

**DIAMOND HARBOUR university**  
**Diamond Harbour, West Bengal, India**

Syllabus for the  
**Master of Arts (M. A.) Programme in Philosophy**  
 (To be effective from the academic session 2016-2018)

Principle/Formula/Rule	
1 Lecture of 1hour per week x(14-16 weeks)= 1 credit 1 Lecture of 1hour=2 Tutorial/Practical/Remedial Coaching Generally Credit requirement for a PG Programme : 80-100 Credit points	<b>Credit distribution:</b> <b>Core Course : (5x16=) 80 Credit + Major Elective : (5x4=)20 Credit =</b> <b>Grand Total : 100 Credit=1000 Marks</b>
Core Course : 70-90 Credit Points	Major Elective Course : 20 Credit Points
<b>Except</b> in Core Course : PGPHIL405: <b>Project Work</b> , in all courses— <b>Per Course Continuous Assessment: 10 marks and Semester-end (Written) Examination: 40 marks.</b>  For <b>Core Course : PGPHIL405: Project Work: Dissertation</b> (to be written & submitted in printed form) : <b>40marks, Presentation: 10 marks</b>	There shall be a nomenclature and <i>alpha-numeric</i> code for each Course., e.g. the Course Code : <b>PGPHIL101</b> contains three components: two <i>alfa</i> and one <i>numeric</i> . The first two to three letters indicate short name of the programme level, the remaining three to four letters display subject name, while in the numeric code like “101” the first digit stands for semester number, the rest, in double digit, stands for course serial number.

Name of the PG Programme : **M. A. in Philosophy**  
 Name of the Subject: **Philosophy**  
**ABSTRACT**

Level	Course Type	Course Code	Course Title	Learning Hour distribution per week	Credit Points	Marks
				L: T: P		
<b>MA Semester-I</b>	Core Course	PGPHIL101	Indian Epistemology	4: 2:0	5	50
	Core Course	PGPHIL102	Western Epistemology	4: 2:0	5	50
	Core Course	PGPHIL103	Indian Metaphysics	4: 2:0	5	50
	Core Course	PGPHIL104	Western Metaphysics	4: 2:0	5	50

	Core Course	PGPHIL105	Western Logic	4: 2:0	5	50
<b>MA Semester-II</b>	Core Course	PGPHIL201	Indian Logic	4: 2:0	5	50
	Core Course	PGPHIL202	Western Ethics	4: 2:0	5	50
	Core Course	PGPHIL203	Indian Ethics	4: 2:0	5	50
	Core Course	PGPHIL204	Philosophy of Religion	4: 2:0	5	50
	Core Course	PGPHIL205	Modern Indian Philosophy	4: 2:0	5	50
<b>MA Semester-III</b>	Core Course	PGPHIL301	Aesthetics : Indian and Western	4: 2:0	5	50
	Core Course	PGPHIL302	Indian Philosophy of Language	4: 2:0	5	50
	Core Course	PGPHIL303	Western Philosophy of Language	4: 2:0	5	50
	Major Elective: Vedānta	PGPHIL304 V	Advaita Metaphysics	4: 2:0	5	50
	Major Elective: Vedānta	PGPHIL305V	Dvaitādvaita and Dvaita Metaphysics	4: 2:0	5	50
	Major Elective : Sāṃkhya-Yoga	PGPHIL304S	Classical Sāṃkhya-I	4: 2:0	5	50
	Major Elective : Sāṃkhya-Yoga	PGPHIL305S	Classical Sāṃkhya-II	4: 2:0	5	50
	Major Elective : Ethics	PGPHIL304E	Biomedical Issues in Western Applied Ethics	4: 2:0	5	50
	Major Elective : Ethics	PGPHIL305E	Socio-Political Issues in Western Applied Ethics	4: 2:0	5	50
	Major Elective : Western Logic	PGPHIL304L	Philosophy of Logic,	4: 2:0	5	50
	Major Elective : Western Logic	PGPHIL305L	Deductive Systems	4: 2:0	5	50
	Major Elective : Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika	PGPHIL304N	PrācīnaNyāya-I	4: 2:0	5	50
	Major Elective : Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika	PGPHIL305N	PrācīnaNyāya-II	4: 2:0	5	50
	Major Elective : Buddhist Philosophy	PGPHIL304B	Buddhist Philosophy-I	4: 2:0	5	50
	Major Elective : Buddhist Philosophy	PGPHIL305B	Buddhist Philosophy-II	4: 2:0	5	50
Major Elective : Comparative Religion	PGPHIL304R	Comparative Religion - I	4: 2:0	5	50	

