

Department of Philosophy

Bhairab Ganguly College

Course Outcomes – B.A Philosophy

Philosophy differs from most disciplines because, in philosophy courses you're not taught what to think but rather taught how to think.

Philosophy graduates know how to think logically find unique solutions to problems and communicate them to others.

A student of Philosophy can develop skills in verbal and written communication, problem solving, clear and disciplined thinking and analysis along with persuasive argumentation. These are skills that are directly applicable in careers in law, business administration, technical fields, computer programming, politics, entrepreneurship and writing based professions.

Course Specific Outcomes- B.A Philosophy (Honours)

- Semester 1
 - C1- History of Western Philosophy – I (PHIACOR01T)
 - On completion of the course, students are able to:
 - Understand the basic concepts of pre-socratic philosophy, Cosmology (Ionian) , being and change (Eliatics) , Process philosophy (Heraclitus) , The Sophists.
 - Know the Plato's Theory of knowledge (Episteme) and Opinion (Doxa) and it's refutation by Aristotle, Plato's Theory of idea, Aristotle's refutation and Aristotle's Form and Matter.
 - Understand Reason, Faith, God—Augustine, Aquinas
 - Know Descartes—Method of doubt , Cogito, Different types of ideas, Criterion of Truth, Theory of Knowledge, Theory of substance.
 - Know Spinoza—Substance, Attributes and Modes, Existence of God, Pantheism, Theory of Knowledge.
 - Know Leibnitz—Innate Idea, Monad, Truths of Reason, Truths of facts, Pre established harmony.
 - C2- Western Logic I—(PHIACOR02T)
 - On completion of the course, students are able to:

- Know Basic Concepts—Propositions, Propositional Form, Argument and Argument form, Truth functional connectives, Truth and Validity.
- Know and Overview of Traditional Laws of Logic, Boolean interpretation of Categorical Propositions and consequences, Syllogism, Venn Diagram.
- Understand Propositional Logic:
 - ❖ The Method of Truth Table and Table Trees as decision procedures
 - ✓ Statement forms and Statements—Tautologous, Contradictory and Contingent by Truth Table and Truth Tree Method
 - ✓ Consistency by Truth Tree Method
 - ✓ Validity determination by Truth Table Method and Truth Value Assignment Method.
 - ❖ Method of Deduction—Construction of formal proof of validity by using 19 Rules, I.P and C.P
 - ❖ Invalidity by Shorter Truth Table Method.

- Semester 2

- C3 Outlines of Indian Philosophy 1 (PHIACOR03T)

- On completion of the course, students are able to:
 - Know Basic Concepts in Indian Philosophy
 - Understand Carvaka Epistemology—Perception as the only source of knowledge, Refutation of Inference, Metaphysics—Causality.
 - ❖ Bauddha—Four Noble Truths, pratityasamutpadavada, ksnabhangavada, nairatmyavada, basic tenets of four bauddha schools
 - ❖ Jaino—concepts of jiva, ajiva, dravya, guna, anekantavada, syadavada.
 - Know Nyaya System Four Pramanas—Pratyaksha Pramana, Anumana Pramana, Upaman Pramana, Sabda Pramana
 - Vaisesika System—Basic outlines of Drabya, Guna, Karma, Samanya, Visesa, Samavaya, Abhava, Paramanuvada

- C4 Western Logic 2 (PHIACOR04T)

- On completion of the course, students are able to:
 - Understand Quantification:
 - ❖ Need for Quantification Theory, Singular Propositions, Quantifiers, Translating Traditional Subject—Predicate Proposition into Logical Notation of Propositional Function and Quantifier, Predicate and Predicate functions, Individual Constant and Individual Variable,

Quantification Rules and proving Validity, Proving Invalidity for Arguments involving Quantifiers.

- Understand Induction:
 - ❖ Mill's Method (in brief) and Copi's Criticism
- Induction per simple enumeration, Analogical Inference
- Criteria of Scientific Hypothesis
- Probability
 - ❖ Alternative Conceptions of Probability, the Probability Calculus, Joint Occurrences and Alternative Occurrences.

