

**DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY**  
**WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**BARASAT.**  
**SYLLABUS FOR HONOURS & UNDER GRADUATE**  
**PROGRAMME**  
**UNDER CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM [ CBCS ]**

[ Draft, prepared by the UG BOS, Philosophy, WBSU, Following the guidelines of UGC, observations and suggestions of the teachers from UG colleges and guidelines suggested by the university.]

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ii. Sex gender divide, Patriarchy and the Feminist interpretation of Family. **Gender**

iii. The Marxist -Feminist Debate. 14

E. Political Ideals:

Government: Democracy and its different forms [direct, indirect, parliamentary and presidential] 10

F. Socialism and its varieties---Utopian, Democratic, Scientific. 15

G. Separation of Power:

Three wings of the Government---Legislature, Executive and Judiciary (with special reference to Montesquieu) 5

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### **PHIACOR09T [Psychology and Philosophy of Mind]**

A. Relation between Philosophy of Mind, Psychology and Philosophy of Psychology. 5

B. Psychology as science. 2

C. Associationism--Perception and Learning ,Gestalt theory of perception and learning .10

D. Methods of Psychology [Introspection, Extrospection and Experimental] 8

E. Freud's Theory---Conscious and Unconscious, Id, Ego and Super Ego. 10

F. Dualism, its types. 2

G. General discussion on Behaviourism---Methodological and Philosophical. 4

H. The Relation between body and Mind: Parallelism, Interactionism, Bundle theory, Double Aspect theory, Occasionalism, Emergentism, and Epiphenomenalism. 20

### **PHIACOR10T [Indian Logic]**

Text: Annambhatta's *Tarkasaṃgrahaḥ* with *Dīpikā* (up to *Upamāna Pramāna*) 75

## PHIACOR14T [Some Modern Indian Thinkers]

A. Vivekananda---Practical Vedanta, on Yoga, unification of Religions.	25
B. Gandhi--- <i>Sarvodaya</i> , Non-Violence and Trusteeship, Caste.	20
C. Aurobindo---Evolution and Involution.	10
D. Ambedkar---Caste: equality and Fraternity.	20

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### Distribution of modules of Core Course [Hons.]:

<u>Semester</u>	<u>Modules</u>
I, II, V, and VI	2 in each semester
III and IV	3 in each semester

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## **II. Elective Course .**

### **Discipline Specific Elective (DSE)**

**[4 Papers each carrying 6 [ 5 Credit for lecture and 1 credit for tutorial ] credit= (6X4) =24 credit. Total 75 hours Lecture and 15 hours Tutorial]**

### **Sem.- V**

**[Candidates have to choose any Two from the following courses]**

PHIADSE01T [Elective Logic]

[75 lectures will be distributed as per requirement]

Set Theory – Chapters 9, 10 and 11. Introduction, Membership, Inclusion, the Empty Set, Operations on Sets, Intersection, Union and Difference, Domain Of Individuals, Translating sentences of everyday language into Set Notation, Venn diagram, Definition of Relations, Properties of Binary Relations, Definition of Functions and Operations on Functions.

Quine's method of resolution- Fell Swoop and Full Sweep.

PHIADSE02T [Practical Ethics]

[75 lectures will be distributed as per requirement]

**Killing---Suicide, Killing of animals, Euthanasia.**

i. Human Rights---

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Human Values

ii. War, Violence and Terrorism.

iii. Concept of Environmental Ethics.

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empathy; female foeticide and abortion\*

Ethics]

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Gender

PHIADSE03T [Philosophy of Religion.]

- i. Introduction: 10
  - a. Scope and nature of Religion.
  - b. Relation between-  
Philosophy of Religion and Theology.
- ii. Difference between: 10  
Spirituality and religiosity.  
Sacred and profane.  
Magic and Religion.
- iii. Problem of evil [Hospers] 5
- iv. Proofs for the existence of God: Ontological, Cosmological, Teleological, Moral. 20
- v. Grounds for disbelief in God: Sociological theory and Freudian theory. 10
- vi. Some important religions: Hinduism, Buddhism, Christianity, Islam. 20

## Sem.- VI

**[Candidates have to choose any Two from the following courses]**

PHIADSE04T [75 lectures will be distributed as per requirement]  
Rabindranath, *Sadhana*.

PHIADSE05T

Russell, *Problems of Philosophy*. [75 lectures will be distributed as per requirement]

- i. Appearance-and Reality,
- ii. Knowledge by acquaintance and knowledge by description,
- iii. On induction,
- iii. The Value of Philosophy.

PHIADSE06T

Hume, *An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding* [Entire text, 75 lectures will be distributed as per requirement].

