

B.A. (Hons.) Philosophy Syllabus
CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM (CBCS)

S.C.S. (A) College, Puri



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CBCS - B.A. Philosophy (Hons.) Syllabus

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For Admission Batch 2017-18
C.B.C.S. SYLLABUS
PHILOSOPHY

B. A. (Hons.)

Total Number of Semesters	: 06
Total Number of Core Courses	: 14
Credit Point	: 04 (each)
Marks for each Paper 100	: (mid Semester 20 + End Semester 80 No of Classes: 50 each

Core Course (Philosophy)

First Year

SEMESTER – I

Paper – I	:	General Philosophy
Paper – II	:	Logic & Scientific Method

SEMESTER – II

Paper – III	:	Systems of Indian Philosophy (I)
Paper – IV	:	Symbolic Logic

Second Year

SEMESTER – III

Paper – V	:	Systems of Indian Philosophy (II)
Paper – VI	:	Ethics (Western)
Paper – VII	:	History of Greek Philosophy

SEMESTER – IV

Paper – VIII	:	Contemporary Indian Philosophy
Paper – IX	:	History of Modern European Philosophy
Paper – X	:	Philosophy of Language

Third Year

SEMESTER – V

Paper – XI : Study of Western Classics : Meditations of
Rene Descartes

Paper – XII : Indian Text: Isa Upanisad

SEMESTER – VI

Paper – XIII : Social & Political Philosophy

Paper – XIV : Applied Ethics

Discipline Specific Elective (DSE)

Marks: 100 x 2 (To choose any two)

SEMESTER – V

Paper – I : Philosophy of Bhagbad Gita

Paper – II : Philosophy of Religion (Compulsory)

SEMESTER – VI

(To choose any two) 100 x 2 = 200

Paper – I : Project & Seminar (Compulsory)

Paper – II : Study of Major Religions of the World

GENERIC ELECTIVE (GE)

First Year & Second Year

First Semester & Third Semester

Paper – I : Symbolic Logic (F. M. 100)

First Year & Second Year

Second Semester & Fourth Semester

Paper II : Indian Philosophy (F. M. 100)

C.B.C.S. PATTERN

U. G. Arts Philosophy Core Course

First Year / Semester-I / Paper-I

F. M.: 20 + 80 = 100

Credits: 04

GENERAL PHILOSOPHY

- UNIT – I** : Definition, Nature and Function of Philosophy, Philosophy in relation to other modes of thinking like science and Religion
- UNIT – II** : Problems of Being : Monism and Pluralism
Realism: (a) Naive Realism (b) Representative Realism (Locke),
Idealism : Meaning, Esse est Percipi (Berkeley)
- UNIT – III** : Problems of Knowledge: What is Knowledge? Sources of Knowledge: Empiricism, Rationalism
- UNIT – IV** : Problems of Ethics : (1) Theories of Goodness : The Good and the Evil (2) Theories of Conduct : Egoism and Altruism
- UNIT – V** : Problems of Metaphysics:
1) Substance and Universal
2) Mind and Body

Basic Study Materials:

1. John Hospers - An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis
2. G. T. W. Patrick - Introduction to Philosophy
3. G. W. Cunningham - Problems of Philosophy
4. B. Russell - Problems of Philosophy
5. D. W. Hamlyn - Metaphysics
6. Richard Taylor - Metaphysics

FIRST YEAR U. G. CORE COURSE

SEMESTER – I

PAPER – II: Logic & Scientific Method

Full Marks: 20 + 80 = 100

Credit Points: 04

- UNIT – I** : Definition of Logic, Deductive & Inductive Arguments, Validity & Soundness of Arguments, Laws of Thought
- UNIT – II** : Classification of Propositions (from Quality & quantity stand point) Distribution of terms, Square of Oppositions, Existential Import of Propositions, Interpretation of Categorical Propositions
- UNIT – III** : Inference – Immediate Inference (Conversion & Observation) Mediate Inference (Syllogism) : Figure & Moods, Testing Validity of Arguments by syllogistic Rules
- UNIT – IV** : Inductive Reasoning & Scientific Enquiry
(a) Laws of Causation – Meaning & Definition cause and condition, Qualitative & Quantitative Marks of Causation
(b) Mills Experimental Methods
- UNIT – V** : Science & Probability : (a) Scientific Explanation and Unscientific explanation (b) Hypothesis & Confirmation