- Semester 3

- C5 History of Western Philosophy 2 (PHIACOR05T)

- On completion of the course, students are able to:
 - Understand Locke—ideas and their classification, Refutation of Innate Ideas, substance realism and theory of knowledge, primary and secondary qualities.
 - Know Berkeley—Rejection of Abstract Ideas, Rejection of the distinction between Primary and Secondary Qualities, esse est percipi, Idealism
 - Know Hume—Impression and Ideas, Association of Ideas, Judgement concerning relations of Ideas and matters of fact, Casuality and scepticism
 - Know Kaant—Conception of critical philosophy, possibility of metaphysics, copernican revolution, Distinction between a priori and a posteriori, distinction between analytic and synthetic judgement, Possibility of synthetic a priori judgement, space and time, transcendental idealism, Noumena and Phenomena

- C6 Outlines of Indian Philosophy 2 (PHIACOR06T)

- On completion of the course, students are able to:
 - Know Sankhya System—Duhkha traya, Satkarya Vada as opposed to Asatkaryavada, Arguments in favour of Satkaryavada, Prakrti, Purusha, Pluraity of Purusha, liberation
 - Understand Yoga System—citta, citta bhumi, cittavrtti, cittavrtti, nirodha astangayoga
 - Know Mimamsa System—Promanas in brief and arthapatti and anupalabdhi (prabhakara and Bhatta view),
 - Advaita Vedanta Philosophy of Sankara—Brahman Relation of Brahma with Jiva and Jagat, Doctrine of Maya
 - Ramanuja, Brahman, jiva, jagat, Prapatti, refutation of Sankara's Theory of Maya

- C7 Western Ethics (PHIACOR07T)

- on completion of the course, students are able to:
 - Understand Introduction to Ethics
 - Understand different types of ethical theories—descriptivism vs normativism and prescriptivism, deontology, teleologism, naturalism
 - Know Deontology with special reference to Kant
 - Know Teleologism—hedonism, utilitarianism and its different types
 - Know Theories of punishment.
 - Sec 1 Media Ethics (PHISSEC01M)
 - on completion of the course, students are able to:
 - Understand what is media ethics, roles and impact of media, media and democracy, functions and responsibilities of media.
- Semester 4
 - C8 Social and Political Philosophy—Western (PHIACOR08T)
 - On completion of the course, students are able to:
 - Understand concept of social philosophy and political philosophy
 - Know basic concepts—Society, Community, Association, Institution Caste and Class, Social Groups
 - Know the Marxist view of social change and Gandhian view of social change
 - Understand the Marxist interpretation of family, Patriarchy and the feminist interpretation of family, the Marxist feminist debate.
 - Know political ideas—democracy socialism and its different forms.
 - Understand separation of power—three wings of government—Legislative, Executive and judiciary.
 - C9 Psychology and Philosophy of mind (PHIACOR09T)
 - On completion of the course, students are able to:
 - Know the relation between Philosophy of Mind, Psychology, Philosophy of Psychology, Psychology as Science.
 - Know Gestalt Theory of Perception and Learning.
 - Understand the methods of Psychology—Introspection, Extrospection, experimental method.
 - Know Freud's Theory—Conscious, Unconscious, Id Ego, Super Ego

- Know Dualism and it's types
 - Behaviourism – methodological and philosophical
 - Know the relation between body and mind—parallelism, interactionism, bundle theory, double aspect theory, Occasionalism, Emergentism and Epiphenomenalism.
 - C10 Classical Indian Text (PHIACOR10T)
 - On completion of the course, students are able to:
 - Understand Annambhatta's Tarkasamgrahah with Dipikatika (from buddhi to upamanakhandam)
 - Sec 2 Business Ethics (PHISSEC02M)
 - On completion of the course, students are able to:
 - Understand what is business ethics; environmental ethics related to business, advertising ethics related to business.
- Semester 5
 - C11 Philosophy of language—Indian and Western (PHIACOR11T)
 - On completion of the course, students are able to:
 - Understand Indian Philosophy of language—Annambhatta's Tarkasamgrahah with dipikatika—Sabdakhandam
 - Know Western Philosophy of language—Hospers—word, meaning, ambiguity, vagueness.
 - Know Alston—speech acts
 - C12 Ethical and Social Philosophy of India (PHIACOR12T)
 - On completion of the course, students are able to:
 - Know special features of Indian Ethics as opposed to Western Ethics
 - Know Basic concepts with social significance in Bhagavat Gita
 - Understand Purushartha
 - Understand Carvaka Sukhavada
 - Know Dharma
 - Know karma
 - Understand concepts of Pancasila, Brahmavihara, Anuvrata, Mahavrata, Ahimsa
 - DSE 2 Practical Ethics(PHIADSE02T)
 - On completion of the course, students are able to:
 - Know Killing of animals, suicide, Euthanasia
 - Understand human rights; discrimination and it's different types.
 - Understand War, Violence and Terrorism

