



**GAUHATI UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY
REVISED SYLLABUS FOR TDC (Regular)**

**Semester I
PHI-RC-1016
General Philosophy**

Unit I

Definition, Nature and Scope of Philosophy
Branches of Philosophy
Realism and Idealism

Unit II

Substance
Causality
Space and Time

Unit III

Empiricism, Rationalism
Criticism
Scepticism

Unit IV

Correspondence
Coherence
Pragmatic and Semantic

Books Recommended:

Patrick, G.T.W.:	<i>Introduction to Philosophy</i>
Cunningham, G.W.:	<i>Problems of Philosophy</i>
Russell, Bertrand.:	<i>Problems of Philosophy</i>
Taylor, Richard.:	<i>Metaphysics</i>
Hamlyn, D.W.:	<i>Metaphysics</i>
	<i>Theory of Knowledge</i>
Woozley, A.D.	<i>Theory of Knowledge</i>

Semester II
PHI-RC-2016
Indian Philosophy

Unit I

Development of Indian Philosophy, Meaning and scope of Indian Philosophy
Schools of Indian Philosophy
Common Characteristic of Indian Systems

Unit II

Buddhism: Four Noble Truths
Buddhism: Theory of Impermanence; No-soul theory
Jainism: Syādvāda, Anekāntavāda

Unit III

Sāṃkhya: Puruṣa; Prakṛti
Sāṃkhya: Evolution
Nyāya: Pramānas

Unit IV

Śaṅkara: Brahman
Śaṅkara: Avidyā & Adhyāsa
Rāmānuja: Brahman; Jiva and Prakṛti

Books Recommended:

Chatterjee, S.C.:	<i>Nyaya Theory of Knowledge</i>
Chatterjee, S.C. & Dutta, D.M.:	<i>An Introduction to Indian Philosophy</i>
Dasgupta, S.N.:	<i>A History of Indian Philosophy</i>
Hiriyana, M.:	<i>Outlines of Indian Philosophy</i>
Radhakrishnan, S.:	<i>Indian Philosophy</i>
Sharma, C.D.:	<i>A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy</i>

Semester III
PHI-RC-3016
Ethics

Unit I

Nature, Scope and Utility of study of Ethics
Moral Consciousness, Object of Moral Judgement, Moral Obligation
Postulates of Morality

Unit II

Virtue Ethics: Aristotle
Deontological Ethics: Kant
Utilitarianism: Bentham, Mill

Unit III

Theories of Punishment, Capital Punishment
Professional Ethics
Environmental Ethics

Unit IV

Law of Karma, Varna and Asrama Dharma, Purusarthas
Buddhist Pancasila; Brahmvihara; Bodhisattva Bhumis
Jaina Triratna, Anuvrata and Mahavrata

Books Recommended:

Chakravarty, D.K.	<i>Problems of Analytical Ethics</i>
Dasgupta, S.N.	<i>A History of Indian Philosophy</i>
Frankena, W.	<i>Ethics</i>
Hiriyana, M.	<i>Outlines of Indian Philosophy</i>
Hudson, W.D.	<i>Modern Moral Philosophy</i>
Lillie, William.	<i>An Introduction to Ethics</i>
Mackenzie, J.N.	<i>Manual of Ethics</i>
Moore, G.E.	<i>Ethics</i>
Radhakrishnan, S.	<i>Indian Philosophy</i>
Singer, Peter.	<i>Applied Ethics</i>
Singer, Peter.	<i>Practical Ethics</i>
Tiwari, Kedar Nath.	<i>Classical Indian Ethical Thought: A Philosophical Study of Hindu, Jaina and Buddhist Morals</i>

Semester IV
PHI-RC-4016
Logic

UNIT I: Fundamental Concepts of logic

Propositions and Arguments
Truth and Validity
Deduction and Induction

UNIT II: Aristotelian Syllogistic Logic

Categorical Propositions, Translating Ordinary Proposition into Standard Form
Square of Opposition
Categorical Syllogism, Figures and Moods
Immediate Inference

UNIT III: Symbolic Logic: Introduction

Symbolic Logic and its Characteristics, Uses of Symbols
Relation between Traditional Logic and Symbolic Logic
Modern Classification of Propositions

UNIT IV: Propositional Logic

Logical Connectives: *and, or, not*; Material Conditional, Bi-conditional
Symbolization of everyday language
Truth-Table method of testing validity of argument, Shorter Truth Table

Books recommended:

Basson and O'Connor:	<i>Introduction to Symbolic Logic</i>
Chakraborti, Chhanda:	Logic: Informal, Symbolic and Inductive
Copi, I.M.	<i>Introduction to Logic</i> , 14 th Edition
Hurley, Patrick.	<i>Introduction to Logic</i>
Roy, B.N.	<i>Deductive Logic</i>
Suppes, P.	<i>Introduction to Logic</i>
Stebbing, L.S.	<i>A Modern Introduction to Logic</i>

Semester V
PHI-RE-5016
Contemporary Indian Philosophy

Unit I: Aurobindo

Evolution
Super mind
Synthesis of yoga

Unit II: Radhakrishnan

Religious experience
Intellect and intuition
Man and his destiny

Unit III: Gandhi

Religion, Truth, Non-violence
Satyagraha, Sarvodaya, Swadeshi
Critique of industrialisation, trusteeship

Unit IV: Vivekananda

Universal religion
Practical Vedanta
Philosophy of education

Books Recommended:

	<i>Complete works of Swami Vivekananda (relevant chapters)</i>
S. Radhakrishnan:	<i>An idealist view of Life</i>
S. K. Maitra :	<i>An introduction to Philosophy of Sri Aurobindo</i>
D. M. Datta :	<i>The Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi</i>
N. K. Bose :	<i>Selections from Gandhi</i>
Nilima Sharma :	<i>Twentieth Century Indian Philosophy</i>
D. M. Datta :	<i>Chief Currents of Contemporary Philosophy</i>

Semester V
PHI-RE-5026
Western Philosophy

Unit I

Plato: Theory of Forms
Aristotle: Form and Matter
Augustine: Problem of Evil; Freedom of Will

Unit II

Descartes: Cogito Ergo Sum; Body-Mind Dualism
Spinoza: Parallelism; Pantheism
Leibnitz: Theory of Monads; Pre-Established Harmony

Unit III Empiricism

Locke: Primary and Secondary Qualities; Tabula Rasa
Berkeley: Esse Est Percipi
Hume: Theory of Causation, Scepticism

Unit IV Critical Philosophy

Kant: Synthesis of Rationalism and Empiricism
Kant: Transcendental Aesthetic
Kant: Theory of Understanding

Books Recommended:

W.T. Stace :	<i>A Critical History of Greek Philosophy</i>
B.A.G. Fuller:	<i>History of Greek Philosophy</i>
F. Copleston :	<i>History of Philosophy</i>
W.K.C. Guthrie:	<i>Hisotry of Greek Phillosophy</i>
B.N Moore:	<i>Philosophy, The Power of Ideas</i>
F. Thilly:	<i>A History of Philosophy</i>
Barlingay and Kulkarni:	<i>Critical History of Western Philosophy</i>
Y. Masih:	<i>A Critical History Of Modern Philosophy</i>
Anthony Kenny:	<i>A New History of Philosophy</i>
D.W. Hamlyn:	<i>A History of Western Philosophy</i> <i>Routledge History of Philosophy</i>

Semester V
PHI GE-5016
Indian Yogic Traditions

Unit I

Meaning and Essence of Yoga

Jnana Yoga, Karma Yoga, Bhakti Yoga

Unit II

Levels of Mental Life (Cittabhumi)

Eightfold Means of Yoga (Yoganga)

Unit III

Buddhist Conception of Yoga

Jaina Conception of Yoga

Unit IV

Swami Vivekananda on Raja Yoga

Sri Aurobindo's Integral Yoga

Books Recommended:

H. Aranya, *Yoga Philosophy of Patanjali*

S, N. Dasgupta, *Yoga Philosophy in Relation to Other Systems of Indian Thought*

T. Cleary, *Buddhist Yoga: A Comprehensive Course*

S. Gopalan, *Outlines of Jainism*

G.W. Kaveeshwar, *The Ethics of The Gita*

Swami Vivekananda, *Raja Yoga*

Sri Aurobindo, *The Synthesis of Yoga*

Semester VI
PHI-RE-6016
Philosophy of Religion

Unit I

Defining Religion
Nature of Philosophy of religion and its distinction from theology
Religious experience

Unit II:

Reason, Faith and Revelation
Freedom of Will
Immortality of the soul

Unit III

Deism
Pantheism
Panentheism/Monothelism

Unit IV

Ontological argument
Cosmological argument, Teleological argument
Moral argument

Books Recommended:

Hilary Rodrigues and John S. Harding:	Introduction to Study of Religion
John Hick :	<i>Philosophy of Religion</i>
Miall Edwards :	<i>Philosophy of Religion</i>
B. Mitchell :	<i>Philosophy of Religion</i>
John Hick :	<i>Classical and contemporary readings in the Philosophy of Religion</i>
Y. Masih:	<i>Introduction to Religious Philosophy</i>
Peterson and others (OUP):	<i>Reason and Religious Belief: An Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion</i>
Peterson and others:	<i>Philosophy of Religion. Selected Readings</i>

Semester VI
PHI-RE-6026
Political & Social Philosophy

Unit I

Rights and Duties
Justice
Equality & Liberty

Unit II

Anarchism
Socialism
Marxism

Unit III

Monarchy
Theocracy
Democracy

Unit IV

Humanism
Secularism
Multiculturalism

Books Recommended:

Durkheim, E.:	<i>Sociology and Philosophy</i>
Joshi, N. V.:	<i>Social and Political Philosophy</i>
Mackenzie, J.S.:	<i>Outlines of Social Philosophy</i>
Raphael, D. D.:	<i>Problems of Political Philosophy</i>
Rout, B. C.:	<i>Political Theory and Ideology</i>
Roy & Bhattacharya.:	<i>Political Theory</i>
Sinhha, A. K.:	<i>Outlines of Social Philosophy</i>

Semester VI
PHI-GE-6016
Philosophy of Religion

Unit-I Religious Concepts

Faith and Revelation
Idea of the Holy
Soul and Immortality

Unit-II Arguments for Existence of God

Ontological
Cosmological
Teleological; Moral

Unit III Theories of Belief in God

Polytheism
Detheism
Monotheism

Unit IV Relation of God and World

Deism
Pantheism
Panentheism

Recommended Books:

Edward, M.: *An Introduction to Philosophy of Religion*
Hick, J.: *Classical and Contemporary Readings in the Philosophy of Religion*
Lotze, H.: *Philosophy of Religion*
Mitchell, B.: *Philosophy of Religion*
Otto, R.: *The Idea of the Holy*
Hick, J.: *The Evil and the God of Love*
Smart, N.: *Religion and Faith*
Sarma, S.: *Religious Philosophy of Rudolf Otto*
Tilich, P.: *Systematic Theology*
Galloway, S.: *The Philosophy of Religion*
Hastings, J. (ed): *Encyclopaedia of Religion and Ethics* (Relevant Articles)