Recommended Books:

1. Copi, Cohen & MacMahan – Introduction to Logic (14th Edition)
2. Cohen & Nagel – Introduction to Logic & Scientific Method
3. Alex Rosenberg – Philosophy of Science : A Cont. Introduction
4. W. Kneale – Probability & Introduction
5. John Hospers – Philosophical Analysis

SEMESTER-II / Paper-III / Phil. Core
SYSTEMS OF INDIAN PHILOSOPHY (I)

Full Mark: 20 + 80 = 100

Credit Points: 04

- UNIT – I** : Salient Features of Indian Philosophy, Astika & Nastika systems, Basic concepts like Rta, Rna, Purusartha, Law of Karma
- UNIT – II** : Carvakas – Epistemology and Metaphysics (Lokayatamata)
- UNIT – III** : Jainism – Syadvada, Anekantavada Jaina ethics (concept of Triratna)
- UNIT – IV** : Buddhism – Four Noble Truths, Doctrine of Momentariness, Dependant Origination, No Soul Theory, Nirvana
- UNIT – V** : Samkhya Dualistic System : Purusa, Prakriti, Theory of Causation, Theory of Evolution

Books Recommended:

1. G. C. Nayak (ODIA) - Bharatiya Darshana
2. B. B. Choudhury (ODIA) - Bharatiya Darshanara Ruparekha (Trans.) of M. Hiriyana's Outline of Indian Philosophy
3. Dutta & Chatterjee – An Introduction to Indian Philosophy
4. C. D. Sharma – A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy
5. R. K. Puligandla – Fundamentals of Indian Philosophy
6. S. Radhakrishnan – Indian Philosophy, Vol. I / II
7. J. N. Sinha – Indian Philosophy

SEMESTER-II / Paper-IV / Phil. Core
SYMBOLIC LOGIC

Full Mark: 20 + 80 = 100
Credit Points: 04

Books Prescribed: Basson & O' Corner: Introduction to Symbolic Logic

UNIT – I	Chapter – I	Introduction
	Chapter – II	The Calculus of Propositions
UNIT – II	Chapter – III	Calculus of Propositions (Sec 1 to 60)
UNIT – III	Chapter – III	Calculation of Propositions (Sec 7 to 9)
UNIT – IV	Chapter – V	The Elements of Predicate Calculus (Section 1 to 9)
UNIT – V	Appendix	(Sec-1 to Sec-4)

2nd Year U. G. Philosophy (Core)

SEMESTER – III

Paper – V / Phil. (Core)

SYSTEMS OF INDIAN PHILOSOPHY (II)

F. M.: 20 + 80 = 100

Credits: 04

UNIT – I	:	Yoga system of Patanjali: Citta Vriti Nirodha and Astanga Yoga
UNIT – II	:	Nyaya: Pramanas Vaisesika: Categories (Padarthas)
UNIT – III	:	Upanisadic view of Atman and Brahman Vidya & Avidya, Para Vidya & Apar Vidya
UNIT – IV	:	Sankara's View on Maya, Jiva, Isvara & Brahman and Liberation (Jivanmukti & Videhamukti)
UNIT – V	:	Ramanuja – Refutation of Sankara's view of Maya, Concept of Brahman, Jiva and Liberation

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2. B. B. Choudhury (ODIA) (Trans.) - Bharatiya Darshanara Ruparekha
3. Dutta & Chatterjee – An Introduction to Indian Philosophy
4. J. N. Sinha – Indian Philosophy
5. R. K. Puligandla – Fundamentals of Indian Philosophy
6. S. Radhakrishnan – Indian Philosophy (Vol. I & II)

7. J. N. Sinha – Indian Philosophy

SEMESTER – III / Paper-VI / Ethics (Western)

Full Mark: 20 + 80 = 100

Credit Points: 04

- UNIT – I** : Definition, Nature & Scope of Ethics.
Ethics in relation to Politics, Sociology and Religion
- UNIT – II** : Distinction between moral and non-moral action Moral Judgment and
factual judgment, subject or Moral judgment
- UNIT – III** : Utilitarianism, Hedonism
- UNIT – IV** : Rigorism, Perfectionism
- UNIT – V** : Theories of punishment; Retributive, Reformative and Preventive theory