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**III. Ability Enhancement Course: For both Honours and Under Graduate [Pure Pass] Students. Details are given at the end.**

**B.A .Undergraduate Programme [PURE PASS Course]**  
**Total Credit=120**

**I. Core Course.**

[Same as the Generic Elective for Hons. students ,however, with a separate code. 4X6=24 Credit. Total Credit from Two Disciplines [One- other than Philosophy]=24X2=48 Total 75 hours Lecture and 15 hours Tutorial for each Module]

Sem.-I. PHIGCOR01T -Logic

Sem.-II.PHIGCOR02T- Western Epistemology and Metaphysics

Sem.-III.PHIGCOR03T- Indian Epistemology and Metaphysics

Sem.-IV. PHIGCOR04T- Ethics-Indian and Western

Core Eng. & Core MIL [Two papers for each discipline; English in Sem. I and II; MIL in Sem.III and IV] =6X4=24

**Total Credit in Core Paper=48+24=72**

**II.**

**Elective Course.**

**Discipline Specific Elective [DSE].**

[04 courses are to be introduced by each department .Course 01 and 02 for Odd Semester, Course 03 and 04 for even Semester. Students have to choose any one in each semester. Total four from two disciplines. Total Credit 4X6=24 Total 75 hours Lecture and 15 hours Tutorial for each Module.]

**Sem. V**

PHIGDSE01T [Applied Ethics]

- i. Nature of Applied /Practical Ethics. 5
- ii. Nature of Rights-Human & Animal. 10

**Human Values**

iii. Killing- Suicide-Definition and Types, Whether suicide can be called ‘A moral crime’, Arguments for and against suicide.	20
iv. Euthanasia/Mercy killing-Definition, meaning, features, Arguments for and against Euthanasia.	20
v. Environmental Ethics-Nature and main concern, Necessity of Environmental Ethics for human survival.	20

Human Values

Environment

PHIGDSE02T- [Rabindranath, *Religion of Man* ] 75

### Sem.VI

PHIGDSE03T [Social & Political Philosophy]

A. Social Philosophy.

- i. Nature & Scope 2
- ii. Primary concepts: Society, Community, Association, Institution, Social group and its different forms. 6
- iii. Religious and Moral codes. 2
- iv. Custom and Law. 5
- v. Culture and Civilization. 5
- vi. Class and Caste-Definition and difference between social class and caste, Class-attitudes and Class-consciousness. 15

B. Political Ideals:

- i. Democracy: Different forms-Direct, Representative, Merits and demerits of Democracy. 20
- ii. Socialism: Various forms-Utopian, Democratic , Scientific. 20

PHIGDSE04T [Bimalkrishna Motilal, *Niti, Yukti, Dharma: Kahini O Sahitye Rama O Krishna.*] 75

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### Generic Elective [GE].

[For students who have not chosen Philosophy as Core Course. 6X2=12. Total 75 hours Lecture and 15 hours Tutorial for each Module.]

### Sem.-V

PHIGGEC01T [ The Philosophy of Self –Development ].

- i. Buddhism- *Caturāryasatya, causality, dvādaśa nidāna [bhava chakra] aṣṭāṅgika Mārga.* 15

ii. <i>Yoga: ---citta, cittabhūmi, cittavṛtti, cittavṛtti nirodha, aṣṭāṅgayoga.</i>	15
iii. Vedanta - Advaita Vedanta-Introduction [in brief]; <i>sravana, manana, nididhyasana; Mukti--- jibanmukti, bideha mukti.</i>	20
iv. Vivekananda- <i>Karmayoga.</i>	15
v. Gandhi- Non-violence, Truth.	10

## Sem.-VI

PHIGGEC02T [Critical Thinking].

Text.

Madhuchhanda Sen, *Critical Thinking* [The whole book]

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### **III. Ability Enhancement Course/ Shared Courses**

Interdisciplinary, for both Hons. and General Students

#### **1. Ability Enhancement Course Compulsory [AECC]**

Sem. I. and II.-as provided by the University Total Credit= [2X2]=04.

#### **2. Skill Enhancement Course [SEC]**

[Hons .students have to choose 02 papers and Students of undergraduate Programme have to choose 04 papers from a pool of subjects. Total credit for Hons. students =[2X2]=04 and for students of Undergraduate Programme=[4X2]=08]

Odd Semester.

[Sem.III. for Hons. students and Sem.III and V for students of Under graduate Programme , same course is to be introduced]

PHISSEC01M [Media Ethics.

**Professional Ethics**

What is Media Ethics, Roles and Impact of Media, Media and Democracy, Functions and Responsibilities of Media.

Even Semester

[Sem. IV for Hons. students and Sem. IV and VI for students of Under graduate Programme, same course is to be introduced]

PHISSEC02M [Business Ethics.]

**Professional Ethics**

## TEXTS AND REFERENCES

[For Honours]

PHIACOR01T [History of Western Philosophy-I]

TEXT :

F. Copleston, *A History of Philosophy*, vols. I to IV

Suggested Readings:

P. Edwards, *Encyclopedia of Philosophy*.

B. Russell, *History of Western Philosophy*.

R. Falckenberg, *History of Modern Philosophy*.

F. Thilly, *A History of Philosophy*.

W. K. Wright, *History of Modern Philosophy*.

Bernard Williams, *Descartes*.

S. Hampshire, *Spinoza*.

G. Pitcher, *Berkeley*.

N. Reacher, *Leibniz: An Introduction to his Philosophy*.

\*Samarendra Bhattacharya, *Paschatya Darsaner Itihas*

Susanta Chakraborty, *Paschatya Darsaner Itihas*

Aminul Islam, *Prachin o Madhyajuger Itihas* [Sikha Prakasani, Dhaka]

Hasan Azizul Haque, *Socrates* [Anustup, Kolkata]