

MANIPUR UNIVERSITY, CACHIPUR  
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SYLLABUS FOR B.A. (GEN)

PHILOSOPHY

Undergraduate Course

B. A. V Semester  
Philosophy – Paper V (General)

**History of Western Philosophy**

Marks – 100  
Lectures – 90 (approx)

Unit: I Descartes:	Descartes' Method; <i>Cogito-ergo-sum</i> ; Relation between Mind and Body.	20 Marks 15 Lectures
Unit: II Locke and Berkeley:	Locke's criticism of Innate ideas; Theory of knowledge. Berkeley's Subjective Idealism.	25 Marks 25 Lectures
Unit: III Hume:	Theory of knowledge; Causation & Substance	20 Marks 15 Lectures
Unit: IV Kant:	Synthesis of Rationalism and Empiricism; Kant's Theory of Knowledge.	20 Marks 20 Lectures
Unit: V Logical Positivism:	The task of Philosophy; The Verification Principle; Elimination of Metaphysics.	
Existentialism:	The main features of Existentialism.	15 Marks 15 Lectures

**Text Books:**

1. Frank Thilly – *A History of Philosophy.*
2. A. J. Ayer – *Language, Truth and Logic.*
3. John Hospers – *An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis* (Relevant chapters).

**Reference Books:**

1. Bertrand Russell – *History of Western Philosophy.*
2. Thomas Flynn – *Existentialism.*

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B. A. VI Semester  
Philosophy – Paper VI (General)

Indian Philosophy

Marks – 100  
Lectures – 90 (approx)

Unit: I Nyaya:	Nature of Valid knowledge ( <i>Prama</i> ); Sources of Valid Knowledge ( <i>Pramanas</i> ) – Perception ( <i>Pratyaksa</i> ), Inference ( <i>Anumana</i> ), Comparison ( <i>Upamana</i> ) and Testimony ( <i>Sabda</i> ).	25 Marks 25 Lectures
Unit: II Vaisesika:	Theory of Categories ( <i>Padarthas</i> ) – Substance ( <i>Dravya</i> ), Quality ( <i>Guna</i> ), Action (Karma), Generality ( <i>Samanya</i> ), Particularity ( <i>Visesa</i> ), Inherence ( <i>Samavaya</i> ), Non-existence ( <i>Abhava</i> ).	15 Marks 10 Lectures
Unit: III Sankhya:	<i>Purusa</i> and <i>Prakrti</i> ; The <i>Sankhya</i> Theory of Causation.	15 Marks 15 Lectures
Unit: IV Yoga & Mimamsa:	The Eightfold means of <i>yoga</i> ; <i>Mimamsa</i> theory of knowledge.	20 Marks 15 Lectures
Unit: V Vedanta:	What is <i>Vedanta</i> ? Sources of <i>Vedanta</i> in the <i>Upanishads</i> ; Sankara's view on the world and the self.	25 Marks 25 Lectures

Text Books:

1. S. C. Chatterjee and D. M. Datta – *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy.*
2. C. D. Sharma – *A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy.*

Reference Books:

1. S. Radhakrishnan – *Indian Philosophy vol. II.*

**Text Books:**

1. **Ebenstein** – *Greek Political Thinkers*.
2. Ernest Barker – *Political Thought of Plato and Aristotle*.
3. G. H. Sabine – *A History of Political Thought*.
4. J. S. Mill – *On Liberty*.
5. John Rawls – *A Theory of Justice*.
6. John Mc Murtry – *The Structure of Marx's World-View*.

**Reference Books:**

1. Plato – *The Republic*.
  2. Aristotle – *Politics*.
  3. Hobbes – *Leviathan*.
  4. Locke – *An Essay Concerning the True Original, Extent and End of Civil Government*.
  5. Rousseau – *The Social Contract*.
  6. Mill – *Utilitarianism*.
  7. Marx – *Early Writings*.  
*Capital Vol. I*  
*Capital Vol. II*  
*Capital Vol. III*  
*Capital Vol. IV*
  8. Harld J. Laski (ed) – *The Communist Manifesto*.
  9. Amartya Sen – *The Idea of Justice*.
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**Philosophy**  
SIXTH SEMESTER  
Honours Paper/H-610  
**POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY**