Books for Reference:

1. J. N. Sinha – A Manual of Ethics
2. W. Frankena – Ethics
3. I. C. Sharma – Indian Ethics

SEMESTER – III Paper – VII / Phil. (Core)
HISTORY OF GREEK PHILOSOPHY

F. M.: 20 + 80 = 100
Credits: 04

- UNIT – I** : Nature of Greek Philosophy: What is Philosophy? Origin, development and salient features of early Green Thought
- UNIT – II** : Pre-Socratic Thought : The Being of Thales, Becoming of Heraclitus and Atomism of Democritus
- UNIT – III** : Socrates : Problem before Socrates, Dialectical method, epistemology of Socrates and ethics
- UNIT – IV** : Plato : Theory of Idea, Theory of Knowledge and Theory of Soul
- UNIT – V** : Aristotle : A Critique of Plato, Theory of Form and Matter, Theory of Causation

Suggested Readings:

1. W. T. Stace - Greek Philosophy
2. Burnet - Greek Philosophy
3. Y. Masih - A Critical History of Philosophy
4. F. Thilly - A History of Philosophy
5. B. Russell - A History of Western Philosophy
6. B. A. G. Fuller - A History of Green Philosophy

Semester – IV

U. G. Arts Core (Philosophy) Paper - VIII

CONTEMPORARY INDIAN PHILOSOPHY

F. M.: 20 + 80 = 100
Credits: 04

Unit-I : R. N. Tagore : God and Reality, Nature of Religion Man and his destiny

Unit – II : Swami Vivekananda : Concept of Man and his Destiny, Practical Vedanta, Universal Religion

Unit-III : Sri Aurovindo: Nature of World, Maya, Theory of Evolution, Satchidananda, Integral Yoga

Unit-IV : M. K. Gandhi: Truth, God, Non-violence, Satyagraha and Sarvodaya

Unit-V : S. Radhakrishnan : Concept of Man, Reality, Intellect & Institution Religion

Basic Study Materials:

- (1) B. K. Lal – Contemporary Indian Philosophy
- (2) T. M. P. Mahadevan & V. Saroja – Contemporary Indian Philosophy
- (3) H. Sahoo (ed.) – Contemporary Indian Philosophy

Semester – IV Paper – IX

(HISTORY OF MODERN EUROPEAN PHILOSOPHY)

F. M. : 20 + 80 = 100
Credits : 04

- Unit-I** : Bacon – Theory of Idola, Inductive Method
Descartes – Universal Doubt, Cogito-ergo-sum, Existence of God,
Interactionism
- Unit – II** : Spinoza – Substance, Attribute and Modes Psycho-physical parallelism
Leibnitz – Theory of Monads, pre-established Harmony
- Unit-III** : Locke : Refutation of Innate Ideas, Sources of Knowledge
Berkeley : Subjective Idealism, Esse-est-Percipi
- Unit-IV** : Hume – Impression & Ideas, Scepticism, Theory of Causality
- Unit-V** : Kant – Reconciliation between Empiricism and Rationalism, Possibility
of Synthetic Apriori Judgement Space & Time

Books Prescribed

1. Y. Masih – History of Western Philosophy
2. H. Ray & G. Das – (O) Paschatya Darshanara Itihasa
3. Fran Thilly – A History of Philosophy
4. Ira Sengupta – A History of Western Philosophy
5. B. Russell – History of Western Philosophy
6. Barlingay & Kulkarni – A critical survey of Western Philosophy

Semester – IV (Philosophy Core)

Paper – X (PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE)

F. M.: 20 + 80 = 100
Credits: 04

- Textual Study** : John Hospers – An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis
- Unit-I** : Word – Meaning : Meaning of the word “Meaning” Ambiguity and vagueness
- Unit – II** : Definitions : Denotative, Connotative, & Ostensive Defining and Accompanying characteristics Stipulative & Reportive Definition, Persuasive definition
- Unit-III** : Sentence – Meaning : Proposition and sentence word-meaning and sentence – meaning, criteria of sentence – meaning
- Unit –IV** : Analytic – synthetic, a priori – a posteriori, distinction, logical possibility and impossibility.
- Unit – V** : Concept ; Nature and source
Truth : Correspondence, Coherence and Truth as it “Works”