	Major Elective : Comparative Religion	PGPHIL305R	Comparative Religion -II	4: 2:0	5	50
<b>MA Semester-IV</b>	Core Course	PGPHIL401	Philosophy of Law	4: 2:0	5	50
	Core Course	PGPHIL402	Continental & Post-Modern Philosophy			
	Major Elective: Vedānta	PGPHIL403V	Advaita Epistemology	4: 2:0	5	50
	Major Elective: Vedānta	PGPHIL404V	Viśiṣṭādvaita Metaphysics	4: 2:0	5	50
	Major Elective : Sāṃkhya-Yoga	PGPHIL403S	Later Sāṃkhya	4: 2:0	5	50
	Major Elective : Sāṃkhya-Yoga	PGPHIL404S	Patañjala Yoga	4: 2:0	5	50
	Major Elective : Ethics	PGPHIL403E	Environmental Issues in Western Applied Ethics	4: 2:0	5	50
	Major Elective : Ethics	PGPHIL404E	Indian Ethical Praxis	4: 2:0	5	50
	Major Elective : Western Logic	PGPHIL403L	Metalogic	4: 2:0	5	50
	Major Elective : Western Logic	PGPHIL404L	Logic and Computability	4: 2:0	5	50
	Major Elective : Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika	PGPHIL403N	NavyaNyāya-I	4: 2:0	5	50
	Major Elective : Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika	PGPHIL404N	NavyaNyāya-II	4: 2:0	5	50
	Major Elective : Buddhist Philosophy	PGPHIL403B	Buddhist Philosophy-III	4: 2:0	5	50
	Major Elective : Buddhist Philosophy	PGPHIL404B	Buddhist Philosophy -IV	4: 2:0	5	50
	Major Elective : Comparative Religion	PGPHIL403R	Comparative Religion -III	4: 2:0	5	50
	Major Elective : Comparative Religion	PGPHIL404R	Comparative Religion -IV	4: 2:0	5	50
Core Course	PGPHIL405	Project Work	0:0:10	5	50	

**NOTE:**

**Choice of Elective Courses :** At the beginning of Semester-III a student shall choose any one of the alternative groups namely Vedānta, Sāṃkhya-Yoga, Ethics, Western Logic, Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika, Buddhist Philosophy and Comparative Religion, each group containing two Elective Courses of 50 marks in Semester III and two Elective Courses of 50 marks in Semester IV : total four Elective Courses in the last two semesters taken together.

**Offering of Elective Courses :** However, only the first three alternative groups of Major Elective Courses will be offered from the academic session 2016-2018 until further notice.

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<b>MA</b> <b>SEMISTER-I</b> Full Marks: 250 Full Credit Points: 25	<b>PGPHIL101</b>	<b>Indian Epistemology</b>	<b>5 Credit</b>	<b>50 Marks [Minimum Learning Hour : 84 (L: 56 &amp; T: 28)]</b>
		<b>Recommended Topics:</b>		
		1. Nature and factors of Knowledge in Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika, Sāṃkhya and Bauddha systems		
	<b>Recommended Texts:</b>			
1. Gautama : <i>Nyāyasūtra</i> , with Vyāsa : <i>Nyāyasūtrabhāṣya</i> ( <i>sūtra</i> -1-7, <i>ānhika</i> -I, <i>adhyāya</i> -I) (22 Hours) 2. Dharmakīrti : <i>Nyāyabindu</i> [with Dharmottara : <i>Nyāyabindutīkā</i> ] ( <i>pratyakṣapariccheda</i> ) OR Nāgārjuna: <i>Vigrahavyavartanī</i> ( <i>kārikā</i> -31-51) (16 Hours) 3. <i>Mānameyodaya</i> ( <i>pramālakṣaṇa</i> ) (22 Hours) 4. <i>Bhāṣāpariccheda</i> ( <i>prāmāṇyavāda</i> ) (16 Hours) 5. Vidyaṛaṇya Muni : <i>Vivaraṇaprameyasamgraha</i> ( <i>Khyātivāda</i> )				
<b>PGPHIL102</b>	<b>Western Epistemology</b>	<b>5 Credit</b>	<b>50 Marks [Minimum Learning Hour : 84 (L: 56 &amp; T: 28)]</b>	
	<b>Recommended Topics:</b>			
	1. Possibility and Definition of Knowledge (18 Hours) 2. Issues related to Scientific Knowledge (16) 3. Gettier Problem and Responses to it (25 Hours) 4. Justification of Knowledge Claims : Foundationalism, Coherentism and Reliabilism (25 Hours)			

