

CBCS SYLLABUS  
*for*  
B.A. (PROGRAMME) IN  
**PHILOSOPHY**

**Proposed to be introduced from the session 2018 and onward**



**UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL  
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**Detailed Course Structure**

Course Components	No. of Courses					
	B.Sc./ BCA		B.A.		B.Com./ BBA	
	Honours Program	Program	Honours Program	Program	Honours Program	Program
Discipline Specific Core Course (DSC)	14	12	14	12	14	12
Discipline Specific Elective (DSE) Course	4	6	4	4	4	4
Generic Elective ( GE) Course	4	----	4	2	4	2
Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course ( AECC )	2	2	2	2	2	2
Skill Enhancement Course ( SEC )	2	4	2	4	2	4
<b>Total Courses</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>24</b>

**Credit Details of B.A./ B.Sc./ B.Com. Program Course under CBCS**

Courses		Credits	
		Non-Practical Based Courses	
		Theory + Tutorial	Total
1.	DSC Course (12 Courses)	$(12 \times 5) + (12 \times 1)$	72
2.	Elective Courses ( 6 courses)		
	2A. DSE (6 Courses for B.Sc./ 4 Courses for B.A and B.Com.)	$(4 \times 5) + (4 \times 1)$	24
	2B. GE (4 Courses)	$(2 \times 5) + (2 \times 1)$	12
3.	Ability Enhancement Courses		
	3A. AECC - 1	$(1 \times 2)$	2
	AECC - 2	$(1 \times 2)$	2
	3B. SEC (4 Courses taking 2 courses each from chosen DSC course)	$(4 \times 2)$	8
<b>TOTAL CREDIT</b>			<b>120</b>

A candidate to be eligible for appearing at any of the Semesters of UNDER-GRADUATE Examination must have minimum 75% attendance of lectures delivered. Award of 05 (five) marks on class attendance shall be given in the following manner:

Attendance of 75% and above but below 80% -- 02 marks  
 Attendance of 80% and above but below 85% -- 03 marks  
 Attendance of 85% and above but below 90% -- 04 marks  
 Attendance of 90% and above -- 05 marks

**Scheme for CBCS for B.A. Program in Philosophy**

Year	Semester	Discipline specific Core Course (DSC)	Language Core Course (LCC 1)	Language Core Course (LCC 2)	Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course (AECC)	Skill Enhancement Course (SEC)	Discipline Specific Elective Course (DSE)	Generic Elective Course (GE)
1	1	Discipline Specific Core 1 (Paper-1) Fundamentals of Indian Philosophy	Bengali / Sanskrit/ Nepali/Hindi (Paper-1)		AECC-1 ENVS			
		Discipline Specific Core 2 (Paper-1) From other discipline						
	2	Discipline Specific Core 1 (Paper-2) Logic (Western)	English (Paper-1)		AECC-2 Communicative English			
		Discipline Specific Core 2 (Paper-2) From other Discipline						
2	3	Discipline Specific Core 1 (Paper-3) Western Epistemology and Metaphysics	Bengali / Sanskrit/ Nepali/Hindi (Paper-2)			SEC 1 Paper-1 Basics of Counselling		
		Discipline Specific Core 2 (Paper-3) From other Discipline						
	4	Discipline Specific Core 1 (Paper-4) Western Ethics	English (Paper-2)			SEC 1 Paper-2 Critical Thinking		
		Discipline Specific Core 2 (Paper-4) From other Discipline						
3	5					SEC 2 Paper-1 From Other discipline	DSE 1 Paper 1 Psychology OR Philosophy of Religion DSE 2 Paper 1 (other Discipline)	GE-1 (Paper-1) Fundamentals of Indian Philosophy
	6					SEC 2 Paper-2 From other Discipline	DSE 1 Paper 2 Socio-Political Philosophy or Practical Ethics DSE 2 Paper 2	GE-1 (Paper-2) Logic (Western)

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**SEMESTER-I**

**COURSE: -DSC 1 Paper I:**

**FUNDAMENTALS OF INDIAN PHILOSOPHY**

**UNIT I: Introduction :**

- i. Nature of Indian Philosophy
- ii. Division of Indian Philosophy : Astika and Nastika Systems.

**UNIT II: Carvaka: Epistemology, Metaphysics and Ethics**

**UNIT III: Bauddha Philosophy:**

Four Noble Truths, Theory of Dependent Origination

**UNIT IV: Samkhya:**

Causation : Prakriti : its constituents, arguments for its existence. Evolution, Purusa : arguments for its existence.

**UNIT V: Yoga Philosophy:**

Concept of Yoga, Citta and Cittabritti, Astanga Yoga.

