

University of Kalyani
Department of Philosophy

Syllabus for the CBCS System

What is CBCS System?

1. A Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) offers a flexible system of learning. The system permits students to learn according at their own pace, choose electives from a wide range of courses & adopt an interdisciplinary approach in learning.
2. The M.A. degree will be awarded to students who complete a total of 64 credits in a minimum of two years for completing on an average 16 credits per semester.
3. A course of 4 Credits is like a full paper of 100 marks.
4. A student may offer courses equivalent 25% credits during each semester from any other department than the one where she/he is registered. In case a student wishes to take all courses from the parent department she/he can also do so.
5. The Departmental Council will decide eligibility norms for students from other departments offering courses at the department.
6. Regular students can offer extra courses from their own department or from other departments. In such cases, students shall specify the Extra Credits and this will be so noted on their Grade sheets. However, the grades of the Extra credits shall NOT be counted for arriving at Grade Point Average (GPA)
7. Courses of Programme will be two kinds: Core and Elective. For Example-

<u>Course Type</u>	<u>Course Code</u>	<u>Credits</u>
Philosophy Hard Core	PHC	A minimum of 40
Philosophy Elective Core	PEC	A minimum of 24

M.A. (Philosophy) Syllabus

The two years M.A. Course in Philosophy shall be divided into four semesters. There shall be 4 courses (papers) in each semester. A student shall be required to complete all 16 courses within 4 semesters each of six months duration having a total of 64 credits. Each of the courses will be of 100 marks (60 marks for written semester-end examination & 40 marks for class-test) and there shall be 4 credits for each course.

Eight (8) **Philosophy Hard Core Courses** (SHC) (4 each for 1st & 2nd Semesters) offered by the department are compulsory for all students. For the 3rd Semester the student has to choose two (2) **Philosophy Elective Core** courses (PEC) along with two (2) PHC and last of all, they have to choose four (4) PEC for the 4th Semesters. The registration for the courses offered by the students will be held up to fifteen days after the start of the semester.

M.A. 1 st Semester	:	4 PHC
M.A. 2 nd Semester	:	4 PHC
M.A. 3 rd Semester	:	2 PHC + 2 PEC
M.A. 4 th Semester	:	4 PEC

16 Courses (4 x 16 = 64 Credits)

Syllabus
M.A. (Part I: Semester I)

Sl. No.	Name of the Course	<u>Marks</u>	<u>Credits</u>
PHC 101	Indian Ethics	100	4
PHC 102	Western Ethics	100	4
PHC 103	Indian Logic	100	4
PHC 104	Western Logic	100	4

M.A. (Part I: Semester II)

Sl. No.	Name of the Course	<u>Marks</u>	<u>Credits</u>
PHC 105	Indian Epistemology	100	4
PHC 106	Western Epistemology	100	4
PHC 107	Indian Metaphysics	100	4
PHC 108	Classical Western Philosophical Texts	100	4

M.A. (Part II: Semester III)

Sl. No.	Name of the Course	<u>Marks</u>	<u>Credits</u>
PHC 109	Philosophy of Language (Indian)	100	4
PHC 110	Philosophy of Language (Western)	100	4

Select Any Two from the Elective Core Course [08 Credits]

M.A. (Part II: Semester IV)

Select Any Four from the Elective Core Course [16 Credits]

Select From the Elective Core Course

			<u>Marks</u>	<u>Credits</u>
PEC	201	Western Logic	100	4
PEC	202	<i>Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika</i>	100	4
PEC	203	Buddhism	100	4
PEC	204	<i>Vedānta</i>	100	4
PEC	205	Comparative Religion	100	4
PEC	206	Social & Political Philosophy	100	4
PEC	207	Phenomenology and Existentialism	100	4
PEC	208	Applied Ethics	100	4
PEC	209	Modern Indian Thought	100	4
PEC	210	Post Hegelian Western Thought	100	4
PEC	211	Analytic Philosophy	100	4
PEC	212	Contemporary Philosophy	100	4

Scheme of Examination & Evaluation

1. Bengali & English shall be the medium of instruction and examination.
2. Examinations shall be conducted in the courses taught in each semester at the end of that semester as per the Academic Calendar notified by the University of Kalyani.
3. Each course will carry 100 marks and 4 (four) credits.
4. No candidate will be deemed to have pursued a regular course of study in the M.A. course in Philosophy, unless she/he has attended 75% of lectures delivered in the semester and has submitted total written assignments in that semester.
5. The scheme and mode of evaluation applicable to non-Philosophy students taking courses in the Department will be the same as that applicable to the regular students of the Department.
6. The M.A. Examination in Philosophy will have two components: -
 - i) **Continuous and Comprehensive Assessment & Earning of Credits: -**
Continuous and Comprehensive assessment would be an integral part of CBCS. A continuous assessment system in semester system will be spread through the duration of course and will be done by the teacher teaching the course. The assessment will be done through various including:
 - Written test (MCQ may be)
 - Project
 - Seminar
 - ii) Continuous Internal Assessment will carry maximum of 40 marks [20 marks for written test, 20 marks for Project & 20 marks for seminar presentation. Best two of the three will be considered] in each course.
 - iii) The component (C_1), of assessment will be for 20 marks for each course. During the first half of the semester, the first 50% of the syllabus will be completed. This shall be consolidated during 8th week of the semester.
 - iv) The second component (C_2), assessment will be 20 marks for each course. The continuous assessment and scores of second half of the semester will be consolidated during the 16th week of the semester.