	<b>Recommended Texts:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. J. Dancy: <i>Introduction to Contemporary Epistemology</i>, Blackwell</li> <li>2. I. Kant : <i>Critique of Pure Reason</i> [N. K. Smith's abridged edition (up to the end of the Transcendental Analytic)]</li> <li>3. R. M. Chisholm: <i>Theory of Knowledge</i> (3<sup>rd</sup> ed.) Prentice Hall</li> <li>4. J. Ayer: <i>The Problem of Knowledge</i>, Penguin Books</li> <li>5. J. L. Pollock: <i>Contemporary Theories of Knowledge</i>, Rowman&amp; Littlefield</li> </ol>		
PGPHIL103	<b>Indian Metaphysics</b>	<b>5 Credit</b>	<b>50 Marks [Minimum Learning Hour : 84 (L: 56 &amp; T: 28)]</b>
	1. World-views in Jaina, Bauddha, Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika, Sāṃkhya and Vedānta		
	<b>Recommended Texts:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Īśvarakṛṣṇa : <i>Sāṃkhyakārikā</i> with Vācaspati: <i>Sāṃkhyatattvakaumudī</i> (kārikā-1-3, 9-22 selections) (28 Hours)</li> <li>2. Dharmaraja Ardhārīndra: <i>Vedāntaparibhāṣā</i> (Vīṣayapariccheda)</li> <li>3. Praśastapāda : <i>Padārthadharmasamgraha</i> (six padārtha-s Selections) (18 Hours)</li> <li>4. Umāsvāti : <i>Tattvārthasūtra</i> (Selections) (22 Hours)</li> <li>5. Basubandhu : <i>Vijñaptimātratāsiddhi</i> (<i>Viṃśīkāprakaraṇa</i>)/<i>Trisattvāvanirdeśa</i> (16 Hours)</li> </ol>		
PGPHIL104	<b>Western Metaphysics</b>	<b>5 Credit</b>	<b>50 Marks [Minimum Learning Hour : 84 (L: 56 &amp; T: 28)]</b>
	<b>Recommended Topics:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Metaphysics: Traditional and Contemporary (17 Hours)</li> <li>(ii) Essentialism and the Notion of Possible Worlds (20 Hours)</li> <li>(iii) Substance: The Aristotelian Conception, Basic Particulars, Ryle on Mind-Body Dualism (25 Hours)</li> <li>(iv) Self-Knowledge and Self-Identity: Memory Criterion, Body Criterion; Primitiveness of the Concept of Person (22 Hours)</li> </ol>		
	<b>Recommended Texts:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Aristotle: <i>Metaphysics</i>, Book Zeta</li> </ol>		