**UNIT VI: Nyaya Philosophy:**

**Pramanas:** Pratyaksha and Anumana

**UNIT VII: Vaisesika Philosophy:**

Seven Padarthas

**Recommended Readings:**

- Dutta and Chatterjee : *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy.*
- Dr. Niradbaran Chakraborty : *Bharatiya Darsan.*
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- Dr. Samarendra Bhattacharya : *Darsan.*
- C.D. Sharma : *A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy.*
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**SEMESTER-II**  
**COURSE: DSC-1 Paper II: Logic (Western)**

**Unit I:** Proposition, Categorical Proposition and classes: Quality, Quantity and Distribution.

**Unit II:**

Traditional Square of Oppositions

**Unit III:**

Further immediate Inference: Conversion, Obversion and Contraposition.

**Unit IV:**

Existential Import of Propositions: Boolean Interpretation of Categorical Proposition.  
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**Unit V:**

Categorical Syllogism: Figure, Mood, Testing syllogism for validity, Testing arguments by Venn Diagram. .

**Unit VI:**

Symbolic Logic: The value of special symbols for conjunction, Negation and Disjunction, implications and material implications, Statement and Statement forms, Argument and Argument Forms, Truth-Table Method for testing validity or invalidity of argument, the nature of Statement as contingent, self-contradictory or tautologous.

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Inductive Logic: Deduction & Induction, Analogy

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- Rama Prasad Das : *Paschatya Darsan O Juktivijan*.
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**SEMESTER-III**

**COURSE: -DSC1 Paper III : Western Epistemology and Metaphysics**

**Unit I:**

Theories of the Origin of Knowledge : Rationalism, Empiricism and Kant's critical theory.

**Unit II:**

Realism and Idealism as theories of reality:

- i. Realism : Naive Realism, Scientific Realism.
- ii. Idealism : Subjective Idealism (Berkeley).

**Unit III:**

Causality : Entailment Theory , Regularity Theory.

**Unit IV:**

Mind-Body Problem : Interactionism, Parallelism Theory.

**Recommended Readings:**

- Niradbaran Chakraborty : *Paschatya Darshaner Bhumika*.
- Ramaprasad Das & Shiba Pada Chakraborty : *Paschatya Darshaner Ruprekha*.
- Jagadiswar Sanyal : *Paschatya Darsan*.
- John Hospers: *An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis*.
- Dr. Samarendra Bhattacharya : *Paschatya Darsan*.
- S.P. Chakraborty : *Darsan Bhumika*.
- Satyajyoti Chakraborty : *General Philosophy*.
- Samarendranath Bhattacharya: *Darsanik Bislesaner Bhumika* vol. 1 & 2
- Samari Kanta Samanta: *Darsanik Bislesaner Ruprekha* vol. 1 & 2

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**SEMESTER-IV**

**COURSE: -DSC-1 Paper IV: WESTERN ETHICS**

1. Nature and Scope of Ethics
2. Moral and Non-moral Actions
3. Kant's Categorical Imperative
4. Utilitarianism
5. Hedonism
6. Punishment: Different theories of punishment
7. Euthanasia

**Recommended Readings:**

- W. Lillie: *An Introduction to Ethics*
- W.K. Frankena, *Ethics*
- J. S. Mackenzie: *A Manual of Ethics*
- P. Singer: *Practical Ethics* 2nd Ed, Cambridge, 1999
- P. Singer: *Applied Ethics*, OUP, 1986
- Somnath Chakraborty : *Nītividyār Tattvakathā*
- Somnath Chakraborty : *Kathāy Karme Ethics*
- Mrinal Kanti Bhadra: *Nītividyā*
- Santosh KumarPal: *Falita Nītiśāstra* (Pratham Khanda)
- Dikshit Gupta: *Nītiśāstra*
- Aurobindo Basu: *Frāmkenār Nītidarśan*



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PROGRAMME (GENERIC ELECTIVE COURSE)**

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**Discipline Specific Elective (DSE)(Choose any one from Paper I & one from Paper II)**

**DSE: 1 Paper I**

**Psychology**

1. Nature and Scope of Psychology
2. Methods of psychology (Introspection, Observation and Experimental Methods)
3. Sensation, Perception
4. Memory
5. Attention
6. Theories of Learning (Trial and Error Theory, Gestalt Theory)
7. Freud's Theory of Consciousness and Proofs for the Existence of the Unconscious
8. Freud's Theory of Dream