B.A. (Hons)

Semester – V / Paper – XI

F.M. 20+80 = 100

3rd Year

Study of Western Classic

Credits -04

[Meditations of Rene Descartes]

Unit-I	Meditation – I	Sceptical Doubts
	Meditation – II	Cogito ergo sum, Sum res cogitans The wax Argument
Unit – II	Meditation – III	Clear and distinct perceptions Theory of Ideas, Existence of God
Unit-III	Meditation – IV	God is no Deceiver, Will, Intellect and Possibility of Error
Unit – IV	Meditation – V	Essence of Material Things, Existence of God
Unit – V	Meditation – VI	Mind-body Dualism, Primary & Secondary Quality

Book Recommended

1. Rene Descartes - Meditations on First Philosophy
2. Rae Langton - A study guide to Descartes Meditations
3. Amelie Rorty - Essays on Descartes Meditations

ISA UPANISADS WITH SANKARA’S COMMENTARY

- Unit-I** What are Upanisads, place of Upanisads in Indian Philosophy and
 Culture – Isa Upanisad
- Unit – II** Mantra 1 to 44
- Unit-III** Mantra 5 to 9
- Unit – IV** Mantra 10 to 14
- Unit – V** Mantra 15 to 18

Basic Study Materials:

1. The Isa Upanisad with Sankara’s Commentary
2. S. Radhakrishnan - The Principal Upanisad
3. Satyavadi Mishra - Central Philosophy of the Upanisads

SOCIAL & POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

- Unit-I** Sociality, Social Science & Social Laws Philosophy of Social Science – Relation between Individual society (Mechanical, Organic and Idealistic view)
- Unit – II** Political Ideals – Justice, Liberty, Equality, Equality
Political Doctrines – Humanism, Secularism Feminism, Philosophy
Ecology
- Unit-III** Democratic Ideals: Democratic Government, Conditions for successful functioning of Democracy.
- Unit – IV** Political Ideologies (a) Anarchism (b) Marxism (C) Sarvodaya
- Unit – V** Social progress: Human Rights: Origin and development,
Declaration of Human Rights : Theory and Practice

Basic for Suggested Readings:

1. O.P. Gauba – An Introduction to Political Philosophy
2. J. Sinha – Outlines of Political Philosophy
3. D.D. Raphael – Problems of Political Philosophy
4. Krishna Ray & Chhanda Gupta – Essays in Social & Political Philosophy
5. M.K. Gandhi – Hind Swaraj

+3 IIIrd Year B.A.

SEMESTER – VI

F.M. 20 + 80 = 100

PAPER - XIV APPLIED ETHICS

- Unit – I** What is Applied Ethics : Nature & Scope of applied ethics – Ethical Theories – Deontology, Utilitarianism, Relativism and Subjectivism
- Unit – II** **Taking Life : Animals** – Animals Rights, Reverence for life, killing of animals
- Unit – III** **Taking Life : Humans** – Euthanasia : Types Abortion
- Unit – IV** Environmental Ethics : Relation between man and nature, Anthropocentrism, Non-Anthropocentrism
Western Tradition – Responsibility for Future Generation, Deep Ecology
- Unit – V** Professional Ethics : (a) Business ethics – Rights and obligations, justice & honesty in ethics.
(b) Bio-medical Ethics – Hippocratic Oath, Rights and obligations of Health – care Professionals, Doctor- Patient-Relationship

Books Recommended

1. Peter Singer – Practical Ethics
2. J. Jagadev – Biomedical Ethics
3. Tom Regan – Animal Rights
4. J.P. Thirou – Ethics : Theory & Practice

Discipline Specific Elective (DSE)

Semester – V

Paper – I

(Credits 4/ F.M. 100)

THE PHILOSOPHY OF BHAGBAD GITA

- Unit – I** The Bhagabad Gita: Concept of Yoga, Concept of life and death.
- Unit – II** Karma & Karmaphala in the Bhagabad Gita, classification of Karma :
Karma, Akarma, Vikarma
- Unit- III** Concepts like Jnana & Vijnana, Ksara and Aksara, Uttama Purusa in
Bhagabad Gita.
- Unit – IV** Chapter XVIII (Verse 1 to 36) with Sankara’s commentary
- Unit – V** Chapter 18 (Verse 37-78) with Sankara’s Commentary

