

M.A PROGRAMME IN PHILOSOPHY



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(Batch: 2025-2027)



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**SEMESTER-WISE COURSE STRUCTURE FOR THE TWO YEARS P.G PROGRAMME IN
UNIVERSITY P.G DEPARTMENT AND COLLEGES UNDER SAMBALPUR UNIVERSITY**

TO BE EFFECTIVE FROM 2025-2026

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For (Science/ Humanities/Social Sciences/ Commerce)				
Semester	Core Course Credit	Additional Course	Additional Course Credit	Total Credit
First	20	AECC I: Environmental Studies and Disaster management	2	22
Second	20	Inter Dept. Course (IDC) or open elective	3	23
Third	20	AECC II: Entrepreneurship Development	2	22
Fourth (including project of 4 credit)	20	MOOCs one paper	3	23
TOTAL	80		10	90
	Total credit for 2 years course = 90 Credits			
	Furthermore, following non - credit course will be taken by the students			
1. Yuva Sanskar		2. N.C.C/N.S. S/Sports/Performing Arts/Yoga (Of which one has to be opted)		

PG CBCS SYLLABUS FOR PHILOSOPHY 2024-26

SEMESTER-I

Paper- 411 INDIAN EPISTEMOLOGY Full Marks-100 (80+20)

Unit I:

Prama-Aprama, Pratyaksa (Carvaka, Jainism, Buddhism, Nyaya) Anumana (Nyaya, Buddhism)

Unit II:

Upamana, Arthpatti, Sabda pramana, Anupalabdhi (Nyaya, Mimansa, Vedanta)

Unit III:

Pramanyavada: pramanya/apramanya (svatah & paratha), Types of Sruti, Triputi-Samvit, Jnatata (Mimansa), Critique of Pramanyavada: Carvaka & Jayarasi Bhatt

Unit IV:

Khyativadas (Theories of Error)- Anyathakhyati, Viparitakhyati, Akhyati, Atmakhyati, Asatkhyati, Anirvachaniyakhyati, Satkhyati

Recommended Reading List

1. Dutta, D.M. (2017), The Six Ways of Knowing: A Critical Study of the Advaita Theory of Knowledge, Motilal Banarsidass
2. Chatterjee, S.C. (2015), The Nyaya Theory of Knowledge: A Critical Study of Some Problems of Logic and metaphysics, Rupa Publications
3. Sharma, C.D. (2016), A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy, Motilal Banarsidass
4. Prasad, J. (1987), History of Indian Epistemology, Munshiram Manoharlal Publishers
5. Saptaprakashnanda, S. (1965), Methods of Knowledge: According to Advaita Vedanta, Advaita Ashrama
6. Kar, B. (1978), The Theories of Error in Indian Philosophy, Ajanta Publications
7. Puligandla, R. (1997) Fundamentals of Indian Philosophy, D.K. Print World Ltd.

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Paper-412- INDIAN METAPHYSICS

Full Marks- 100 (80 + 20)

Unit I:

Concept of Reality: Veda and Upanishad (Rta: Shamanic and Brahminic tradition, Yajna, Jagrata, Susupti, Turiya), Jainism (Anekantavada), Buddhism (Pratityasamutpada, Anityavada, Nairatmyavada)

Unit II:

Concept of Reality: Vaisesika (Categories), Sankhya (Purusa & Prakriti: Evolution), Samkara (Bramhan, Atman, Maya), Ramanuja (Brahman, Jiva, Maya), Dvaitavada, Sudhadvalta: concept of avikrta-parinamavada

Unit III:

The Doctrines of Causality and Evolution- Satkaryavada, Asatkaryavada, Satkaranavada; Parinamavada & Vivartavada

Unit IV:

Concept of God: Arguments of Nyaya, Atheism of Samkhya, Concept of Self and Liberation: Jainism, Buddhism, Samkhya, Samkara, Ramanuja

