

Department of Philosophy
Sarat Centenary College
Academic Plan and Activities

Session: 2022-2023

Distribution of syllabus into Modules and Units of B.A Honours Course CBCS

SEMESTER-1

Orientation Programme – 1st week of July - General Ideas of Philosophy as an academic discipline and its Scope & Importance along with brief introduction programme

1st Module (July to September)

Core Course (CC-I): Outlines of Indian Philosophy—I: Credits: 6 Theory-6, Marks – 75, Theory – 60, Internal Assessment – 10, Attendance-05

Name of the Teacher: Prof. Apan Kumar Pan & Prof. Samia Aktar Boxi

Unit 1:

1. Introduction:

- a) General Features of Indian Philosophy (b) Spirit of Indian Philosophy, (c) Basic Concepts of the Vedic and the Upaniṣadic World-Views
2. **Cārvāka** : (a) pratyakṣa (perception) as the only Source of Knowledge (b) Refutation of anumāna (inference) and śabda (testimony) as Sources of Knowledge and (c) jaḍavāda and dehātmyavāda
3. **Jainism**: (a) anekāntavāda and (b) syādvāda and nayavāda (c) Theory of Self and Liberation (d) Nature of Substance: Relation between Substance, Attributes & Modes
4. **Buddhism**: (b) Four Noble Truths (b) pratītyasamutpāda (c) kṣaṇabhāṅgavāda and (d) nairātmyavāda (e) Four Major Schools of Buddhism

2nd Module (Oct to Dec)

Core Course (CC-I): Outlines of Indian Philosophy—I: Credits: 6 Theory-6, Marks – 75, Theory – 60, Internal Assessment – 10, Attendance-05

Name of the Teacher: Sanjib Pal

Unit 2:

5. **Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika**: (a) Nyāya Epistemology : pratyakṣa (Perception), anumāna (Inference), upamāna (Comparison) and śabda (Testimony); khyātivāda (Theory of Error) (b) Vaiśeṣika Metaphysics : saptapadārtha (Seven Ontological Categories), paramāṇuvāda

1st Module (Jul to Sep)

**Core Course (CC-2): Outlines of Western Philosophy—I
: Credits: 6 Theory-6, Marks – 75, Theory – 60, Internal Assessment – 10, Attendance-05**

Name of the Teacher: Prof. Suvankar Chakraborty

Unit 3:

1. **The Pre-Socratic Period:** (a) Ionian School, (b) Parmenides, (c) Heraclitus and (d) Zeno (Paradoxes)
2. **Plato :** (a) Theory of Knowledge, (b) Theory of Ideas
3. **Aristotle:** (a) Refutation of Plato's Theory of Ideas, (b) Theory of Substance, (c) Form and Matter, (d) Theory of Causation

2nd Module (Oct to Dec)

Core Course (CC-2): Outlines of Western Philosophy—I

: Credits: 6 Theory-6, Marks – 75, Theory – 60, Internal Assessment – 10, Attendance-05

Name of the Teacher: Prof. Pankaj Sen

Unit 4:

4. **Descartes:** (a) Method of Doubt, (b) Cogito Ergo Sum, (c) Criterion of Truth, (d) Classification of Ideas, (e) Interactionism, (f) Substance
5. **Spinoza:** (a) The Doctrine of Substance, Attributes and Modes, (b) Parallelism, (c) Degrees of Knowledge, (d) Determinism and Freedom
6. **Leibniz:** (a) Monadology and Pre-established Harmony (b) Truths of Reason and Truths of Fact, (c) Theory of Knowledge

Internal Assessment: 1st Week of December

Theory Examination: as per notification of B.U. (Tentatively on December)

SEMESTER II

Module: 1 (January to March)

Core Course (CC-3): Outlines of Indian Philosophy—II: Credits: 6 Theory-6, Marks – 75, Theory – 60, Internal Assessment – 10, Attendance-05

Name of the Teacher: Prof. Apan Kumar Pan & Prof. Samia Aktar Boxi

Unit 1:

1. **Sāṃkhya :** (i) satkāryavāda, (ii) pañcaviṃśati tattva and tattvapariṇāma, (iii) prakṛti and its guṇa-s, (iv) Notion of puruṣa, bahupuruṣavāda
2. **Yoga:** (i) citta, (ii) cittabhūmi, (iii) cittavṛtti, (iv) cittavṛttinirodha (v) īśvara
3. **Pūrva-Mīmāṃsā:** (i) pramāṇa-s with special reference to arthāpatti and anupalabdhī, (ii) prāmāṇyavāda

Module: 2 (Apr to Jun)