- v) During 18th – 20th week of the semester, a semester-end examination shall be conducted for each course. The third/final component of assessment (C₃) and the maximum marks for the final component will be 60 marks for each. Thus the weightage of the end of semester evaluation shall be 60 in each course.
- vi) In case of a course with only practical component a practical examination will be conducted with both internal and external examination, if external examiner does not turn up then both the examiners will be internal examiners. The duration for semester-end practical examination shall be decided by the departmental council.
- vii) In case a candidate secures less than 40% in C₁ and C₂ put together in a course, the candidate is said to have DROPPED that course, and such a candidate is not allowed to appear for C₃.

M.A. (Part I: Semester I) Detailed Syllabus

Course PHC 101: Indian Ethics

4 Credits

1. Introduction Possibility of Indian Ethics
2. *satya, ṛta, ṛna, āśramadharmā, yajña, yoga, kṣema, yoga pancaśīla, brahmavihāra, anubrata, mahābharata, vidhivākya,*
3. The concept of *dharma* (View of *Manu, Praśastapāda* and *Ramānuja*)/ *Dharma Ethics and Moral Dilemma in Mahābhārata*
4. *karmayoga, svādharmā, lokasaṃgrahaḥ* from *Bhagavadgītā*
5. The meaning of *chodanā, Vidhivākya*
6. The conception of *apūrva*
7. *yama* and *niyama* of Yoga philosophy
8. *sadhyasadhana, itikarttavyatā, vidhi, niṣedha, arthasaṃgrahaḥ* of *Laugakṣi Bhāskara*

Recommend Texts

1. *Gita with Saṅkara-Bhāṣya and Gūdarthadīpikā*
2. *Manusaṃhitā*
3. *Praśastapādabhāṣya*
4. *Arthasaṃgrahaḥ*
5. *Mahābhārater Caturvarga*
6. *B. K. Matilal, Epics and Ethics, OUP*

Course PHC 102: Western Ethics

4 Credit

1. *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals: Immanuel Kant*
(Selected Portion Translate and Edited by H.J.Paton)
2. **Some ethical issues:**
 - 2.01. Applied Ethics
 - 2.01.1 Environment Ethics
 - a. Indian perspective
 - i) The significance of Indian tradition in environmental ethics.
 - ii) Environmental issues in India.
 - b. Western perspective
 - i) Bio-diversity
 - ii) Deep Ecology

2.02. Utilitarianism: Mill and later developments

2.03. Rights and justice/ Philosophy of Human Rights

Suggested Readings:

(The final list of readings will be distributed by course instructor in the first week of the semester)

- *Cultural Heritage of India* (Vol : III)- The article entities ‘Indian Ethics’ by Haridas Bhattacharyya.
- *Moral Dilemmas in the Mahābhārata* :B.K.Motilal (ed)
- *Nīti, Jukti O Dharmab* (in Bengali) :B.K.Motilal
- *The Ethics of Hindus* :S.K.Maitra
- *Philosophy of Hindu Sādhanā* :N.K.Bharma
- *Karma, Causation and Retributive Morality* : R.Prasad
- *Srimadbhagavadgītā Rahasya* : B.G.Tilak
- *Ethical Philosophies of India* : I.C.Sharma
- *Development of Moral Philosophy in India* : Surama Dasgupta
- *Mahabharate Caturvarga* : Sukhamay Bhattacharya
- *Practical Ethics* : Peter Singer
- *Varṇadharma, Niṣkāmakarma and Practical Morality* : Rajendra Prasad
- *Kathāy Karmer Ethics* : Somnath Chakraborty (Chapter- 6 only)
- *Bhārtīya Dharma Nīti* : (ed)Amita Chatterjee
- *Immanuel Kant’s Theory* : R.Sullivan
- *Immanuel Kant :Critique of Practical Reason And other Writing in Moral Philosophy* :(ed.And Tranas)Lewis White Beck
- *Kant : -A Collection of Critical Essays* : R.P. Wolff (ed)
- *An Introduction to Kant’s Ethics*: R. Sullivan
- *The Categorical Imperative: A Study in Kant’s Moral Philosophy* : H.J.Paton
- Peter Singer: *Practical Ethics; Ethics: Theory and Practice*: Y. V. Satyanarayana,
- *Medical Ethics: Principles and Problems (Lambert)*: Y. V. Satyanarayana