**Recommended Readings:**

- G.T. Morgan, *Introduction to Psychology*, Tata McGraw-Hill, 1993.
- Clifford Morgan, *A Brief Introduction to Psychology*, Tata McGraw-Hill, 1987.
- Rex Knight & M. Knight, *A Modern Introduction to Psychology*, University Tutorial Press, London, 1948.
- R. S. Woodworth, *Contemporary Schools of Psychology*, Asia Publishing House, 1961.
- Pareshnath Bhattacharya, *A Textbook of Psychology*, A. Mukherjee & Co., 1973.
- S. K. Mangal, *General Psychology*, Sterling Publishers, 1998.
- Debiprasad Chattopadhyay, *Manobigyan*, New Central Book Agency, 1964.
- Pareshnath Bhattacharya, *Manovidyā*, Mukherjee and Co., 1963.
- PritiBhusan Chattopadhyay, *Manovidyā*
- Ira Sengupta, *Manovidyā*
- M. N. Mitra O Puspa Mishra, *Manasamīkṣā*

**OR**

**Philosophy of Religion**

1. The problem and scope of the philosophy of religion.
2. The origin of religion in the light of anthropology.
3. The psychological origin and development of religion.
4. Proofs for existence of God: Ontological, Cosmological, Teleological and Moral Argument
5. Summary of different Religions: Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Christianity, Universal Religion
6. Humanism in the form of Religion

**Recommended readings :**

- The philosophy of religion : D Miall Edwards.
- History of dharmashastra. :P.V.Kane.
- Dharmodarsana : Ramesh ch.Munshi.
- Dharmadarsana : Rabindranath Das.
- Dharmadarsana :Samarendra Bhattacharya.
- Dharmadarsana : Aurobinda Bosu & Nivedita Chakraborty

## DSE-1 Paper II

### Socio -Political Philosophy :

1. Nature and Scope of Social and Political Philosophy
2. Basic Concepts : Society, Community, Social group.
3. Social class and Caste; Principles of class and caste, Attitudes and class-consciousness.
4. Ideas of Freedom, equality, justice, liberty.
5. Political Ideas (Forms of Democracy, Meaning and Nature of Secularism, Swaraj and Sarvodaya)

### Recommended Readings :

- R. M. MacIver & C. H. Page, *Society*, Rinehart and Co., NY, 1949.
- Morris Ginsberg, *Sociology*, OUP, 1947.
- Tom B. Bottomore, *Sociology*, Routledge, 2010.
- Pascual Gisbert, *Fundamentals of Sociology*, Orient Longman, 2004.
- Satyabrata Chakraborty, *Bhāratbarṣa: Rāṣṭrabhābanā*
- Amal Kumar Mukhopadhyay, "Secularism in the Present Indian Society" in *Bulletin of the Ramkrishna Mission Institute of Culture*, Vol. No. II
- Donald E. Smith, *India as A Secular State*, Princeton University Press, 1969.
- Krishna Roy (ed.), *Political Philosophy: East and West*, Allied Publishers, 2003.
- Krishna Roy and Chhanda Gupta (eds.), *Essays in Social and Political Philosophy*, Allied Publishers, 1989.
- Amal Kumar Mukhopadhyay, *Rāṣṭra darśaner Dhāra*
- Sandip Das, *Samāj O Rājnaitik Darśan*
- Sailesh Kumar Bandyopadhyay, *Gāndhi Parikramā*
- Jahar Sen, *Gandhipather Digdarshan*
- Bhikhu Parekh, *Gandhi, A Very Short Introduction*, OUP, 1997.
- Bhikhu Parekh, *Gandhi's Political Philosophy*, Palgrave MacMillan, 1989.
- Samarendra Bhattacharya, *Samājdarśan O Rāṣṭadarśan*
- M.K. Gandhi, *Hindswaraj*
- Andrea Veltman, *Social and Political Philosophy*, OUP, 2008.
- Pannalal Dasgupta, *Gandhi Gobeshana*, Nabapatra, 1986.
- Asoke Kumar Mukhopadhyay, *Bharatiya Rāṣṭracintā Paricaya*
  - *Samaj tattva* : Parimal Bhushan Kar ( W.B. Book Board ).
  - *Samaj Darshan Dipika* : Priti Bhushan Chattapadhyay .
  - *Adhunik Rastra Matabader Bhumika* : Dilip Kumar Chattapadhyay (W.B. Book Board ).
  - *Darshan O Tar Proyog* : Dr.P. Roy & Dr.R.N. Ghosh.