Core Course (CC-3): Outlines of Indian Philosophy—II: Credits: 6 Theory-6, Marks – 75, Theory – 60, Internal Assessment – 10, Attendance-05

Name of the Teacher: Prof. Sanjib Pal

Unit 2:

4. **Advaita Vedānta:** (i) vivartavāda, (ii) māyā, (iii) Brahman, jīva and jagat
5. **Viśiṣṭādvaita Vedānta:** (i) Distinction between advaitavāda and viśiṣṭādvaitavāda, (ii) Nature of īśvara, jīva and jagat, (iii) Criticism of Saṃkhya's Doctrine of māyā
6. **Khyātivāda:** (Theory of Error): Bhāṭṭa and Advaita

Module: 1 (April to June)

Core Course (CC-2): Outlines of Western Philosophy—I

: Credits: 6 Theory-6, Marks – 75, Theory – 60, Internal Assessment – 10, Attendance-05

Name of the Teacher: Prof. Suvankar Chakraborty

Unit 3:

1. **Locke:**(a) Refutation of Innate Ideas and Principles, (b) Theory of Ideas, (c) Theory of Substance, (d) Distinction between Primary and Secondary Qualities and (e) Theory of Knowledge
2. **Berkeley:**(a) Rejection of the Lockean Notion of Substance, (b)Refutation of Abstract Ideas (c) Rejection of the Distinction between Primary and Secondary Qualities and (d) Esse Est Percipi.
3. **Hume:**(a) Origin of Knowledge: Impressions and Ideas, (b) Laws of Association, (c) Relations of Ideas and Matters of Fact, (d) Notion of Causality, (e) Problem of Personal Identity and (f) Scepticism

4. Module: 2 (April to June)

Core Course (CC-2): Outlines of Western Philosophy—I

Credits: 6 Theory-6, Marks – 75, Theory – 60, Internal Assessment – 10, Attendance-05

Unit 4

Name of the Teacher: Prof. Pankaj Sen

4. **Kant:**(a) Idea of the Critical Philosophy, (b) Possibility of Metaphysics, (c) Kant's Copernican Revolution in Philosophy, (d) Role of Sensibility and Understanding in the Origin of Knowledge, (e) Possibility of Synthetic A-priori Judgments and (f) Space and Time
5. **Hegel:**(a) Dialectical Method and (b) The Absolute

Internal Assessment: 1st Week of June

Theory Examination: as per notification of B.U. (Tentatively on June)

SEMESTER III

Orientation Programme – 1st week of July - General Ideas of Philosophy and Logic as a Subject and its Scope & Importance along with brief introduction

Module: 1 (July to September)

Core Course (CC- 5): Indian Ethics

Credits: Theory-6, Marks – 75, Theory – 60, Internal Assessment – 10, Attendance-05

Name of the teacher: Suvankar Chakraborty

Unit 1

1. **puruṣārtha** (Cārvāka and Āstika views)
2. **Vedic Concepts:** ṛta, satya, yajña, ṛṇa
3. **Ethics in Śrīmadbhagavadgītā:** niṣkāmakarma and sthitaprajña

2nd Module (October to December)

Core Course (CC- 5): Indian Ethics

Credits: Theory-6, Marks – 75, Theory – 60, Internal Assessment – 10, Attendance-05

Name of the Teacher: Samia Aktar Baxi

- Unit 2:**
- 4. Buddhist Ethics:** pañcaśīla and brahmavihāra
 - 5. Jaina Ethics:** pañcavrata: mahāvratā and anuvratā, and Triratna
 - 6. Yoga Ethics:** yama and niyama

Internal Assessment: 1st Week of December

Theory Examination: as per notification of B.U. (Tentatively on December)

Module: 1 (July to September)

Core Course (CC- 6): Western Ethics

Credits: Theory-6, Marks – 75, Theory – 60, Internal Assessment – 10, Attendance-05

Name of the teacher: Dr Apan Kumar Pan

- Unit 1**
- 1. Nature and Scope of Ethics**
 - 2. Nature of Morality**
 - 3. Moral and Non-moral actions**
 - 4. Object of Moral Judgment: Motive and Intention**
 - 5. Postulates of Morality**

2nd Module (October to December)

Core Course (CC- 6): Western Ethics

Credits: Theory-6, Marks – 75, Theory – 60, Internal Assessment – 10, Attendance-05