Full Marks - 100  
Approx. Lect. - 90

- Unit I: Greek Political Philosophy: Plato and Aristotle.**  
Plato's Ideal Republic as a theoretical construct; Plato's theory of human nature; Theory of Justice; Plato's concept of Philosopher King and his reasons for the Rule of Philosopher King; Plato's Theory of Education.  
Aristotle's Theory of State, Justice, Citizenship, Government and Revolution.  
20 - Marks  
20 - Lectures
- Unit II: Political Philosophy: Hobbes, Locke and Rousseau.**  
Human Nature; The Social Contract; The General Will; Society and Government.  
20 - Marks  
15 - Lectures
- Unit III: Political Philosophy of John Stuart Mill.**  
Mill's Theory of the Growth of Civil Society; Mill's Defense of Individual Freedom; Mill's Defense of Freedom of Expression; Self and Other Regarding Acts; Public and Private Morality.  
15 - Marks  
15 - Lectures
- Unit IV: The Political Philosophy of Karl Marx;**  
Marx's Concept of Man, Nature and Technology; Marx's Concept of Economic Structure; Forces of Production and Relations of Production; The Notion of Contradiction between the Forces of Production and Relation of Production; The Base and the Superstructure Model; Theory of Alienation; The Revolution and the Class Struggle.  
25 - Marks  
20 - Lectures
- Unit V: Justice: Rawls' Theory of Justice:**  
The Role of Justice; The Subject of Justice; The Main Idea of the Theory of Justice; The Original Position and Justification. The Distinction between Utilitarian and the Contractarian Theory of Justice.  
20 - Marks  
20 - Lectures

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Philosophy

SIXTH SEMESTER

Honours Paper/H-609

**PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION**

Full Marks - 100

Approx. Lect. - 90

- Unit I:** The Nature and Scope of the Philosophy of Religion; Distinction between Natural and Revealed Religion; Origin and Development of Religion; Anthropological, Psychological and Historical theories.
- 25 - Marks  
25 - Lectures
- Unit II:** Nature and Attributes of God; Personality of God; God and the Absolute; Proofs for the Existence of God – Ontological, Cosmological, Teleological and Moral.
- 25 - Marks  
25 - Lectures
- Unit III:** God and His relation to the World and Man – Deism, Pantheism and Theism.
- 15 - Marks  
10 - Lectures
- Unit IV:** The Problem of Evil; Freedom and Immortality of the Self; Destiny of Man.
- 20 - Marks  
20 - Lectures
- Unit V:** Substitutes for Religion – Materialism, Marxism and Freudianism.
- 15 - Marks  
10 - Lectures

**Text Books:**

1. D.M. Edward – *Philosophy of Religion*.
2. John Hick – *Philosophy of Religion*.
3. Y. Masih – *Philosophy of Religion*.

**Reference Books:**

1. John Caird – *Philosophy of Religion*.

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SIXTH SEMESTER  
Honours Paper/H-608  
**INDIAN PHILOSOPHY II**

Full Marks - 100  
Approx. Lect. - 90

- Unit I: Nyāya:** Nature of knowledge (Pramā), Sources of valid knowledge (Pramānas) – Perception (Pratyakṣa), Inference (Anumāna), Comparison (Upamāna), and Testimony (Śabda).  
20 - Marks  
15 - Lectures
- Unit II: Vaiśeṣika:** Categories (Padārthas), Theory of the Creation and Destruction of the World.  
20 - Marks  
20 - Lectures
- Unit III: Sāṅkhya-Yoga:** The Sāṅkhya Theory of Causation, Evolution, Puruṣa and Prakṛti; The Yoga Psychology and Eightfold Means of Yoga.  
20 - Marks  
20 - Lectures
- Unit IV: Mīmāṃsā:** Theory of Knowledge and The Philosophy of Ritualistic Actions: The Conception of Duty (Dharma).  
15 - Marks  
15 - Lectures
- Unit V: Vedānta:** Brahman, Īśvara, Ātman, Jīva, Jagat, Māyā, Avidyā, Adhyāsa and Mokṣa with special reference to the Monism of Śaṅkara (Advaita) and the Qualified Monism of Rāmānuja (Viśiṣṭādvaita).  
25 - Marks  
20 - Lectures

**Text Books:**

1. S. C. Chatterjee and D. M. Dutta – *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy*.

**Reference Books:**

1. S. C. Chatterjee – *Nyāya Theory of Knowledge*.
2. D. M. Dutta – *Six Ways of Knowing*.
3. Cowell (English Translation) – *Udayana's Kusumāñjali*.
4. S. N. Dasgupta – *History of Indian Philosophy*.
5. Keith, A.B – *Karma Mīmāṃsā*.
6. S. Radhakrishnan – *Indian Philosophy, Vol. I and II*.