Basic Study Materials:

1. S.Radhakrishnan (Trans. & Ed) - The Bhagabad Gita
2. S.C. Panigrahi - Concept of Yoga in the Gita
3. A.G.K. Warrior (Trans.) - Srimad Bhagabad Gita Bhasya of Sri Sankaracharya
4. K.M. Munshi & R.R. Diwakar - Bhagabad Gita & Modern Life
5. P.N. Srinivasachari - The Ethical Philosophy of the Gita

Paper – II Philosophy of Religion (DSE-II)

Basic Text John Hick – Philosophy of Religion

- Unit – I** Introduction to Philosophy of Religion Judaism – Christian Concept of
God (Chapter – 1)
- Unit – II** Grounds for belief in existence of God (Chapter – 2)
- Unit – III** Grounds for belief against existence of God (Chapter – 3)
- Unit – IV** The Problem of Evil (Chapter – 4)
- Unit- V** Conflicting Truth Claims of different Religions (Chapter – 9) Religious
Pluralism

Books for Reference

1. Y. Masih- Introduction to Religious Philosophy
2. Arvind Sharma – Philosophy of Religion

DSE
Semester – VI
Paper – III
Study of Major Religions of the World

- UNIT– I** Sanatan Dharma: Basic features of Sanatan Dharma, The Conception of Man (amritasya Putra), His Pursuits: Dharma , Artha, Kama & Moksa
- UNIT – II** Buddhism: Basic features of Buddhism, Four noble truths, Eight-fold Path, Nirvana
- UNIT – III** Jainism: Three Gems, Five Vows, Liberation
- UNIT – IV** Christianity: Basic features, God, World ,Salvation
- UNIT – V** Islam: Basic features, Man, God & Human Destiny

Suggested Readings:

1. Y. Masih - A Comparative Study of Religions
2. Lloyd Ridgeon - Major World Religions
3. K. N.Tiwary - Comparative Religion
4. A. R. Mohapatra – Comparative Religion

SEMESTER – VI

PAPER - IV

Project & Seminar (Compulsory)

Full Mark: 100

Project: 70 Marks - (Dissertation 40 Marks + Viva 30 Marks)

Seminar: 30 Marks

The student has to prepare a project of his own selecting a topic from Philosophical Perspective in consultation with a teacher. He / She has to prepare a dissertation of 40 marks which will be evaluated by an external examiner and he / she will face a viva- voice test (30 marks) by an external examiner along with his / her supervisor of the concerned project. There will be a seminar paper for each student of 30 marks.

**First Year &
Second Year**

GENERIC ELECTIVE (GE)

**F.M. 100
(20+80)**

**First Semester &
Third Semester**

Paper – I (Symbolic Logic)

Credits: 04

**Text - (Basson & O. Conner)
Introduction to Symbolic Logic**

Unit – I	Ch- Introductory Ch-II The Calculus of Propositions
Unit – II	Ch-III The Calculus of Propositions (Sec 1 to 6)
Unit – III	Ch-III The Calculus of Propositions (Sec 7 to 9)
Unit – IV	Ch- V The Elements of Predicate Calculus
Unit- V	Appendix Sec 1 to Sec - 4

**First Year &
Second Year**

Paper – II

F.M. 100 (20+80)

**Second Sem. &
Fourth
Semester**

INDIAN PHILOSOPHY

Credits 04

Unit – I	Salient features of Indian Philosophy and key concepts Carvaka – Epistemology, Metaphysics Jainism – Syadvada & Anekantavada
Unit – II	Buddhism – Four Noble Truth, Doctrine of Dependent Origination, No Soul Theory, Nirvana
Unit – III	Samkhya – Purusa, Prakriti, Evolution Yoga – Patanjali’s Citta Vritti Nirodha, Astanga Yoga
Unit – IV	Nyaya – Theory of Inference Vaisesika – Padarthas (Categories)
Unit- V	Samkara – Brahman, Atman, Maya & Liberation Ramanyan – Brahman, Atman, Maya & Liberation

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1. Dutta & Chatterjee – An Introduction to Indian Philosophy
2. C. D. Sharma – A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy
3. G. C. Nayak (O) Bharatiya Darshana
4. B. B. Choudhury (O) (Trs.) – Bharatiya Darshanara Ruparekha