplinary nature of environmental studies
- Scope and importance; Concept of sustainability and sustainable development

Unit 2: Ecosystems

- What is an ecosystem?

Structure and function of ecosystem;

Energy flow in an ecosystem: food chains, food webs and ecological succession. Case studies of the following ecosystems:

- a) Forest ecosystem
- b) Grassland ecosystem
- c) Desert ecosystem
- d) Aquatic ecosystems (ponds, streams, lakes, rivers, oceans, estuaries)

Unit 3: Natural Resources: Renewable and Non – renewable Resources

- Land resources and land-use change; Land degradation, soil erosion and desertification.
- Deforestation: Causes and impacts due to mining, dam building on environment, forests, biodiversity and tribal populations.
- Water: Use and over – exploitation of surface and ground water, floods, droughts, conflicts over water (international & inter-state), Dams – benefits and problems.
- Food resources: World food problems, changes caused by agriculture and over-grazing, effects of modern agriculture, fertilizer-pesticide problems, water logging, salinity.
- Energy resources: Renewable and non-renewable energy sources, use of alternate energy sources, growing energy needs, case studies

Unit 4: Biodiversity and Conservation

- Levels of biological diversity: genetic, species and ecosystem diversity; Bio-geographic zones of India; Biodiversity patterns and global biodiversity hotspots.
- India as a mega-biodiversity nation; Endangered and endemic species of India, threats to biodiversity: Habitat loss, poaching of wildlife, man-wildlife conflicts, biological invasions.
- Conservation of biodiversity: In – situ and Ex –situ conservation of biodiversity.
- Ecosystem and biodiversity services: Ecological, economic, social, ethical, aesthetic and Informational value.

Unit 5: Environmental Pollution

- Environmental pollution: types, causes, effects and controls; Air, water, soil and noise pollution
- Nuclear hazards and human health risks
- Solid waste management: Control measures of urban and industrial waste.
- Pollution case studies

Unit 6: Environmental Policies & Practices

- Climate change, global warming, ozone layer depletion, acid rain and impacts on human communities and agriculture
- Environment Laws: Environment Protection Act; Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act; Water (Prevention and control of Pollution) Act; Wildlife Protection Act; Forest Conservation Act. International agreements: Montreal and Kyoto protocols and Convention on Biological Diversity(CBD).
- Nature reserves, tribal populations and rights, and human wildlife conflicts in Indian context.

Unit 7: Human Communities and the Environment

- Human population growth: Impacts on environment, human health and welfare.
Resettlement and rehabilitation of project affected persons; case studies.
- Disaster management: floods, earthquake, cyclones and landslides.
- Water conservation, rain water harvesting, watershed management.
- Wasteland reclamation.
- Environmental movements: Chipko, Silent valley, Bishnois of Rajasthan.
- Environmental ethics: Role of Indian and other religions and cultures in environmental conservation.
- Environmental communication & public awareness, case studies (e.g., CNG vehicles in Delhi).

Assignment (Marks–20)

(To be chosen from English, Bengali, Nepali and Hindi)

AECC – 2: English Communication (SEMESTER – II)

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AECC – 2: Bengali Communication (SEMESTER – II)

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AECC – 2: Nepali Communication (SEMESTER – II)

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AECC – 2: Hindi Communication (SEMESTER – II)

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SKILL ENHANCEMENT COURSE (SEC)

SEC – 1: PAPER I (SEMESTER – III)

Basics of Counselling

1. Counselling

- a) The basics of counselling By Madhabendranath Mitra
- a) The Relevance of Philosophical Counselling in the Treatment of Mental Health By Debika Saha
- b) Philosophical Counselling for Children's Mental Health issues By Jhadeswar Ghosh
- c) Youth and Positive Mental Health By Sujata Roy Chowdhury
- d) Anger Management through Counselling By Manjulika Ghosh
- e) Academic Stress Memory and Mental Health By Sadhan Chakraborty
- f) Relationship related stress in College Students and its Management By Soumitra Basu
- g) Effective Communication: an Important Means of Problem Solving By Swagata Ghosh

2. Patient-Physician Relationship

“Shades of Confidentiality in Physician-Patient Relationship in the Context of Mental Health”,
by Somdatta Bhattacharyya

SEC – 1: PAPER II (SEMESTER – IV)

Critical Thinking:

1. Critical Thinking and its Components
2. Critical Thinking: A Second-Order Activity
3. Identification and Analysis of the Problem.
4. Organizing the Data and Identifying the Errors.

SEC – 2: PAPER – I (SEMESTER – V)

Other Discipline. Common approved syllabus to be followed.

SEC – 2: PAPER – II (SEMESTER – VI)

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DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE (DSE)

DSE – 1: PAPER – I (SEMESTER – V)

A. Psychology

1. Nature and Scope of Psychology
2. Methods of psychology (Introspection, Observation and Experimental Methods)
3. Sensation, Perception
4. Memory
5. Attention
6. Theories of Learning (Trial and Error Theory, Gestalt Theory)
7. Freud's Theory of Consciousness and Proofs for the Existence of the Unconscious
8. Freud's Theory of Dream

B. Philosophy of Religion

1. The problem and scope of the philosophy of religion.
2. The origin of religion in the light of anthropology.
3. The psychological origin and development of religion.
4. Proofs for existence of God: Ontological, Cosmological, Teleological and Moral Argument
5. Summary of different Religions: Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Christianity, Universal Religion
6. Humanism in the form of Religion

DSE – 1: PAPER – II (SEMESTER – VI)

A. Socio -Political Philosophy:

1. Nature and Scope of Social and Political Philosophy
2. Basic Concepts: Society, Community, Social group.
3. Social class and Caste; Principles of class and caste, Attitudes and class-consciousness.
4. Ideas of Freedom, equality, justice, liberty.
5. Political Ideas (Forms of Democracy, Meaning and Nature of Secularism, Swaraj and Sarvodaya)

B. Practical Ethics

Unit I:

Foundation of applied ethics – problem of applied ethics.

Unit II:

Environmental Ethics- ecology-man-nature relationship, the environment and the human community, Future Generation

Unit III:

Medical Ethics- Euthanasia, Suicide, Abortion.

Unit IV:

Human Rights, discrimination on the basis of sex, race, caste, religion.

Unit V:

Feminism – an analysis; Marriage, dowry and divorce.

Unit VI:

Media Ethics.

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