

# Vidyasagar University

## Curriculum for B.A. (Honours) in Philosophy [Choice Based Credit System]

### Semester-I

Course	Course Code	Name of the Subjects	Course Type/ Nature	Teaching Scheme in hour per week			Credit	Marks
				L	T	P		
CC1		C1T:Indian Philosophy-I	Core Course-1	5	1	0	6	75
CC2		C2T:History of Western Philosophy -I	Core Course-2	5	1	0	6	75
GE1		TBD	Generic Elective-1				4/5	75
							2/1	
AECC		English	AECC (Elective)	1	1	0	2	50
<b>Semester Total</b>							<b>20</b>	<b>275</b>

**L**=Lecture, **T**=Tutorial, **P**=Practical, **CC**- Core Course, **TBD** - To be decided, **AECC**- Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course

**Generic Elective (GE) (Interdisciplinary)** from other Department [Paper will be of 6 credits]

**Semester-I**  
**CORE COURSE (CC)**

**CC-1: Indian Philosophy – I**

**Credit 06**

**C1T: Indian Philosophy – I**

**Credit 06**

**A.** Introduction: Division of Indian Philosophical Schools: Āstika and Nāstika

**B.** Cārvāka School—Epistemology, Metaphysics, Ethics.

**C.** Jainism—Concept of Dravya, Sat, Guṇa, Paryāya Anekāntavāda, Syādvāda and Saptabhaṅginaya.

**D.** Buddhism— Four noble Truths, Theory of Dependent Origination (Pratītyasamutpāda), Definition of Reality (Arthakriyākāritva), Doctrine of Momentariness, (Kṣanabhangavāda), Theory of no-soul (Nairātmyavāda), Four Schools of Buddhism (Basic tenets).

**E.** Nyāya –Pramā and Pramāṇa, Pratyakṣa (Definition), Sannikarṣa, Classification of Pratyakṣa: Nirvikalpaka, Savikalpaka, Laukika, Alaukika;

**F.** Anumiti, Anumāna (Definition), vyāpti, parāmarśa, Classification of Anumāna: pūrvavat, śesavat, smānyatodṛṣṭa, kevalānvayī, kevalavyātirekī, anvayavyātirekī, svārthānumāna, parārthānumāna, Upamāna (definition), Śabda (definition),

**G.** Vaiśeṣika—Seven Padārthas, dravya, guṇa, karma, sāmānya, viśeṣa, samavāya, abhāva,

**H.** Different types of causes: samavayi, asamavayi and nimitta. Asatkāryavāda.

**Suggested Readings:**

**English:**

1. Outlines of Indian Philosophy: M. Hiriyanna
2. A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy: C.D. Sharma
3. An Introduction to Indian Philosophy: D. M. Dutta & S.C. Chatterjee
4. Classical Indian Philosophy: J.N. Mohanty
5. History of Indian Philosophy: S.N. Dasgupta
6. Indian Philosophy (Vol. I & II): S. Radhakrishnan
7. Indian Philosophy (Vol. I & II): J.N. Sinha
8. Studies on the Carvaka/Lokayata: Ramakrishna Bhattacharya
9. The Central Philosophy of Buddhism: T.R.V. Murti
10. Yogacara Idealism: A.K. Chatterjee
11. An Introduction to Mādhyamika Philosophy: Jaydev Singh
12. Reflections on Indian Philosophy: K.P. Sinha
13. Philosophy of Jainism: K.P. Sinha

14. Nyaya Theory of Knowledge: S.C. Chatterjee
15. Six Ways of Knowing: D.M. Dutta
16. Nyaya-Vaisesika Metaphysics: Sadananda Bhaduri
17. The Doctrine of Maya: A.K. Roychoudhuri
18. Self and Falsity in Advaita Vedanta: A.K. Roychoudhuri
19. The Word and the world: Bimal Krishna Matilal
20. Logic, Language and Reality: Bimal Krishna Matilal

### **Bengali:**

21. Bharatiya Darshan: Debabrata Sen
22. Bharatiya Darshan: Nirodbaran Chakraborty
23. Sayan Madhaviya Sarva Darshan Samgraha: Satyajyoti Chakraborti
24. Lokayata Darshan: Debiprasad Chatoopadhyay
25. Carvakacarca: Ramakrisna Bhattacharya
26. Carvaka Darshan: Panchanan Sastri
27. Carvaka Darshan: Amit Kumar Bhattacharya
28. Bauddha Dharma O Darshan: Swami Vidyaranya
29. Bauddha Darshan: Panchanan Sastri
30. Gautama Buddher Darshan o Dharma: Sukomol Choudhury
31. Bauddha Darshan: Amit Kumar Bhattacharya
32. Ksanabhangavada: Bidhubhusan Bhattacharya
33. Jainadarshaner Digdarshan: Satindra Chandra Bhattacharya
34. Nyaya Darshan: Phanibhushan Tarkavagisha
35. Nyaya Paricaya: Phanibhushan Tarkavagisha
36. Nyaya-Vaisesika Darshan: Karuna Bhattacharya
37. Nyaya Tattva Parikrama: Kalikrishna Bandyopadhyaya
38. Samkhya Darshan: Bhupendranath Bhattacharya
39. Samkhya Darshaner Vivarana: Bidhubhusan Bhattacharya
40. Samkhyamata Samiksa: Yogendranath Bagchi
41. Samkhya Tattva Kaumudi: Narayan Chandra Goswami
42. Samkhya-Patanjal Darshan: Kanakprabha Bandyopadhyaya
43. Patanjali Darshan: Purnachandra Vedantachanchu
44. Puva Mimasa Darshan: Sukhamaya Bhattacharya
45. Vedanta Darshan: Roma Choudhury
46. Vedanta Darshan: Advaitavada: Ashutosh Sastri
47. Mayavada: Pramatha Nath Tarkabhushan
48. Vedanta Darshan: Swami Vidyaranya