- *Naitikatār Adhibidyār Mulsutrer Ālochanā* (A translation in Bengali of Kant’s Groundwork) :Apala Chakraborty.
- *Kānter Nīti-darśan* :Sikha Ghosal
- *Kānter Nīti-darśan* :Sekh Abdul Owahab

Course PHC 103: Indian Logic

4 credits

1. *Bhāṣaparicchedaḥ* with *Muktāvalī* : *Anumānakhandā* (*Karikā*- 66 to 78)
2. *Nyāyavindu*: Definition, classification of *anumāna*; *pramāṇa-phalavyāvasthā*; three types of *liṅga*; definition of *pakṣa asapakṣa*; eleven types of *anupalabdhi* and object of *anumāna*; *hetvābhāsa*

Recommend Texts:

1. *Bhāṣaparicchedaḥ*(*Anumānakhandā*)
2. *Nyāyavindu* ((*Anumānakhandā*)
3. *Tarkasaṁgrahaḥ*
4. *The Concept of Logical Fallacies* : N.Bandopadhyay.
5. *Navya Nyāye Anumiti* : Sabtia Misra

Course PHC 104: Western Logic

4 Credits

1. *Symbolic Logic* (5th Edition)—Irving M.Copi.Chapter-3, 4, 5
(Section 5.1)
Appendix B: Normal Forms & Boolean Expansion.
2. *Formal Logic: Its Scope and Limits* (1st Edition) –
: R. Jeffrey [Chapter – 2, 3, 4, 6]
3. *Methods of Logic* – W.V.O Quine, Part-1 Truth Function
(Chapter-5 to 7, 9)
Part-II General Term Function (chapt.-18 to 19, 22 to 24)

Suggested Further Readings:

- *Beginning Logic*: E.J.Lemmon
- *The Elements of Formal Logic*: G. E. Hughes & D.G.Londay
- *Sāṅketic Yuktivijñāna* (Volumes I, II, III): Ramaprasad Das
- *Logic and Philosophy* – A Modern Introduction:
Kahane Howard
- *The Languages of Logic*: S.D. Guttenplan
- *Logic: Wilfred Hodges*
- *First Order Logic*: Smullyan
- *Elementary Logic*: Michael Resnik
- *Elementary Logic*: W.V.O. Quine
- *Understanding Logic*: Virginia Klenk
- *Symbolic Logic*: F.Fitch
- *Quantification Theory*: J. A. Farris

M.A. (Part I: Semester II)
Detailed Syllabus

Course PHC 105: Indian Epistemology

4 Credits

1. *Nyāyasūtraḥ* of Gautama with *Vatsyāna Bhāṣya* : *Pramāṇa Khanda* /Clarification of the concept of *pramāṇa-samplava* and *pramāṇa-vyavasthā*; *pratyakṣa-lakṣaṇa* and the efficacy of its defining terms (*Nyāya Sūtraḥ* 1.1.4)
2. *Vigrahavyavartanī* (Refutation of *pramāṇa only*, v 31 – 51) of Nāgārjuna
3. *Mānameyodaya* – Nārāyana Bhaṭṭa (Selected portion) / *Vedānta Paribhāṣā*: *Jñānagatā* and *Viśayagatā pratyakṣatva*

Recommend Texts

1. *Nyāya-Sūtraḥ* : Gautama
2. *Bhāṣāparicchedaḥ* : Viśvanātha
3. *Vedāntaparibhāṣā* : Dharmarājadhvarindra
4. *Mānameyodaya* : Nārāyanya Bhatta
5. *Ślokaṅgī* : Kumārila
6. *Vivaraṇa-Prameya-Samgrahaḥ* : Vidyāranya
7. *Nyāyabindu* : Dharmakīrti

Course PHC 106: Western Epistemology

4 Credits

1. *The Problem of Knowledge* – A.J. Ayer
2. *Theory of Knowledge* – R. Chisholm

Suggested Readings (for 105 & 106)

- *The Six Ways of Knowing* : D.M.Dutta
- *The Nyāya Theory of Knowledge* : S.C.Chatterjee
- *Nyāya Darśana : Vātsyāyana Bhāṣya*
(Vol.I &II) : Phanibhusan Tarkabagish
- *Epistemology of the Bhāṭṭa School of Pūrva Mimāṃsā* : G.P.Bhatt
- *Essay in Indian Philosophy* : (ed)S.R.Saha
- *Gaṅgeśa's Theory of Truth* : J.N.Mohanty
- *Perception* : B.K.Matilal
- *Vedāntadarśana-Advaitavāda* (Vol-11)
(In Bengali) : Asutosh Śāstri
- *Basic ways of Knowing* : Govardhan P.Bhatt.
- *Knowledge* : K. Lehrer
- *Analytical Philosophy of Knowledge* : A.C. Danto
- *Knowledge and Belief* : J.Hintikka
- *Knowledge and Justification* : J.L.Pollock
- *Contemporary Theories of Knowledge* : J.L.Pollock

