Semester-wise Course for B.A. Philosophy (General)

	Sem - 1	Sem - 2	Sem - 3	Sem - 4	Sem - 5	Sem - 6
Core Course (CC)	2 TH+2TU	2 TH+2TU	2 TH+2TU	2 TH+2TU		
	CC - 1	CC - 2	CC - 3	CC - 4		
Language			1 TH+ 1TU	1 TH+ 1TU	1 TH+ 1TU	1 TH+ 1TU
(LCC)			LCC1(1)	LCC2(1)	LCC1(2)	LCC2(2)
Generic Elective	1 TH+ 1TU	1 TH+ 1TU				
(GE)	GE - 1	GE - 2				
Discipline Specific					2 TH+2TU	2 TH+2TU
Elective (DSE)					DSE –A	DSE – B
					(1A + 2A)	(1B + 2B)
Ability	1TH + 0 TU	1TH + 0 TU				
Enhancement	AECC - 1	AECC - 2				
Compulsory Course						
(AECC)						
Skill Enhancement			1TH + 0 TU			
Course (SEC)			SEC - A	SEC - B	SEC - A	SEC - B
Total No. of	4x100 = 400					
Courses and Marks						

Core Course

Semester – 1

PHIG – CC -1 Indian Epistemology and Metaphysics

Semester – 2

PHIG – 2 Western Epistemology and Metaphysics

Semester – 3

PHIG – 3 Western Logic

Semester – 4

PHIG – 4 Philosophy of Mind

Discipline Specific Elective

Semester – 5

PHIG – DSE – A Social and Political Philosophy

Semester – 6 PHIG – DSE – B Applied Ethics and Philosophy of Religion

Skill Enhancement Elective Course:

PHIG – SEC –A

(Either in Semester – 3 or in Semester – 5)

Logical Reasoning and Application

PHIG - SEC-B

(Either in Semester – 4 or in Semester – 6)

(Either in Semester – 4 or in Semester – 6) Value Education

B.A.(General)

Semester 1

PHI-G-CC-1Indian Epistemology and Metaphysics

- A. Cārvāka Epistemology: Perception as the only source of knowledge; Refutation of Inference and Testimony as source of knowledge.
- B. Nyāya Epistemology: The nature of perception; laukika sannikarṣa; Determinate (savikalpaka) and Indeterminate (nirvikalpaka): anumāna; sādhya, pakṣa, hetu, vyāpti, parāmarśa and vyāptigraha. Svārthānumitiand parārthānumiti, pañcāvayavīnyāya.

- C. Vaiśeṣika Metaphysics: Categories dravya, guna, karma, sāmānya, viśeṣa, samavāya and abhāva.
- D. Advaita Metaphysics: Brahman, māyā, The relation between jīva and Brahman.

Semester 2

PHI-G-CC-2 Western Epistemology and Metaphysics

- i. Different senses of 'Know'. Conditions of Propositional Knowledge, Origin of Concepts. Concept Rationalism-Views of Descartes and Leibniz, Concept Empiricism –Views of Locke, Berkeley and Hume.
- ii. Theories of the origin of Knowledge: Rationalism, Empiricism, Kant's Critical Theory.
- iii. Realism: Naive Realism, Locke's Representative, Realism, Subjective Idealism (Berkeley).
- iv. Causality: Entailment Theory, Regularity Theory.
- v. Mind- Body Problem: Interactionism, Parallelism and the Identity Theory.

Semester 3 PHI-G-CC-3Western Logic

- a) Introductory topics: Sentence, proposition, argument, truth and validity.
- b) Aristotelian classification of categorical propositions, distribution of terms. Existential Import, Boolean interpretation of categorical propositions. Immediate inference. Immediate inference based on the square of opposition, conversion, obversion and contraposition.

- c) Categorical syllogism: Figure, mood, rules for validity, Venn Diagram method of testing validity, fallacies.
- d) Symbolic Logic: Use of symbols, Truth-functions: Negation, Conjunction, disjunction, implication, equivalence.
- e) Tautology, Contradiction, Contingent statement forms. Construction of truth-table, using truth-tables for testing the validity of arguments and statement forms.
- f) Mill's methods of experimental inquiry.

Skill Enhancement Elective course PHI-G-SEC-A(Either in Semester 3 or in Semester 5)

- a)Logical Reasoning and application:
- 1. The main objective of logical reasoning.
- 2. Definitions: Sadhya, Paksha, Hetu, Sapaksha and Vipaksha
- 3. Construction of Kavalnvanai, Kebalvyatireki, and Anvayvyatireki Anumiti

- 4. Hetvābhāsa and its different kinds
- 5. Reasoning in practice:
- (i). Fallacy of relevance, Fallacies of ambiguity, Fallacies of weak induction, Avoiding fallacies (ii)Functional applications of ordinary operative relations between sense-organs and respective objects.

- 6. Analogy and Probable Inference
- i) Argument by Analogy
- ii) Appraising Analogical Arguments
- iii) Refutation of Logical Analogy
- 7. Scientific Explanations
- i) The Value of Science
- ii) Explanations: Scientific and Unscientific
- iii) Evaluating Scientific Explanations
- 8. Inductive Reasoning in Law
- i) The method of inquiry in Law
- ii) Causation in legal Reasoning
- (iii)Analogical reasoning in legal argument
- iv) Probability in legal argument

Semester 4 PHI-G-CC-4Philosophy of Mind.

- A) Sensation: What is sensation? Attributes of sensation. Perception: What is perception? Relation between sensation and perception, Gestalt theory of perception, illusion and hallucination.
- B) Consciousness: Conscious, Subconscious, Unconscious, Evidence for the existence of the Unconscious, Freud's theory of dream.
- C) Memory: Factors of memory, Laws of association, Forgetfulness. Learning: The trial and Error theory, Pavlov's Conditioned Response theory, Gestalt theory.
- D) Intelligence: Measurement of Intelligence, I.Q., Test of Intelligence, Binnet-Simon test.

PHI-G-SEC-B (Either in Semester 4 or in Semester 6)

b) Value Education (2 Credits per week)

- i) Meaning, Characteristics, significance and objectives of Value education
- ii) Values in different contexts: Individual, Social, Cultural, Moral and Global and Spiritual.
- iii) Meaning and Characteristics of Peace education
- iv) Aims and Objectives of Peace Education
- v) Types of peace education
- vi) Peace and Value Education in Global Perspective.

Semester 5

PHI-G-DSE-A

b)Social and Political Philosophy (6 Credits per week)

- A. Relation between Social Philosophy and Political Philosophy
- B. Primary Concepts: Society, Community, Association, Institution, Family.
- C. Social Class and Caste: Principles of Class and Caste; Marxist conception of class; Class Attitudes and Class consciousness
- D. Social Codes and Sanctions; Custom and Law; Culture and Civilization.
- E. Social Changes: Marx and Gandhi.
- F. Political Ideals: Democracy: Its Different Forms. Socialism: Utopian and Scientific Socialism

Semester 6 PHI-G-DSE-B a)Applied Ethics and Philosophy of Religion.

- A. Concepts of Applied Ethics.
- B. Killing: Suicide, Euthanasia.
- C. Famine, Affluence and Morality.
- D. Environmental Ethics: Value Beyond Sentient Beings, Reverence for life, Deep Ecology.

- E. Nature & Concerns of Philosophy of Religion. Argument for the existence of God: Cosmological argument, Ontological argument and Teleological argument.
- F. Problem of Evil and Suffering.
- G. Grounds for disbelief in God: Sociological theory of Durkheim, Freudian Theory, Cārvāka View.

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