Recommended Reading List

1. Radhakrishnan, S. (2008), *Indian Philosophy with an Introduction by J.N. Mohanty: Vol. I & II*, Oxford
2. S.N. Dasgupta, (2018) *A History of Indian Philosophy*, (Volume-I & II), Rupa Publications
3. Murti, T.R.V., (2015), *The Central Philosophy of Buddhism: A Study of the Madhyamika*, Motilal Banarsidass
4. Raju, P.T., (1986), *Spirit, Being and Self: Studies In Indian and Western Philosophy*, South Asia Books
5. Puligandla, R. (1997), *Fundamentals of Indian Philosophy*, D.K. Print World Ltd.

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Paper 413 (B)- INDIAN ETHICS

Full Marks- 100 (80 + 20)

Unit I:

Law of Karma: Ethical Implications, Shreya and Preyas, Rna and Yajna, Sadhya-Sadhana, Itikrtavyata, Niti and Nyaya: Amartya Sen

Unit II:

Concept of Purusarthas, Svadharma, Svabhava, Varnasrama Dharma, Dharma and Sadharana Dharma, Nishkama Karma

Unit III:

Ethics of Carvak: Hedonism, Ethics of Jainism: Samvara-Nirjara, Triratna, Panchavrata, Buddhism: Upaya-Kausala, Brhama Vihar, Matri, Karuana, Mudita, Upeksha, bodhi-sattva

Unit IV:

Ethics of Yoga Philosophy, Gandhian Ethics: Truth, Ahimsa, Satyagraha, Means & End, Sarvodaya

Recommended Reading List

3. Maitra, S.K., (1925), *The Ethics of The Hindus*, Calcutta University Press
4. Hiriyan, M., (2019), *Indian Conception of Values*, Prekshaa Pratisthana
5. Dasgupta, S., (1994), *Development of Moral Philosophy in India*, Munshiram Manoharlal Publishers
6. Sharma, I.C., (1965), *Ethical Philosophies of India*, George Allen & Unwin
7. Prasad, R., (1998), *Varnadharma, Niskama Karma and Practical Morality: Critical Essay on Applied Ethics*, D.K. Print World Ltd.
8. Silva, P.D., (1993), "Buddhist Ethics" in *A Companion to Ethics*, Ed. Peter Singer, Wiley-Blackwell
9. Iyer, R.N., (2000), *The Moral and Political Thought of Mahatma Gandhi*, Oxford University Press
10. Sen, A., (2009), *The Idea of Justice*, Penguin UK
11. Krishna, D., (1989), *The Art of the Conceptual: Explorations in a Conceptual Maze over Three Decades*, South Asia Books

Paper 414- LINGUISTIC AND CONCEPTUAL ANALYSIS
Full Marks- 100 (80 + 20)

Unit I

1. Word Meaning
2. Ambiguity
3. Vagueness
4. Definition: Defining and Accompanying Characteristics

Unit II

1. Sentence Meaning
2. Referential, Ideational, Behavioural, Use View of Meaning

Unit III

1. Analytic and Synthetic
2. A priori and A posteriori: Synthetic- A priori
3. Logical possibility, Empirical possibility, Technical possibility

Unit IV

1. Truth: Correspondence, Coherence and What Works
2. Knowledge: Sources, what is Knowledge: Empiricism and Rationalism

Recommended Reading List

- 1) Hospers, J. (1953/1977), *An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis*, Prentice-Hall
- 2) Alston, W.P. (1964), *Philosophy of Language*, Prentice-Hall
- 3) Ewing, A.C. (1985), *The Fundamental Questions of Philosophy*, Routledge

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Paper-415 -PHILOSOPHY OF KANT
Full Marks- 100 (80 + 20)

Unit I:

Reconciliation of Empiricism & Rationalism, Copernican Revolution in Epistemology, Critical Philosophy:
Transcendental Idealism

Unit II:

Synthetic Apriori Judgement, Space, Time and Possibility of Mathematics

Unit III:

Metaphysical and Transcendental deduction of Categories, Principles of Understanding, Phenomena &
Noumena

Unit IV:

Postulations of Morality, Categorical Imperative, good will

Recommended Reading List

1. Copleston, F.C., (1999), *A History of Philosophy, Volume VI*, Burns and Oates: Turnbridge Wells
2. Falkenberg, R., (1977), *History of Modern Philosophy*, Progressive Publisher: Calcutta
3. Das, R., (1949), *A Handbook to Kant's Critique of Pure Reason*, Hind Kitabs Ltd: Bombay
4. Kant, I. (1929), *Critique of Pure Reason*, (Trans) N. K. Smith, Macmillan and Co. Ltd: London
5. Kant, I. (1956), *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals*, (Trans) H. J. Paton, Harpers and Row: New York
6. Korner, S., (1955), *Kant*, Penguin Books

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SEMESTER II

Paper 421 - SYMBOLIC LOGIC
Full Marks- 100 (80 + 20)

Unit I:

Introduction to Logic and Language (Ch- 1 & Ch- 2, I.M. Copi, Symbolic Logic)

Unit II:

The Method of Deduction (Ch- 3, I.M. Copi, Symbolic Logic)

Unit III:

Quantification Theory (Ch- 4, I.M. Copi, Symbolic Logic)

Unit IV:

Set Theory (Ch- 7, I.M. Copi, Symbolic Logic)

Recommended Reading List

1. Copi, I. M., (1973), *Symbolic Logic*, 5th Edition (Ch- 1, 2, 3, 4, 7), Macmillan Publishing: London
2. Copi, I. M. & C. Cohen, (2009), *Introduction to Symbolic Logic*, 13th Edition, Prentice Hall: New Delhi
3. Suppes, P., (1957), *An Introduction to Symbolic Logic*, Van Nostrand Reinhold Company: New York

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Paper 422- WESTERN EPISTEMOLOGY

Full Marks- 100 (80 + 20)

Unit I:

Plato's theory of knowledge, Dialectic method, Traditional Definition of Knowledge: Gettler's Problem

Unit- II:

Truth, Belief and Justification, Theories of Truth: Correspondence, Coherence, Semantic

Unit- III:

Skepticism: Hume, A. J. Ayer, Problems of perceptual Knowledge and memory

Unit- IV:

Science and Epistemology: Quine's Naturalized Epistemology, Introduction to Social epistemology

Recommended Reading List

1. Audi, R. (1998), *Epistemology: A Contemporary Introduction to the Theory of Knowledge*, Routledge
2. Audi, R. (1988), *Belief, Justification and Knowledge: An Introduction to Epistemology*, Wadsworth Publishing Company
3. Lemos, N., (2007), *An Introduction to the Theory of Knowledge*, Cambridge University Press
4. Gettier, E., (1963) "Is Justified True Belief Knowledge?", *Analysis*, Vol.23, No.6
5. Pritchard, D., (2005), *What is this thing called Knowledge?* Routledge
6. Ayer, A.J., (1956), *The Problem of Knowledge*, Macmillan and Company Ltd.
7. Quine, W. (1969). "Epistemology Naturalized" in *Ontological Relativity and Other Essays*, New York: Columbia University, 69-90
8. Goldman, A. (2011) "A Guide to Social Epistemology", in *Social Epistemology: Essential Readings*, ed. Alvin Goldman and Dennis Whitcomb, Oxford University Press
9. Bonjour, L., (2010), *Epistemology: Classical Problems and Contemporary Responses*, Rowman Littlefield Publishers

Paper 423 : WESTERN METAPHYSICS

Full Marks- 100 (80 + 20)

Unit-I:

Concepts of Reality: Plato's theory of Ideas, Aristotle's Form and Matter, Monism, Dualism, Pluralism

Unit-II:

Problem of Substance: Modern Perspectives, Universal and Particular: Modern perspectives