- *The Theory of Knowledge* : David Hamlyn
- *Epistemology : New Essays in the Theory of Knowledge* : Edited by A.Stroll
- *Essays on Knowledge and Justification* : Edited by G.S. Pappas & M. Swain
- *Knowledge and Certainty* : N.Malcolm
- *An Introduction to Contemporary Epistemology* : Jonathan Dancy
- *A Companion to Epistemology* : J.Dancy and E.Sosa
- *Doubt, Belief and Knowledge* : S.Bhattacharyya
- *Introduction, Probability and Scepticism* : D. P.Chattopadhyaya

Course PHC 107: Indian Metaphysics

4 Credits

1. *Padarthadharmasamgrahaḥ: Praśastāpādācārya (upto Prativisādharmaparikṣā)*
2. *Vivaranaprameyasamgrahaḥ of Vidyananya*
3. *Sāṃkhyakārikā with Samkhya-tattvakaumudī* : Iswarkrishna & Vācaspati Misra
(Selected portion)

Course PHC 108: Classical Western Philosophical Texts

4 Credits

1. *Dialogue of Plato –Fido/Metaphysics – Aristotle*
2. *Critique of Pure Reason- Immanuel Kant*
(Trans. by N.K.Smith)

Suggested Reading (107 &108)

- *Praśastapādabhāṣya (Part I & II)* :(ed)Pt.Shyamapada Misra
- *Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika Metaphysics* :Sadananda Bhaduri
- *Classical Indian Metaphysics* :Stephen H. Phillips
- *Evolution of the Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika Categoriology*:Harsh Narain
- *Kiraṇāvalī (Vol.1,11&111)* :(Trans.)Gourinath Sastri
- *Vaiśeṣika Darśana* :P.K.Mandal(In Bengali)
- *Indian Realism* :P.K.Mukhopadhyay
- *Indian Realism* :J.N.Sinha
- *Studies in Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika Metaphysics* :Sadānanda Bhaduri
- *Sāṃkhyadarśana* :Bhupendra Nath Bhattcharya
- *Sāṃkhyasūtra* :Maharṣi Kapil
- *Sāṃkhyayapravacanbhāṣya* :Vijñānviṣṇu
- *Sāṃkhya Kārikā of Iśvarakṛṣṇa (Being-Physics for Self-realization)* :Radhanath Phukan
- *Aristotle* :W.D.Ross
- *A New Aristotle Reader* :Edited by J.L.Ackrill
- *The Complete Works of Aristotle* :Edited by Barnes (2 Vol.)
- *Aristotle the Philosopher* :J.L.Acrill
- *The Philosophy of Aristotle* :D.Allan
- *Aristotle* :J.Barnes
- *Aristotle* :Edited by J.M.E.Moravcsik

- The Doctrine of Being in Aristotelian Metaphysics :J.Owens
- Aristotle :G.F.R.Lloyd
- The works of Aristotle :Translated by J.A.Smith & W.D. Ross
- Articales on Aristotle (I-IV) :Edited by J.Barner, R.Sorabji & M. Schofield
- *Metaphysica* :(Trans.)John Warrington
- *Kant* : S.Köner
- A Short Commentary on Kant's Critique of Pure Reason: : A.C.Ewing
- Kant's Metaphysics of Experience (Vol.I&II) : H.J.Paton
- A Commentary on Kant's Critique of Pure Reason :N.K.Smith
- The Philosophy of Kant :Stephen Korner
- Kant :A.D. Lindsey
- Kant's Theory of Knowledge :Edited by L.W.Beck
- Kant Studies Today :L.W.Beck
- Kant's Theory of Knowledge: an Outline of One Central argument in The Critique of Pure Reason :G.Bird
- Kant's Solution for Verification in Metaphysics : D.P.Dryer
- The First Critique: Reflections on Kant's Critique of Pure Reason :Edited by J. Penelhum and J.J.MacIntosh
- Kant's Theory of Knowledge :Prichard
- Kant's Analytic :J.Bennett
- Kant's Dialectic :J.Bennett
- Kant : An Introduction :C.D.Broad
- Kant : P.Walker
- Kant on Pure Reason :Edited by R.Walker
- Kant's Criticism of Metaphysdics :W.H.Walsh
- *A Handbook to Kant's Critique Of Pure Reason* :Rasvihāry Das
- *Kānter Darśana* :(ed) Prahald Kr. Sarkar (in Bengali)