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FIFTH SEMESTER

Honours Paper/H-507

CONTEMPORARY WESTERN PHILOSOPHY

Full Marks - 100  
Approx. Lect. - 90

- Unit I: Historical background and development of Philosophical Analysis:**  
Linguistic turns: Ideal language and Ordinary language debate; Early realism;  
Logical atomism; Logical positivism; Ordinary language philosophy.  
20 - Marks  
10 - Lectures.
- Unit II: Method of Philosophical Analysis:**  
Moore: Concept of language and philosophy; Analysis of language; Common sense  
approach. Russell: Concept of language and philosophy; Analysis of language;  
Application of logic in philosophy.  
20 - Marks  
20 - Lectures
- Unit III: Theories of Meaning:**  
Frege's Reference theory of meaning; Russell's Denotative theory of meaning;  
Wittgenstein's Picture theory of meaning; Verification theory of meaning of Logical  
Positivists.  
30 - Marks  
25 - Lectures
- Unit IV: Logical Positivism:**  
Concept of philosophy; The task of philosophy; The Verification Principle; The  
Elimination of metaphysics.  
10 - Marks  
15 - Lectures
- Unit V: Existentialist Movements:**  
The Main feature of existentialism; Theistic and Atheistic existentialism; Existence  
precedes essence, Sartre's Philosophy of Being and Concept of freedom.  
20 - Marks  
20 - Lectures

**Text Books:**

1. B. R. Gross – *Analytic Philosophy*,
2. A.J. Ayer, et al. – *Revolution in Philosophy*, London, 1956.
3. A. C. Grayling -- *An Introduction to Philosophical Logic*, Oxford, 1997. (Chapter 7)

**Reference Books:**

1. G. J. Warnock – *English Philosophy since 1900*, OUP, London, 1958.
2. Simon Critchley – *Continental Philosophy*, OUP, Delhi, 2001.
3. J. O. Urmson – *Philosophical Analysis*, Oxford, 1956.
4. Thomas Flynn – *Existentialism*, OUP, Delhi, 2006.
5. M. K. Bhadra – *A Critical Survey of Phenomenology and Existentialism*, ICPR, Delhi, 1990.

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FIFTH SEMESTER

Honours Paper/H-506

**HISTORY OF WESTERN PHILOSOPHY II**

Full Marks - 100  
Approx. Lect. - 90

- Unit I:** Locke: Criticism of Innate Ideas, Origin of Knowledge, Nature and Validity of Knowledge, The Limits of Knowledge.  
20 - Marks  
15 - Lectures
- Unit II:** Berkeley: Rejection of Abstract Ideas, Theory of Knowledge, The Doctrine of *esse est percipi*.  
20 - Marks  
15 - Lectures
- Unit III:** Hume: Origin of Knowledge; Relation of Ideas and Matters of Facts; Relation of Cause and Effect; Knowledge of the External World.  
30 - Marks  
30 - Lectures
- Unit IV:** Kant: The Problem of Knowledge, The Distinction between Analytic and Synthetic Judgements, The Distinction between *a priori* and empirical knowledge; A priori synthetic judgements; The Theory of Sense Perception; The Theory of the Understanding; Phenomena and Noumena.  
30 - Marks  
30 - Lectures
- Unit V:** Hegel: The Problem of Philosophy, The Dialectical Method.  
15 - Marks  
15 - Lectures

**Text Books:**

1. Frank Thilly – *A History of Philosophy*.
2. Y. Masih – *A Critical History of Philosophy*.

**Reference Books:**

1. Richard Falckenberg – *History of Modern Philosophy*.
2. Frederick Copleston – *A History of Philosophy*.
3. Bertrand Russell – *History of Western Philosophy*.