Name of the Teacher: Samia Aktar Baxi

- Unit 2:**
- 6. The Development of Morality**
 - 7. Normative Theories:** Consequentialism (Teleology): (a) Hedonism, (b) Act Utilitarianism and Rule Utilitarianism; (c) Act Deontology and Rule Deontology, (d) Kant's Moral Theory
 - 8. Theories of Punishment:** Retributive, Deterrent and Reformatory Theory
 - 9. Issues in Applied Ethics:** (a) Suicide, (b) Euthanasia, (c) Gender Equality, (d) Affluence and Morality

Internal Assessment: 1st Week of December

Theory Examination: as per notification of B.U. (Tentatively on December)

Module: 1 (July to December)

Core Course (CC- 7): Indian Logic

Credits: Theory-6, Marks – 75, Theory – 60, Internal Assessment – 10, Attendance-05

Name of the teacher: Pankaj Sen & Sanjib Pal

Unit 1 1. Annambhatta: *Tarkasaṅgraha* with *Dīpikā* [From the text “sarvavyavahāraheturguṇo buddhirjñānam” to the end of upamāna]

Internal Assessment: 1st Week of December

Theory Examination: as per notification of B.U. (Tentatively on December)

Core Course (SEC-1): Philosophy in Practice
Credits: Theory-2, Marks – 50, Theory – 40, Internal Assessment – 10

Module: 1 (July to September)

Name of the Teacher: Suvankar Chakraborty

Unit: 1 01. Common and Differentiating Characteristics of Philosophy and darśana
02. Nature of Inquiry in Philosophy and darśana
3. **Outlines of the types of Inquiry in Philosophy and darśana:** (a) Epistemic Inquiry in Philosophy and darśana, (b) Metaphysical Inquiry in Philosophy and darśana,

Core Course (SEC-1): Philosophy in Practice
Credits: Theory-2, Marks – 50, Theory – 40, Internal Assessment – 10

2nd Module (October to December)

Name of the Teacher: Pankaj Sen

Unit: 2 4. A few Model World-views and Corresponding Paths Leading to Perfection:
(a) Plato’s view, (b) Kant’s view, (c) Sāṃkhya view and (d) Advaita Vedānta View
05. Methods of Philosophical Discourse (kathā): (a) vāda, (b) jalpa, (c) vitaṇḍā, (d) chhala, (e) jātiand (f) nigrahassthāna

Internal Assessment: 1st Week of December

Theory Examination: as per notification of B.U. (Tentatively on December)

SEMESTER IV

Module: -01 (January to June)

Core Course (CC- 8) Western Logic
Credits: Theory-6, Marks – 75, Theory – 60, Internal Assessment – 10, Attendance-05

Name of the teacher: Pankaj Sen

Unit 11. Deduction:Propositional Logic, 1st Order Predicate Logic (Up to singly general proposition).

Internal Assessment: 1st Week of June

Theory Examination: as per notification of B.U. (Tentatively on June)

Module: 1 (January to March)

Core Course (CC- 9): Psychology

Credits: Theory-6, Marks – 75, Theory – 60, Internal Assessment – 10, Attendance-05

Name of the teacher: Dr Apan Kumar Pan

- Unit 1**
1. Nature of Psychology
 2. Research Methods in Psychology
 3. Central Nervous system
 4. Perception: Colour and Depth , Pattern Recognition, Perceptual Organization
 5. Attention: Nature, Conditions, Span and Division of Attention

2nd Module (April to June)

Core Course (CC- 9): Psychology

Credits: Theory-6, Marks – 75, Theory – 60, Internal Assessment – 10, Attendance-05

Name of the Teacher: Sanjib Pal

- Unit 2:**
6. Learning: Classical Conditioning Theory, Instrumental (Operant) Conditioning Theory, Trial and Error Theory, Insight Theory
 7. Memory:Factors of Memory, Marks of Good Memory, Laws of Association, Causes of Forgetfulness
 8. Consciousness:Levels of Consciousness, Freud's Theory of Dream
 9. Intelligence: Insight and Intelligence, Measurement of Intelligence, I. Q. Test of Intelligence

Internal Assessment: 1st Week of June

Theory Examination: as per notification of B.U. (Tentatively on June)

Module: 1 (January to March)

Core Course (CC- 10): Philosophy of Religion

Credits: Theory-6, Marks – 75, Theory – 60, Internal Assessment – 10, Attendance-05

Name of the teacher: Suvankar Chakraborty

Unit 1

1. Nature and Scope of Philosophy of Religion: (a) Religion, Dharma, Dhamma and (b) Philosophy of Religion, Comparative Religion and Theology
2. Origin and Development of Religion: Anthropological and Freudien Theories
3. Fundamental Features of Major Religions: Hinduism, Christianity, Islam, Buddhism: Basic Tenets, Bondage and Liberation