Unit-III:

Problems of Space and Time: Idealism and Realism

Unit-IV:

Problems Concerning Mind and Body, Consciousness, Personal Identity

Recommended Reading List

1. Hospers, J., (2006) *An Introductory Philosophical Analysis*, Allied Publishers Pvt: New Delhi
2. Patrick, G. T. W., (1958), *An Introduction to Philosophy*, Allen and Unwin
3. Garrett, B., (2006), *What is this thing called Metaphysics?* Routledge: New York
4. Swinburne, R., (1968), *Space and Time*, Palgrave Macmillan: UK
5. Taylor, R., (1974), *Metaphysics*, 4th Edition, Prentice Hall: New Jersey
6. Lowe, E.J., (2002), *A Survey of Metaphysics*, Oxford University Press
7. Loux, M.J., (2006) *Metaphysics: A Contemporary Introduction*, Routledge

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Paper- 424 - POST KANTIAN PHILOSOPHY

Full Marks- 100 (80 + 20)

Unit I:

Hegel: Idealism, Dialectic Method

Unit II:

Bradley: Idealism, Appearance and Reality

Unit III:

Existentialism: Theistic Existentialism of Heidegger

Atheistic Existentialism of Sartre

Unit IV:

Postmodernism: Foucault and Derrida

Recommended Reading List

1. Joad, C.E.M., (2010) *Introduction to Modern Philosophy*, Kessinger Publishing
2. Dutta, D.M., (1950) *The Chief Currents of Contemporary Philosophy*, University of Calcutta
3. Stace, W.T., (2010) *Philosophy of Hegel*, Kessinger Publishing Company
4. Bradley, F.H., (2003) *Appearance and Reality: A Metaphysical Essay*, Adamant Media Corporation
5. Sartre, J.P., (2007). *Existentialism Is a Humanism*. New Haven: Yale University Press
6. Butler, C., (2008), *Postmodernism: A Very Short Introduction*, Oxford

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SEMESTER- III

Paper – 511 CONTEMPORARY INDIAN PHILOSOPHY
Full Marks- 100 (80 + 20)

Unit I:

Swami Vivekananda: God, Religion, Man, Society and Concept of Yoga

Unit II:

R.N. Tagore: Nature, Nationalism and Humanism, Iqbal: Theory of Self, Superman

Unit III:

Gandhi: Non-violence, Truth, Sarvodaya, Swaraj, Peace and Conflict Resolution

Unit IV:

Sri Aurobindo: Involution, Evolution, Concept of Man, Integral Yoga

Recommended Reading List

- 1) Lal, B.K., (2014), *Contemporary Indian Philosophy*, Motilal Banarsidass Publishers
- 2) Maitra, S.K., (1993), *An Introduction to Philosophy of Sri Aurobindo*, Sri Aurobindo Ashram Publications Department
- 3) Tagore, R.N., (2005), *Religion of Man*, Rupa Publications
- 4) Radhakrishnan, S., (2016), *The Philosophy of Rabindranath Tagore*, Niyogi Books
- 5) Gandhi, M.K., (1983) *The Story of My Experiments with Truth*, Dover Publications
- 6) Dutta, D.M., (1950) *The Chief Currents of Contemporary Philosophy*, University of Calcutta

Paper- 512 -PRINCIPAL RELIGIONS
Full Marks- 100 (80 + 20)

Unit I:

Hinduism and Sikhism- Concepts of God, Man, Creation, Liberation

Unit II:

Jainism and Buddhism- Concepts of God, Man, Creation, Liberation

Unit III:

Zoroastrianism and Christianity- Concepts of God, Man, Creation, Liberation

Unit IV:

Islam and Sufism- Concepts of God, Man, Creation, Liberation

Recommended Reading List

- 1) Masih, Y., (1990), *A Comparative Study of Religions*, Motilal Banarsidass: New Delhi
- 2) Bowker, J., (2006), *World Religions: The Great Faiths Explored and Explained*, DK Publishing: New York
- 3) Pals, D. L., (2006), *Eight Theories of Religion*, Oxford University Press: Oxford
- 4) Tiwari, K.N., (1997) *Comparative Religion*, Motilal Banarsidass: New Delhi
- 5) Mohapatra, A. R., (1990), *Philosophy of Religion*, Sterling Publishers: New Delhi

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Paper: 513 - ANALYTIC PHILOSOPHY

Full Marks: 100 (80 + 20)

Unit I

Analytic Philosophy: Introduction
Frege: Sense and Reference
Russell and Strawson: Theory of Descriptions

Unit II

G.E. Moore: A Defense of Common sense, Refutation of Idealism,
Logical Positivism: Introduction, A.J. Ayer: Elimination of Metaphysics

Unit III

Logical Atomism: Russell and Wittgenstein, Picture theory of meaning, Use theory of meaning

Unit IV

J.L. Austin and John Searle: Speech act theory

Recommended Reading List

- 1) Ammerman, R., (1990), *Classics of Analytic Philosophy*, Hackett Publishing Co.
- 2) Eliezki, A. and Anat Matar, (1998), *The Story of Analytic Philosophy: Plot and Heroes*, Routledge
- 3) Munitz, M.K., (1981), *Contemporary Analytic Philosophy*, Pearson College Div.
- 4) Stroll, A., (2001) *Twentieth Century analytic Philosophy*, Columbia University Press
- 5) Austin, J.L., (1975) *How to do things with Words*, Harvard University Press
- 6) Searle, J.P., (1969) *Speech Acts: An Essay in the Philosophy of Language*, Cambridge University Press
- 7) Ayer, A.J., (2002) *Language, Truth and Logic*, Dover Publications INC
- 8) Urmson, J.D., (1968) *Philosophical Analysis: Its Development Between the Two World Wars*, Oxford University Press
- 9) Pradhan, P.C., (2001), *Recent Developments of Analytic Philosophy*, Munshiram Manoharlal

Paper-514- PHILOSOPHICAL ANALYSIS: INDIAN PERSPECTIVES

Full Marks- 100 (80 + 20)

Unit I:

Daya Krishna-Three Myths about Indian Philosophy

Unit II:

Rajendra Prasad- God and Morality: A Conceptual Exploration

Unit III:

J.N. Mohanty- Philosophy as Reflection on Experience

Unit IV:

N.K. Devraj- Note towards a definition of Philosophy

Recommended Reading List

- 1) Mohapatra, P.K., and S. C. Panigrahi (ed.), (1992) *Perspective in Analytic Philosophy*, Cuttak, 1992.
- 2) Devaraj, N.K., (1975), ed. *Indian Philosophy Today*, Macmillan, New Delhi
- 3) Krishna, D., (1992), *Indian Philosophy: A Counter Perspective*, Oxford University Press

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Paper 515 - PRACTICAL ETHICS

Full Marks- 100 (80 + 20)

Unit I:

Chapter -2 - Equality and Its Implications (From the book Singer, P., (1992), *Practical Ethics*, Cambridge University Press)

Unit II:

Equality for animals? (chapter-3) (From the book Singer, P., (1992), *Practical Ethics*, Cambridge University Press)

Unit III:

The Environment (chapter -10) (From the book Singer, P., (1992), *Practical Ethics*, Cambridge University Press)

Unit IV:

Legal Ethics: Law and Morality, Legal Obligation, Philosophical Counselling, Managing Everyday Problem

Recommended Reading List

1. Singer, P., (1992), *Practical Ethics*, Cambridge University Press
2. Fuller, L. L., (1969) *The Morality of Law*, Yale University Press

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SEMESTER IV

Paper 521 : SOCIAL PHILOSOPHY

Full Marks- 100 (80 + 20)

Unit I:

Secularism: Meaning and Definition, Secularism in India

Unit II:

Marxism and Socialism: Meaning and Definitions

Types of Socialism: Evolutionary and Revolutionary

Unit III:

Feminism: Meaning, Definition, Principles of Feminism

Types of Feminism: Liberal, Socialist and Radical Feminism

Unit IV:

Humanism: Meaning and Definition, Radical and Spiritual Humanism

Humanism of Vivekananda and M. N. Roy

Recommended Reading List

1. Gauba, O.P., (2019), *An Introduction to Political Theory*, Mayur Paperbacks
2. Heywood, A., (2012) *Political Ideologies: An Introduction*, Palgrave Macmillan
3. Bhargava, R., (1999), *Secularism and Its Critics: Themes in Politics*, Oxford University Press

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Paper 522- POLITICAL SYSTEMS AND VALUES

Full Marks- 100 (80 + 20)

Unit I:

Political Thoughts in Mahabharata and Arthashastra of Kautilya

Unit II:

Social Contract Theory and Theories of Democracy

Unit III:

Meaning of Justice: Classical and Modern Theory of Justice: Plato and Rawls

Unit IV:

Concepts of Liberty and Equality, Liberalism and Individualism, Communitarianism

Recommended Reading List

1. Kautilya, *Arthashastra*, (1987), Trans. And Ed., L.N. Rangarajan, Penguin Books: New Delhi
2. Raphael, D. D. (1990), *Problems of Political Philosophy*, Macmillan; London
3. Sabine G., (1973), *A History of Political Theory*, 4th Ed., Revised J. L. Thorson, Oxford and IBH Publishing: New Delhi
4. Rawls, J., (1971), *A Theory of Justice*, Harvard University Press: USA
5. Ramaswami, S., (2003), *Political Theory: Ideas & Concepts*, Macmillan India Ltd.: New Delhi
6. Heywood A., (2004) *Political Theory: An Introduction*, Palgrave Macmillan: United Kingdom
7. Jha, S., (2010), *Western Political Thought from Plato to Marx*, Dorling Kindersley: New Delhi

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Paper- 523 - CLASSICS OF PHILOSOPHY

Full Marks- 100 (80 + 20)

Unit I:

The Central theme of Upanishads: Isopanisad – sloka 1 to 8

Unit II:

Isopanisad 9-18

Unit III:

Nichomachean Ethics: Virtue: Book-V

Unit IV:

Nichomachean Ethics: Happiness and Pleasure: Book-X

Recommended Reading List

- 1) Swami Ranganathananda, Message of the Upanisads
- 2) S.Radhakrishnan, Ten Principal Upanisads.
- 3) Swami Gambhirananda (Tr.), Eight Upanisads (with the commentary of Sankaracharya) Vol.-I
- 4) Swami Chinmayananda (Tr.), Isopanisad
- 5) Durga Madhab Praharaj, Philosophy of the Vedas and the Upanisads- Isopanisad with commentary.
- 6) W.D. Ross, trans. *Nichomachean Ethics*

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Paper- 524 - MAJOR TRENDS IN ODISHAN PHILOSOPHY
Full Marks- 100 (80 + 20)

Unit I:

Concept of reality and moral perspective of Mahima Philosophy

Unit II:

Pandit Nilakantha Das on Odishan Culture

Unit III:

Socio- Religious Traditions- Adivasi Culture: Santal, Sabar

Unit IV:

Vaishnavism In Odisha, Jagannath Cult, Sufism In Odisha

Recommended Reading List

- 1) Pt. Nilakantha Das, Bhagvadgita, Pithika (Introduction)
- 2) M.N.Das (Ed.), History and Culture of Orissa (Ch. 30,31 & 37)
- 3) Bhima Bhoi, Stutichintamani
- 4) S.C.Panigrahi, Bhima Bhoi and Mahima Darshan
- 5) Bijayananda Kar, Orissan Philosophy

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Paper-405 - DISSERTATION AND VIVA
Full Marks- 100 (80 +20)