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FIFTH SEMESTER

Honours Paper/H-505

**HISTORY OF WESTERN PHILOSOPHY I**

Full Marks - 100

Approx. Lect. - 90

**Unit I:** Scholasticism: Its characteristics and stages.

10 - Marks

10 - Lectures

**Unit II:** St. Augustine: Theory of Knowledge and Theology.

Thomas Aquinas: Philosophy and Theology; Theory of Knowledge.

10 - Marks

10 - Lectures

**Unit III:** Descartes: Method and Criticism of Knowledge; The Principle – *cogito ergo sum*; Existence of the External World; Relation between Mind and Body; The Theory of Innate Ideas.

30 - Marks

25 - Lectures

**Unit IV:** Spinoza: Substance, Attributes and Modes; Theory of Knowledge.

25 - Marks

20 - Lectures

**Unit V:** Leibnitz: The Doctrine of Monads; Theory of Knowledge; The Pre-established Harmony.

25 - Marks

25 - Lectures

**Text Books:**

1. Frank Thilly – *A History of Philosophy*
2. Y. Masih – *A Critical History of Western Philosophy*.

**Reference Books:**

1. Richard Falckenberg – *History of Modern Philosophy*.
2. Frederick Copleston – *A History of Philosophy*.
3. Bertrand Russell – *History of Western Philosophy*.

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FOURTH SEMESTER

Elective Paper/E1-404

MORAL PHILOSOPHY

Full Marks - 100  
Approx. Lect. - 90

- Unit I:** Nature and Scope of Ethics; Relation of Ethics to Religion, Politics and Law; Normative Ethics and Metaethics.  
15 - Marks  
10 - Lectures
- Unit II:** Moral and Non-moral Actions; The Nature of moral judgment; The Object of moral judgment; Moral obligations.  
15 - Marks  
10 - Lectures
- Unit III:** Theories of Moral Standard: Naturalistic and Non-naturalistic ethics; Hedonism; Utilitarianism; Intuitionism.  
20 - Marks  
20 - Lectures
- Unit IV:** The Moral Law as a Law of Reason; Kant's ethical theory; The Concept of Nishkama Karma; The Standard as Perfection; My Station and its Duties.  
25 - Marks  
25 - Lectures
- Unit V:** Value of Life; Suicide and Euthanasia; Theories of Punishment: Capital Punishment; Expression of Dissent; Terrorism; Moral attitude to the environment and animals.  
25 - Marks  
25 - Lectures

**Text Books:**

1. J. N. Sinha - *A Manual of Ethics*.
2. William Lillie - *An Introduction to Ethics*.
3. Peter Singer - *Practical Ethics*.

**Reference Books:**

1. J. S. Mackenzie - *A Manual of Ethics*.
2. William Frankena - *Ethics*.
3. S. Lokendrajit Singh - *On Who Is A Terrorist* published in the International Journal of World Affairs.

**Unit V: Syllogism:**

Aristotelean Syllogism; Standard Form Categorical Syllogism; The Rules or Axioms of Validity; General Theorems of the Syllogism; The Figures and Moods of the Syllogism; The Special Theorems and Valid Moods of the First, Second, Third and Fourth Figures. The Reduction of Syllogism; The Antilogism or Inconsistent Triad; Fallacies of Syllogism; Venn Diagram Proofs of Validity or Invalidity; Enthymems; Sorites.

20 - Marks

25 - Lectures

**Text Books:**

1. Irving M Copi and Carl Cohen – *An Introduction to Logic*.
2. Morris R. Cohen and Ernest Nagel – *An Introduction to Logic and Scientific Method*.

**Reference Books:**

1. Irving M Copi – *Symbolic Logic*.
2. Paul Tidman and Howard Kahne – *Logic and Philosophy: A Modern Introduction*.

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THIRD SEMESTER

Elective Paper/E1-303

LOGIC

Full Marks - 100

Approx. Lect. - 90

**Unit I: Logic as the study of arguments:**

Arguments: The nature of logical argument; Premises and Conclusions; Conclusion indicators and Premise indicators; Diagram for argument: Diagram for single argument; Diagram for simple arguments; Diagram for complex arguments; Truth and Validity.