- *Rastra Darsaner Dhara* : Dr.Amal K.Mukhopadhyaya ( W.B.Book Board ).
- *Man and Technology* : Dr.Pabitra Kumar Roy ,Jadavpur University.
- *SamajDarsan O Rastra Darsan* : Dr.Samarendra Bhattacharjee.
- *Rastra* : Sudarshan Roy Choudhury.
- *Adhunik Rastra Matabader Bhumika* : Dilip Kumar chattapadhyaya.

Sengupta, Basu & Ghosh : *Monovidya Samaj – O Darsan O Rastradarsan*

**OR**

**PRACTICAL ETHICS:**

**Unit I:**

Foundation of applied ethics – problem of applied ethics.

**Unit II:**

Environmental Ethics- ecology-man-nature relationship, the environment and the human community, Future Generation

**Unit III:**

Medical Ethics- Euthanasia, Suicide, Abortion.

**Unit IV:**

Human Rights, discrimination on the basis of sex, race, caste, religion.

**Unit V:**

Feminism – an analysis; Marriage, dowry and divorce.

**Unit VI:**

Media Ethics.

**Recommended Readings :**

Practical Ethics Theories : U.N.Ghoshal

Practical Ethics : Peter Singer

A Companion to Ethics : Peter Singer

Applied Ethics, Peter Singer, edt.

Patient-Physician Relationship Edited by Ratna Dutta Sharma and Shashinungla, Decent Books, New Delhi, 2007

Quagmires and Quandaries : Exploring Journalism Ethics, Ian Richards

Journalistic Ethics: Moral Responsibility in the media, Dale Jacquette

Byaboharik Nitidorshon, Benulal Dhar

Byaboharik o Tattvik Nitividya, Samarendrenath Bhattacharjee

Kathay o Karne Ethics, Somnath Chakraborty

Bharatiya Nitividya ( 4<sup>th</sup> edn.), Dipak Kumar Bagchi

**CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM  
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SKILL ENHANCEMENT COURSE (SEC)**

**SEC I (Paper I): Basics of Counselling:**

1. Basic concept of Mental Health
2. What is Counselling?
3. Area and Scope of Counselling.
4. Qualities of counsellors? Difference between Psychiatrist and Psychotherapist/Counsellors.
5. Basic skills of Counselling:
  - a. Listening – What is listening? Difference between hearing and listening, Why listening is important? Barrier to listening, attending and listening, what is the content of listening? (verbal and non-verbal content, emotion), types of listening (Inactive, selective and active listening.
  - b. Responding – Which are not counsellor's responses? (with example), which are counsellor's responses? (with example), internal and External frame of reference, what is communication? Types of communication, Assertive communication as a mode of counsellor's response.
6. How does counselling proceed? - Three basic attitudes/ conditions for successful therapy/ counselling following Carl Rogers' Client-centered therapy approach – therapist/counsellor's genuineness or congruence, therapist/ counsellor's complete acceptance or unconditional positive regard for the client, empathic understanding by the therapist of the client's feelings.
7. Some major ethical issues of Counselling:
  - a. Confidentiality: What is confidentiality? Moral dilemma centering confidentiality.
  - b. Neutrality: What is neutrality? Moral dilemma centering neutrality.

**Recommended Readings:**

- *Basic Counselling Skills*, Richards Nelson Jones:
- *Introduction to Counselling Skill*, Richards Nelson Jones:
- *Patient-Physician Relationship* Edited by Ratna Dutta Sharma and Sashinugla, Decent Books, New Delhi
- *Confidentiality and Neutrality in Psychotherapy: A Philosophical Review*, by Somdatta Bhattacharyya, Papyrus
- *Counselling Er Gorar Katha*, Soumitra Basu o Somdatta Bhattacharyya
- *Counselling: Edited by Dr. Jyotsna Saha (Selected Chapters)*, Published by Cider Press

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SKILL ENHANCEMENT COURSE (SEC)**

**SEC I (Paper-II): Critical Thinking:**

**UNIT I**

*Rasvihary Das, Philosophical Essays*, edited by Ramaprasad Das:

Article: Pursuit of Truth Through Doubt and Belief, On Knowledge, Self-Knowledge

**UNIT II**

Vada, Jalpa, Bitanda, Tarka, Samsaya, Bislesaka Padhati

Recommended Readings :

1. *Rasvihary Das, Philosophical Essays*, edited with an introduction and a bibliographical note by Ramaprasad Das (*Kotipoy Darshonik Probandho*, Rasbihari Das, Bongio Darshan Parishod)
2. *History of Indian Logic*, Satish Chandra Vidyabushan, Motilal Banarashi
3. *Nyaya Porichoy*, Fanibhushan Tarkabagish, Paschim Banga Rajya Pustak Parshad