4. Arguments for the Existence of God (Indian and Western): Yoga Arguments, Nyāya Arguments, Cosmological Arguments, Teleological Arguments, Ontological Arguments

2nd Module (April to June)

Core Course (CC- 10): Philosophy of Religion

Credits: Theory-6, Marks – 75, Theory – 60, Internal Assessment – 10, Attendance-05

Name of the Teacher: Sanjib Pal

Unit 2 5. Arguments against the Existence of God: Sociological Arguments, Freudian Arguments, Buddhist Arguments

6. The Problem of Evil

7. Monotheism, Polytheism and Henotheism

Internal Assessment: 1st Week of June

Theory Examination: as per notification of B.U. (Tentatively on June)

Module: 1 (January to March)

Core Course (SEC-2): Philosophy of Human Rights

Credits: 2, Marks – 50, Theory – 40, Internal Assessment – 10

Name of the Teacher: Pankaj Sen

Unit: 1 1. Definition and Nature of Human Rights

2. The Idea of Human Rights: Its Origins and Historical Developments during Ancient period, Modern Period and Contemporary Period

3. The Idea of Natural Law and Natural Rights: Thomas Hobbes and John Locke

2nd Module (April to June)

Core Course (SEC-2): Philosophy of Human Rights

Credits: 2, Marks – 50, Theory – 40, Internal Assessment – 10

Name of the Teacher: Suvankar Chakraborty

Unit 2 4. Natural Right, Fundamental Right and Human Right

5. Preamble, Fundamental Rights and Duties (Indian Constitution) Recommended

Internal Assessment: 1st Week of June

Theory Examination: as per notification of B.U. (Tentatively on June)

SEMESTER V

Orientation Programme – 1st week of July - General Ideas of Philosophy as a Subject and its Scope & Importance along with brief introduction

Module :1 (July to September)

Core Course (CC-11): Socio-Political Philosophy
Credits: Theory-6, Marks – 75, Theory – 60, Internal Assessment – 10, Attendance-05

Name of the Teacher : Samia Aktar Boxi

Unit 1: 1. Nature and Scope of Social Philosophy and Political Philosophy

2. Basic Concepts: Society, Social Group, Community, Association, Institution, Customs, Folkways and Mores

3. Social Class and Caste: Class Attitude and Class Consciousness, Marxian Theory of Class, B. R. Ambedkar's Criticism of Caste System, Dalit Movement

Module-2 (October to December)

Core Course (CC-11): Socio-Political Philosophy
Credits: Theory-6, Marks – 75, Theory – 60, Internal Assessment – 10, Attendance-05

Name of the teacher: Suvankar Chakraborty

Unit-2 4. Political Ideals:

- i) Democracy – its different forms
- ii) Socialism – Utopian and Scientific
- iii) Nation, Nationalism and Internationalism (Rabindranath)
- iv) Radical Humanism (Manabendranath Roy)

Internal Assessment: 1st Week of December

Theory Examination: as per notification of B.U. (Tentatively on December)

Module :1 (July to September)

Core Course (CC-12): Western Logic-II
Credits: Theory-6, Marks – 75, Theory – 60, Internal Assessment – 10, Attendance-05

Name of the Teacher : Pankaj Sen

Unit 1 01. Induction

Module-2 (October to December)

Core Course (CC-12): Western Logic-II
Credits: Theory-6, Marks – 75, Theory – 60, Internal Assessment – 10, Attendance-05

Name of the teacher: Sanjib Pal

Unit-2 02. Philosophy of Logic and Language: Meaning, Definition and Truth

Internal Assessment: 1st Week of December

Theory Examination: as per notification of B.U. (Tentatively on December)

Module :1 (July to Dec)

Discipline Specific Course (DSE-1): Special Text: *Kaṭhopaniṣad*

Credits: Theory-6, Marks – 75, Theory – 60, Internal Assessment – 10, Attendance-05

Name of the Teacher : Apan Kumar Pan

Unit 1 *Kaṭhopaniṣad* (First Chapter : vallis – I,II and III)

Internal Assessment: 1st Week of December

Theory Examination: as per notification of B.U. (Tentatively on December)

Module :1 (July to September)

Discipline Specific Course (DSE-2): B. Russell: *The Problems of Philosophy*

Credits: Theory-6, Marks – 75, Theory – 60, Internal Assessment – 10, Attendance-05

Name of the Teacher : Pankaj Sen

Unit 1 01 B.Russell: *The Problems of Philosophy* (Chapters- 1 to 3)

Module :2 (Oct to Dec)

Discipline Specific Course (DSE-2): B. Russell: *The Problems of Philosophy*

Credits: Theory-6, Marks – 75, Theory – 60, Internal Assessment – 10, Attendance-05