- Know concept of environmental ethics
 - Know feminist ethics—justice based ethics vs care based ethics and ethics based on empathy, female foeticide and abortion
 - DSE3 Philosophy of Religion (PHIADSE03T)
 - On completion of the course, students are able to:
 - Know scope and nature of religion
 - Know relation between philosophy of religion and theology
 - Know difference between spirituality and religiosity, sacred and profane, magic and religion.
 - Know Problem of evil
 - Know proofs for existence of god Ontological, Cosmological, Teleological, Moral
 - Know grounds for disbelief in god—sociological theory and Freudian Theory
 - Know some major religions—Hinduism, Buddhism, Christianity, Islam
- Semester 6
 - C13 Western Epistemology and Metaphysics (PHIACOR13T)
 - On completion of the course, students are able to:
 - Know knowledge, definition, types of knowledge—knowing that knowing how knowledge by acquaintance, knowledge by description
 - Know theories of truth Correspondence theory, Coherent Theory, Pragmatism
 - Know the problem of induction
 - Know Realism, Idealism, Phenomenalism
 - Know the Problem of Universals the causal principle
 - C14 Some Modern Indian Thinkers (PHIACOR14T)
 - On completion of the course, students are able to:
 - Know Vivekananda—Practical Vedanta, Karma Yoga Unification of religions.
 - Know Gandhi—Sarvodaya, non-violence, Trusteeship
 - Know Arabindo – evolution and involution
 - Know Ambedkar—Caste, Equality, Fraternity
 - DSE05 Problems of Philosophy—Russell (PHIADSE05T)
 - On completion of the course, students are able to:

- Know knowledge by Acquaintance and knowledge by description
 - Know induction
 - Know the value of philosophy
- DSE06 Hume (PHIADSE06T)
 - On completion of the course, students are able to:
 - Understand Humes and Enquiry concerning Human Understanding

Course Specific Outcomes- B.A Philosophy (General)

• Semester 1

○ GE1/DSE1—Logic (PHIHGEC01T,PHIGCOR01T)

- On completion of the course, students are able to:
 - Know basic concepts of Proposition, Categorical Proposition, Quality, Quantity of Categorical Propositions, Arguments, Truth, Validity
 - Understand Distribution of terms, Traditional Square of Oppositions, Conversion, Obversion and Contraposition
 - Know Categorical Proposition, Existential import of propositions, Boolean Interpretation of Categorical Proposition
 - Know Categorical Syllogism—Figure, Mood, Rules for Validity, Testing the Validity for Arguments by Venn Diagram
 - Know Symbolic Logic—the value of special symbols for Conjunction, Negation, Disjunction, Implication, Equivalence, Tautology, Contradiction, Contingency
 - Understand Truth Table method for Testing Argument
 - Know Mill’s Methods of Experimental Enquiry

• Semester 2

○ **GE2/DSE2—Western Epistemology and Metaphysics(PHIHGEC02T,PHIGCOR02T)**

- On completion of the course, students are able to:
 - Know Theories of Origin of Knowledge—Rationalism, Empiricism and Kant’s Critical Theory
 - Know Realism and Idealism—Naive realism, Representative Realism, Subjective Idealism, Distinction between Primary Qualities and Secondary Qualities.
 - Know Empiricist and Rationalist view of substance
 - Know Causality—Entailment Theory, Regularity Theory
 - Know mind body problem—Interactionism, Parallelism, Epiphenomenalism

