

Diamond Harbour Women's University

Department of Philosophy

Syllabus for Ph.D Course Work

Duration: 1 Semester

4 Compulsory Courses

Total – 200 marks

Course Code	Course Title	Lecture Hours per week	Credit	Total Marks
Phil/Ph.D/CC/101	Research Methodology - General	2	2	50 Internal Assessment – 10 Semester Examination – 40
Phil/Ph.D/CC/102	Research Methodology – Indian & Western Philosophical Methods	2	2	50 Internal Assessment – 10 Semester Examination – 40
Phil/Ph.D/CC/103	Metaphysics – Indian & Western	2	2	50 Internal Assessment – 10 Semester Examination – 40
Phil/Ph.D/CC/104	Literature Survey	2	2	50 Essay- 30 Presentation - 20
Total		8	8	200

Semester I
Course – I (Phil/Ph.D/CC/101)
(Total Marks – 50)
Research Methodology: General

Topics:-

1. Meaning and objectives of research; Types of research; Research methods versus methodology; Research process; Criteria of good research
2. Research problem: selecting and defining the problem
3. Research ethics: Anti plagiarism
4. Bibliography and proof reading and citation, paraphrasing
5. Proposal Writing

Suggested readings:

1. Kothari, C.R. (2014). *Research Methodology: Methods and Techniques*
2. Creswell, John W. (2011). *Research Design: Qualitative, Quantitative and Mixed Methods Approaches*.
3. Turabian, Kate L. (1937). *A Manual of Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*.
4. Sen, Madhuchhanda, Nayar, p.k., Anderson, M. *Critical Thinking, Academic Writing and Presentation Skills*

Course – II (Phil/Ph.D/CC/102)

(Total Marks – 50)

Research Methodology: Indian & Western Philosophical Methods

Topics:-

1. Tools of *vicāra* in classical Indian systems (*samśaya, tarka, vāda, jalpa, vitaṇḍā, chala, jāti, nigrahasthāna, uddeśa, lakṣaṇa, parikṣā, śravaṇa, manana, nididhyāsana*)
2. Linguistic analysis in Navya-Nyāya. Research methodology: Traditional and Contemporary (Socratic *elenchus*, Cartesian method of doubt, Hegelian dialectic, Husserlian *epoche*, Hermeneutic methods, method of linguistic analysis: ideal language and ordinary language analysis, thought experiment, experimental philosophy)
3. Meta-philosophy

Suggested readings:

1. *Nyāyasutra* Vātsāyana Bhāṣya. Edited and translated by Phanibhusana Tarkabagish, (Vol. 1 and Vol. 5)
2. Chatopadhyay, Debiprasad, Gangopadhyay, Mrinal Kanti. *The Nyāyāsūtra of Gotama*.
3. Datta Sharma, Ratna. (1997). "Vatsyayana's Threefold Procedure of Linguistic Analysis" in Sukharanjana Saha ed. *Essays in Indian Philosophy*.
4. Datta Sharma, Ratna. (2000). *Philosophical Discourse*.
5. Datta Sharma, Ratna. *Nyāyādarshane Nigrahasthana*, Mahabodhi book Agency.
6. Datta Sharma, Ratna. *Theory of Argumentation*. Mahabodhi book Agency.
7. Ganeri, Jonardon. (2001). *Philosophy in Classical India: The Proper Work of Reason*. Routledge.
8. *Navyanyaya-Bhasapradipah* (1973). Mahamahopadhyaya Mahesh Chandra Nyayaratna.
9. Chattopadhyaya, Debiprasad. *Lokayata*
10. Vādarnyāya: Bauddha Darsana

11. Moran, Dermot & Timothy Mooney ed.: *The Phenomenology Reader*.
12. R.G. Collingwood: *An Essay in Philosophical Method*.
13. Blaikie, Norman, (1993), *Approaches to Social Enquiry*. Cambridge: Polity Press (Blackwell Publishers Ltd.)
14. Shields, Christopher, (2012), *Ancient Philosophy: A Contemporary Introduction*.
15. Hubert L. Dreyfus & Mark A. Wrathall (Eds.), *A Companion to Phenomenology and Existentialism*, 2006.
16. Ramachandran, T.P. 1984. *The Methodology of Research in Philosophy*. Madras: University of Madras.
17. E-PG Pathshala modules 2.36 (Linguistic Turn), 2.37 (Analytic Philosophy), 1.17 (Ideal language and Ordinary language); www.iep.utm.edu (Analytic Philosophy).
18. Joshua Knobe and Shaun Nichols (Eds.) *Experimental Philosophy*, 2008.
19. Williamson, Timothy. (2007), *Philosophy of Philosophy*, Blackwell Publishing.
20. Alexis Papazoglou (Ed.) *The Pursuit of Philosophy: Some Cambridge Perspectives*. Blackwell Publishing (Wiley), 2012.
21. *An Introduction to Metaphilosophy*. Soren Overgaard, Paul Gilbert, Stiphen Burward. Cambridge University Press.
22. Hermeneutics: East and West, Krishna Roy

Course – III (Phil/Ph.D/CC/103)

(Total Marks – 50)

A. Reading Philosophical Essays:

Marks: 25

Selected essays:

- (i) *Indian Philosophy and its Distinctive Background* by Gopinath Bhattacharya from *Essays in Analytic Philosophy*
- (ii) *Nature of Indian Philosophy, /What the East and West can learn from each other in Philosophy*, by J.N.Mohanty, from *Exploration in Philosophy*, Oxford Publication
- (iii) *Indian Philosophy: Is there a Problem Today?* by B.K.Matilal, from *Mind, Language and World*, Edited by Jonardon Ganeri, Oxford publication

B. Computer application for research:

Marks: 25

1. Introduction to Computers

- History and categories of computers
- Data and information
- Advantages and disadvantages of using computers
- The components of a computer (input and output devices, system unit, storage devices, communication devices)
- Computer software (system software and application software)
- Computer applications in society

2. User-Computer interface

- Internet and the World Wide Web (history of internet, networking protocol, connecting to the internet, internet addresses, search engines, web browsers)

- E-Mail
- VoIP
- FTP, Telnet
- Newsgroups and Message Boards
- Netiquette

3. Computer Security, Ethics and Privacy

- Internet and Network Attacks (viruses, worms, Trojan Horses, Botnets, Back Doors, Spoofing, safeguards against Botnets, Back Doors and Spoofing, Firewalls)
- Software theft
- Information theft
- System failure
- Backing up
- Wireless security
- Information privacy (electronic profiles, cookies, spyware and adware, phishing, spam)
- Health concerns of computer use

4. Computer Practicals

- Windows 7, MS-Word 2007/2010, MS PowerPoint 2007

Suggested Readings:

(i) Shelly, Gary, Misty, Vermaat. 2008. *Discovering Computers: Fundamentals* (5th Edition). Cengage Learning.

(ii) Sinha, Pradeep Kumar, Sinha Priti. 2017. *Computer Fundamentals* (6th Edition). BPB Publications.

Course IV – (Phil/Ph.D/CC/104)**Literature Survey:**

Literature survey would be assessed on the basis of a 3000-5000 word critical essay of a philosophical classic or a contemporary work of a philosopher either in the Indian or western tradition, followed by presentation of the literature survey work. Evaluation would be done on the strength of the written material (Marks: 30) and the presentation (Marks: 20).