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. D.W. Hamlyn : <i>Metaphysics</i>, Cambridge University Press, 1984</li> <li>3. P.F. Strawson: <i>Individuals: An Essay in Descriptive Metaphysics</i>, Methuen, 1957</li> <li>4. B.A. Brody: <i>Identity and Essence</i>, Princeton University Press, 1980</li> <li>5. Gilbert Ryle: <i>The Concept of Mind</i>, Penguin Books, 1973</li> </ol>		
		<p>References:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Michael J. Loux: <i>Metaphysics: A Contemporary Introduction</i>, Routledge, 2006</li> <li>2. Sydney Shoemaker : <i>Self-Knowledge and Self-Identity</i></li> <li>3. E. J. Lowe: 'Substance', <i>An Encyclopaedia of Philosophy</i> (ed. G.H.R. Parkinson), Routledge, 1996</li> </ol>		
	<b>PGPHIL105</b>	<b>Western Logic</b>	<b>5 Credit</b>	<b>50 Marks [Minimum Learning Hour : 84 (L: 56 &amp; T: 28)]</b>
		<p><b>Recommended Topics:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 1<sup>st</sup> Order Predicate Logic: multiple General Proposition, Relations, Identity, definite description, Problem of Induction</li> </ol> <p><b>Recommended Texts:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. M. Copi : <i>Symbolic Logic</i> (5<sup>th</sup> edition), Chapters 3 and 4) Prentice Hall of India, 1998</li> <li>2. Richard Jeffrey: <i>Formal Logic : Its Scope and Limits</i> (1<sup>st</sup> edition), Tata McGraw-Hill, 1967</li> <li>3. G. H. Von Wright : <i>The Logical Problems of Induction</i></li> </ol>		
<b>M.A SEMISTER-II</b>	<b>PGPHIL201</b>	<b>Indian Logic</b>	<b>5 Credit</b>	<b>50 Marks [Minimum Learning Hour : 84 (L: 56 &amp; T: 28)]</b>
		<p><b>Recommended Texts &amp; Topics:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Gautama : <i>Nyāyasūtra</i>, with Vyāsa : <i>Nyāyasūtrabhāṣya</i> [(<i>anumāna, nyāya, tarka, nirnaya, siddhānta and kathā</i>) <i>adhyāya-I</i> (Selection)] (32 Hours)</li> <li>2. Íśvarakṛṣṇa: <i>Sāṃkhyakārikā</i> with <i>Yuktidīpikā</i> [<i>anumāna</i> (Selections) with <i>daśāvayavīnyāya</i>] (20 Hours)</li> <li>3. Dharmakīrti : <i>Nyāyabindu</i> with Dharmottara : <i>Nyāyabindutīkā</i> [<i>svārthānumānapariccheda</i> (Selections)] (32 Hours)</li> </ol>		

	PGPHIL 202	<b>Western Ethics</b>	<b>5 Credit</b>	<b>50 Marks [Minimum Learning Hour : 84 (L: 56 &amp; T: 28)]</b>
<p><b>Recommended Topics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Nature and Types of Ethics (2 Hours))</li> <li>(ii) Normative Ethics (30 Hours)</li> <li>(iii) Virtue Ethics (7 Hours)</li> <li>(iv) Metaethics: Cognitivism: Naturalism and Intuitionism; Non-cognitivism: Emotivism and Prescriptivism; Descriptivism (30 Hours)</li> <li>(v) Applied Ethics: Notion and Methodology, Life and Death Issues (Euthanasia and Abortion), Environmental Ethics: Definition and Concerns (15 Hours)</li> </ul>				
<p><b>Recommended Texts:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Aristotle: <i>Nichomachean Ethics</i> (ed. David Ross), Oxford University Press</li> <li>2. Kant: <i>Groundwork of Metaphysic of Morals</i>, Macmillan</li> <li>3. Peter Singer: <i>Practical Ethics</i>, Cambridge University Press</li> <li>4. Alasdair MacIntyre: "After Virtue", <i>A Historical Introduction to Moral Philosophy</i> (ed. Michael F. Wagner), Prentice Hall</li> <li>5. C.L. Stevenson, "The Emotive Meaning of Ethical Terms" <i>Mind</i> 46, 1937</li> </ul>				
<p><b>References:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A. J. Ayer, "Language, Truth and Logic," Dover, 1946</li> <li>2. Robert Elliot (ed.): <i>Environmental Ethics</i>, Oxford University Press</li> <li>3. J. S. Mill: 'Utilitarianism', <i>Collected Works of J. S. Mill</i>, Vol. X, University of Toronto Press W. D. Hudson: <i>Modern Moral Philosophy</i>, Macmillan</li> <li>4. DilipkumarChakravarty: "Problems of Analytic Ethics", 1996, Pub R. Kumar, Omsons Publications, T-7,</li> </ul>				

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5. David S. Oderberg: *Applied Ethics: A Non-Consequential Approach*, Blackwell

6. Tom L. Beauchamp: "The Nature of Applied Ethics", *A Companion to Applied Ethics* (eds. R.G. Frey & C.H. Wellman), Blackwell