● **Semester 3**

○ **GE3/DSE3—Indian Epistemology and Metaphysics (PHIHGEC03T,PHIGCOR03T)**

- On completion of the course, students are able to:
 - Know Carvaka Epistemology, Carvaka Metaphysics, Causality.
 - Know Nyaya Epistemology—Pramana—Pratyaksa, Anumana, Upamana, Sabda
 - Know Vaisesika Metaphysics—Seven categories – Dravyaguna, karma, samanya, visesa, samavaya, avhava
 - Know Advaita Metaphysics—nature of Brahman, Maya, Jagat, relation between Brahman and Jiva

○ **Sec 1 Media Ethics (PHISSEC01M)**

- On completion of the course, students are able to:
 - Understand what is media ethics, roles and impact of media, media and democracy, functions and responsibilities of media.

● **Semester 4**

○ **GE3/DSE3—Ethics-Indian and Western (PHIHGEC04T,PHIGCOR04T)**

- On completion of the course, students are able to:
 - Know introduction, difference between Indian Ethics and Western Ethics

- Know Purusharthas: General view and their inter relations
 - Know Karma: Sakama, Niskama, Nitya-naimittik, Kamyā
 - Know Carvaka Ethics
 - Know Buddhist Ethics: The Four Truths and the Eight-fold Path, Pancasila
 - Know Jaina Ethics: Anuvrata Mahavrata
 - Know Moral and Non moral actions: Concept and object of Moral Judgement
 - Know standards of Morality: (A) Teleological Ethics— Hedonism-Psychological & Ethical, Ethical-Egoism and Utilitarianism (Bentham & Mill)
 - Know Deontological Ethics—Kant: Good will, Categorical Imperative, Duty for Duty's Sake
 - Know Theories of Punishment
- **Sec 2 Business Ethics (PHISSEC02M)**
 - On completion of the course, students are able to:
 - Understand what is business ethics; environmental ethics related to business, advertising ethics related to business.
- **Semester 5**
 - **DSE01 Applied Ethics (PHIGDSE01T)**
 - On completion of the course, students are able to:
 - Know nature of Applied Ethics and Practical Ethics
 - Know nature of rights—human and animal
 - Know definition and types of suicide, whether suicide can be called a moral crime, arguments for and against suicide
 - Know Euthanasia/ Mercy killing, definition, meaning, types argument for and against Euthanasia
 - Know Environmental Ethics, nature and main concern, necessity of environmental ethics for human survival
 - **Sec 3 Media Ethics (PHISSEC03M)**
 - On completion of the course, students are able to:
 - Understand what is media ethics, roles and impact of media, media and democracy, functions and responsibilities of media.
 - **GE1 The Philosophy of self-development (PHIGGEC01T)**
 - On completion of the course, students are able to:
 - Know, Buddhism—Caturaryasatya, Causality, Dvadasanidana, Astangika Marga
 - Know Yaga—Citta, Cittabhumi, Cittavrtti, Cittavrttinirodha, Astangayoga

- Know Vedanta, Advaita Vedanta—sravaṇa, Manana, Nididhyasana, Mukti—jībanmukti, Videhamukti
- Know Vivekananda—karmayoga
- Know Gandhi, non-violence and truth

- **Semester 6**

- **DSE03 Social and Political Philosophy (PHIGDSE03T)**

- On completion of the course, students are able to:
 - Know social philosophy, nature and scope
 - Know primary concepts—society, community, association, institution, social groups and its different forms.
 - Know religious code and moral code
 - Know custom and law
 - Know culture and civilization
 - Know class and caste, definition and difference between social class and caste, class attitude and class consciousness
 - Understand Political ideals—Democracy—different forms, merits and demerits of democracy
 - Understand socialism, various forms, Utopian, democratic and scientific

- **Sec 4 Business Ethics (PHISSEC04M)**

- On completion of the course, students are able to:
 - Understand what is business ethics; environmental ethics related to business, advertising ethics related to business.

- **GE2—Critical Thinking (PHIGGEC02T)**

- On completion of the course, students are able to:
 - Know what is critical thinking
 - Know critical thinking and logic
 - Know inferences and fallacies
 - Know information and its evaluation
 - Know thinking, reading and writing critically