**CC-2: History of Western Philosophy – I**

**Credit 06**

**C2T: History of Western Philosophy – I**

- A.** Pre Socratic Philosophy: A brief outline (8)
- B.** Plato: Theory of Knowledge, Theory of Forms. (10)
- C.** Aristotle : Critique of Plato’s theory of Forms, Doctrine of four causes, Form and Matter (14)
- D.** St. Thomas Aquinas: Faith and Reason, Essence and Existence. (8)
- E.** Descartes: Cartesian method of doubt, cogito ergo sum, criterion of truth, types of ideas, Proofs for the existence of God, Mind- body dualism Proofs for the existence of the external world, (18)
- F.** Spinoza: Doctrine of substance, Attributes and Modes, Existence of God, Pantheism, Three orders of knowing. (14)
- G.** Leibniz: Monads, Truths of reason, Truths of facts, Innate ideas, Some metaphysical principles: Law of Identity of indiscernibles, Law of sufficient reason, Law of continuity, Doctrine of Pre-established harmony. (18)

**Suggested Readings:**

**English:**

1. The Greek Philosophers from Thales to Aristotle: W. K. C. Guthrie
2. A Critical History of Greek Philosophy: W.T. Stace
3. Encyclopedia of Philosophy: P. Edwards (ed.)
4. A History of Philosophy: F. Copleston, vols. I, II, IV, V, VI
5. History of Western Philosophy: B. Russell
6. History of Modern Philosophy: R. Falckenberg
7. A Critical History of Modern Philosophy: Y.H. Masih
8. A History of Philosophy: F. Thilly
9. A History of Modern Philosophy: W.K. Wright
10. A Critical History of Western Philosophy: D.J. O’Connor
11. A History of Philosophy from Descartes to Wittgenstein: R. Scruton
12. The Fundamental Questions of Philosophy: A.C. Ewing
13. A Brief History of Western Philosophy: A. Kenny
14. The Works of Descartes: Haldane & Ross (eds.)
15. Descartes: The Project of Pure Enquiry: B. Williams
16. Descartes: A. Kenny
17. Spinoza: Leon Roth
18. Leibniz: An Introduction to His Philosophy: N. Rescher
19. The Rationalists: J. Cottingham

## **Bengali:**

20. Paschatya Darshaner Itihas: Tarak Candra Roy (pratham o dwitiya khanda)
21. Paschatya Darshaner Itihas: Kalyan Chandra Gupta
22. Paschatya Darshaner Itihas: Susanta Chakraborty
23. Paschatya Darshaner Itihas: Samarendra Bhattacharya (pratham o dwitiya khanda)
24. Paschatya Darshaner Itihas(Plato o Aristotle): N.B. Chakraborty
25. Paschatya Darshaner Itihas(Plato o Aristotle): Debabrata Sen
26. Paschatya Darshaner Itihas(Adhunik Yuga-Yuktivada (Descartes), Spinoza,Leibniz:): Chandrodaya Bhattacharya

### **Generic Elective (GE) GE-1 [Interdisciplinary for other department]**

#### **GE-1: Ethics : Indian and Western**

**Credit 06**

#### **GE-1T: Ethics : Indian and Western**

- A.** Four Purusarthās – dharma, artha, kāma and mokṣa and their interrelation. Karma (Sakāma & Niṣkāma), Cārvāka Ethics. (12)
- B.** Buddhist Ethics: The Four Noble Truths and the Eight-Fold Path. (10)
- C.** Moral and Non-Moral Actions, Object of Moral Judgement. (10)
- D.** Teleological Ethics: Utilitarianism (Bentham and Mill). Deontological Ethics: Kant's Moral Theory. (14)
- E.** Theories of Punishment. (14)

#### **Suggested Readings:**

1. The Fundamentals of Hinduism-A Philosophical Study: S.C. Chatterjee
2. Nitividya: Shibapada Chakrabarty
3. Nitividyar Tattvakatha: Somnath Chakrabarty
4. Nitisastra: Dikshit Gupta
5. An Introduction to Ethics: W. Lillie