15 - Marks

10 - Lectures

**Unit II: Sentences and Propositions:**

Word and Sentence; Letter and Word; Token and Type; Sentence Token and Sentence Type; Kinds of Sentences; Sentence and Meaning of sentence; Propositions: Distinction between a Proposition and a Sentence; Truth value of a Proposition; Kinds of Propositions: Simple and Compound Propositions – Conjunctive, Disjunctive, Implicative and Negative Propositions; Analysis of And, Either Or, If Then, Not; Singular Propositions; General propositions; Quantifiers: All, Some; AEIO Propositions; Terms and their distribution in AEIO.

15 - Marks

20 - Lectures

**Unit III: Formal Concepts:**

Form and Matter; Form of a Proposition; Variable; Propositional Variable; Function; Propositional Function; Formal Function; Truth Function: Conjunctive, Disjunctive, Alternative, Implicative, Negative; Paradoxes of Material Implication; Bi-conditional; Material Equivalence; Logical Equivalence; Truth Table: Argument Form; Tautologies, Contradictories and Contingencies; Truth Table Method of Proving the Validity of Arguments.

25 - Marks

20 - Lectures

**Unit IV: The Method of Deduction:**

Elementary valid argument forms; Formal Proof of Validity; The Rule of Conditional Proof; The Rule of Indirect Proof; Proofs of Tautologies; Proving Invalidity.

25 - Marks

15 - Lectures

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SECOND SEMESTER

Elective Paper/E1-202

INDIAN PHILOSOPHY I

Full Marks - 100  
Approx. Lect. - 90

**Unit I:** Meaning and Scope of Indian Philosophy; Heterodox and Orthodox Schools; The Common Characters of Indian Schools; Pessimism and Dogmatism in Indian Philosophy.

20 - Marks  
15 - Lectures

**Unit II:** Cārvāka: Theory of Knowledge, Materialism, Ethics.

15 - Marks  
10 - Lectures

**Unit III:** Jainism: Concept of Reality, Theory of judgment (Syādvāda), Ethics.

25 - Marks  
25 - Lectures

**Unit IV:** Buddhism: The Four Noble Truths, The Eightfold Noble Path (astāngikamārga), The Theory of Conditional Existence of Things (Pratītyasamutpāda), The Theory of Non-existence of Soul (anātmavāda)

25 - Marks  
25 - Lectures

**Unit V:** Schools of Buddhism:

Madhyamika: Sūnyavāda; Yogacara; Vijñānavāda; Sautrantika and  
Vaibhasika: The Process of Knowing the World (Bāhyānumeyavāda and  
Bāhyapratyaksavāda)

15 - Marks  
15 - Lectures

**Text Books:**

1. S. C. Chatterjee and D. M. Dutta - *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy*.
2. M. Hiriyanna - *Outlines of Indian Philosophy*.

**Reference Books:**

1. S. Radhakrishnan - *Indian Philosophy, Vol. I & II*.
2. S. N. Dasgupta - *History of Indian Philosophy*.
3. C. D. Sharma - *A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy*.

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Syllabus for Bachelor of Philosophy  
(Semester System)

FIRST SEMESTER  
Elective Paper/E1-101

GREEK PHILOSOPHY

Full Marks - 100  
Approx. Lect. - 90

- Unit I:** The Ionics: Thales – Theory of Reality; The Pythagoreans: Number Theory and Ethics; The Eleatics: Parmenides – Sense and Reason, Ontology.  
20 - Marks  
15 - Lectures
- Unit II:** Heracleitus: Change and Permanence; The Atomists: Democritus – Theory of Particles; The Sophists: Protagoras – Theory of Knowledge.  
20 - Marks  
12 - Lectures
- Unit III:** Socrates: The Socratic Problem. The Socratic Method.  
10 - Marks  
5 - Lectures
- Unit IV:** Plato: Theory of Knowledge, Theory of Ideas, Doctrine of Immortality, Ethics.  
25 - Marks  
28 - Lectures
- Unit V:** Aristotle: Theory of Categories, Criticism of Platonic Theory of Ideas, Metaphysics, The Four Causes.  
25 - Marks  
30 - Lectures

**Text Books:**

1. W.T. Stace – *A Critical History of Greek Philosophy*.
2. Frank Thilly – *A History of Philosophy*.

**Reference Books:**

1. Frederick Copleston – *A History of Philosophy*, Vol. I Part I and Part II.
2. Leonard Nelson – *Socrates Method and Critical Philosophy*.
3. Karl Popper – *The Pre-Socratics*.