**PGPHIL203**

**Indian Ethics**

**5 Credit**

**50 Marks [Minimum Learning Hour : 84 (L: 56 & T: 28)]**

**Recommended Texts/Topics:**

1. *Śrīmadbhagavadgītā*[with *Guḍhārthadīpikā*](Chapters II & III) (22 Hours)
2. Patañjali : *Yogasūtra* with Vyāsa : *Yogasūtrabhāṣya (yamaandniyama)* (22 Hours)
3. LaugakṣiBhāskara : *Arthasaṁgraha(dharma, bhāvanā, vidhi and its varieties, arthavāda)* (20 Hours)
4. Buddhaghoṣa : *Viśuddhimāgga : pañcasīla, andbrahmavihāra*(20 Hours)

Reference:

1. B. K. Motilal : Ethics and Epics
2. B. K. Motilal : *নীতি, যুক্তিওধর্ম*

**PGPHIL204**

**Philosophy of Religion**

**5 Credit**

**50 Marks [Minimum Learning Hour : 84 (L: 56 & T: 28)]**

**Recommended Topics:**

1. Nature of Religious Experience—Nature of God (Judaic Christian)
2. Theories of Religious Pluralism (Kantian, Wittgensteinian and Vedāntic Models)
3. Universal Religion (Vivekananda)
4. Interreligious Dialogue
5. Grounds for belief in God (Nyaya Arguments)
6. Grounds for disbelief in God (Anti-theistic Arguments presented by Bauddha and Jaina Schools)



**Recommended Texts:**

1. Joachim Wach, *The Comparative Study of Religion*
2. N. Smart : *The Religious Experience of Mankind*
3. John Hick, *Problems of Religious Pluralism*, Mcmillan, 1995
4. ----- *An Interpretation of Religion*, Mac Millan, 1989
5. Swami Vivekananda: *A Study of Religion*
6. Udayana: *Nyayakusumanjali*( 5thstabak, BengTrSrimohan Bhattacharya), West Bengal State Book Board.
7. Prabal Kumar Sen: Anti-theistic Arguments in Indian Philosophy included in *Essays in Indian Philosophy*, ed

**References:**

1. William James: *Varieties of Religious Experience*
2. Alvin Plantinga, *God, Freedom and Evil*
3. Yujin Nagasawa, *The Existence of God*
4. Kedar Nath Tiwari, *Comparative Religion*, Motilal Banarsidass, 1997 edition
5. Kalikrishna Bandyopadhyay: *Nyaya-Tattva-Parikrama*, Papirus, Kolkata
6. Batakrishna Ghosh, *Vijnanavada* ( for Antitheistic Arguments in Indian Philosophy)
7. Sukharanjan Saha , Allied Publishers in collaboration with Jadavpur University , Kolkata 1997, pp 145-169.
8. Dilipkumar Mohanta: *Dharma-Darshaner Katipaysamasya*, Navabharati publication, Kolkata, 2008
9. W. T. Stace, "The Teachings of the Mystics" in B. A. Brody (ed.) *Readings in the Philosophy of Religion: An Analytic Approach*, New Jersey, Englewood Cliffs, Prentice Hall, 1974.
10. J. Hick, "Religious Pluralism" in Phillip Quinn and Charles Taliaferro (eds.) *A Companion to Philosophy of Religion*, Oxford, Blackwell, 1997
11. Swami Vivekanand, "Addresses at the Parliament of Religions," in *The Complete Works of Swami Vivekanand*, Vol.1 (17th edition), Calcutta, Advaita Ashram, 1986.

	<b>PGPHIL205</b>	<b>Modern Indian Philosophy</b>	<b>5 Credit 50 Marks [Minimum Learning Hour : 84 (L: 56 &amp; T: 28)]</b>
	<p><b>Recommended Topics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Sri Aurobindo : The Human Cycle</li> <li>ii) Rabindranath Tagore: The Religion of Man</li> <li>iii) M. K. Gandhi : <i>Ahimsā, Swaraj</i> and <i>Satyāgraha</i></li> <li>iv) K. C. Bhattacharya : Grades of Theoretic Consciousness</li> </ul> <p><b>Recommended Texts (Selections from:):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sri Aurobindo : <i>The Human Cycle</i></li> <li>2. Rabindranath Tagore: <i>The Religion of Man</i>, New Delhi, Rupa, 2005</li> <li>3. M. K. Gandhi : <i>The Hind Swaraj</i>, Ahmedabad, Navajivan Press, 2001</li> <li>4. K. C. Bhattacharya : <i>The Concept of Philosophy</i></li> </ul>		