Name of the Teacher : Pankaj Sen

Unit 2 01 B.Russell: *The Problems of Philosophy* (Chapters- 4 to 6)

Internal Assessment: 1st Week of December

Theory Examination: as per notification of B.U. (Tentatively on December)

SEMESTER VI

Module :1 (Jan to Mar)

Core Course (CC-13): Philosophy in the Twentieth Century: Indian

Credits: Theory-6, Marks – 75, Theory – 60, Internal Assessment – 10, Attendance-05

Name of the Teacher : Samia Aktar Boxi

- Unit 1: 1. Rabindranath Tagore:**(a) Nature of Man : The Finite Aspect of Man, the Infinite Aspect of Man, (b) Nature of Religion, and (c) Surplus in Man
2. **Swami Vivekananda:** (a) Practical Vedānta, (b) Universal Religion and (c) Yoga
3. **Sri Aurobindo:**(a) Nature of Reality, (b) Human Evolution– its different stages and (c) Integral Yoga

Module-2 (Apr to Jun)

Core Course (CC-13): Philosophy in the Twentieth Century: Indian

Credits: Theory-6, Marks – 75, Theory – 60, Internal Assessment – 10, Attendance-05

Name of the teacher: Suvankar Chakraborty

- Unit-2** 4. **S. Radhakrishnan:** (a) Nature of Man, (b) Nature of Religious Experience and (c) Nature of Intuitive Apprehension
5. **Md. Iqbal:**(a) Nature of the Self, (b) Nature of the World and (c) Nature of God
6. **Mahatma Gandhi:**(a) God and Truth and (b) Ahimsa

Internal Assessment: 1st Week of June

Theory Examination: as per notification of B.U. (Tentatively on June)

Module :1 (Jan to Mar)

Core Course (CC-14): Philosophy in the Twentieth Century: Western

Credits: Theory-6, Marks – 75, Theory – 60, Internal Assessment – 10, Attendance-05

Name of the Teacher : Pankaj Sen

- Unit 1: 1. G. E. Moore:** A Defence of Common Sense
2. **B. Russell:** Knowledge by Acquaintance and Knowledge by Description
3. **L. Wittgenstein:** Theory of Meaning

Module-2 (Apr to Jun)

Core Course (CC-14): Philosophy in the Twentieth Century: Western

Credits: Theory-6, Marks – 75, Theory – 60, Internal Assessment – 10, Attendance-05

Name of the teacher: Sanjib Pal

- Unit-2** 4. **A.J. Ayer:** Verifiability Theory of Meaning
5. **M. Heidegger:** (a) Being in the World : Existenz, Facticity and Fallenness and (b) Authenticity and Inauthenticity
6. **J.P. Sartre:** (a) Nothingness and (b) Freedom

Internal Assessment: 1st Week of June

Theory Examination: as per notification of B.U. (Tentatively on June)

Module :1 (Jan to Mar)

Discipline Specific Course (DSE-3): Special Text: Rabindranath Tagore: *Sadhana*

Credits: Theory-6, Marks – 75, Theory – 60, Internal Assessment – 10, Attendance-05

Name of the Teacher: Apan Kumar Pan

Unit 1 Rabindranath Tagore: *Sadhana* (Lectures- 1 to 3)

Module :2 (Jan to Mar)

Discipline Specific Course (DSE-3): Special Text: Rabindranath Tagore: *Sadhana*

Credits: Theory-6, Marks – 75, Theory – 60, Internal Assessment – 10, Attendance-05

Name of the Teacher : Sanjib Pal

Unit 1 Rabindranath Tagore: *Sadhana* (Lectures- 4 to 5)

Internal Assessment: 1st Week of June

Theory Examination: as per notification of B.U. (Tentatively on June)

Module :1 (Jan to Mar)

Discipline Specific Course (DSE-4): Special Text: Hume: *An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding*

Credits: Theory-6, Marks – 75, Theory – 60, Internal Assessment – 10, Attendance-05

Name of the Teacher : Pankaj Sen

Unit 1 Hume: An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding

(Chapters- 1 to 4)

Module :2 (Apr to Jun)

Discipline Specific Course (DSE-4) Special Text: Hume: *An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding*

Credits: Theory-6, Marks – 75, Theory – 60, Internal Assessment – 10, Attendance-05

Name of the Teacher : Pankaj Sen

Unit Hume: An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding

(Chapters- 5 & 7)

Internal Assessment: 1st Week of June

Theory Examination: as per notification of B.U. (Tentatively on June)