



**DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY  
UNIVERSITY OF GOUR BANGA**

**Syllabus for Ph.D. Coursework in Philosophy**

(w.e.f. the session: 2016-17)

**Approved by the BRS in Philosophy**

**One semester for Ph.D. Coursework** (duration of six months)

- **Number of Courses:** 4 (100 marks in each course)
- **Total Marks:** 400
- **Pass marks:** 55%

**Outline of the Syllabus**

**COURSE – I**

**RESEARCH METHODOLOGY (Marks: 100)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Half: General Research Methodology (Marks: 50)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Half: Subject Oriented Research Methodology (Marks: 50)**

**COURSE – II**

**COMPUTER APPLICATION (Marks: 100)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Half: General Computer Application (Marks: 50)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Half: Subject Oriented Computer Application (Marks: 50)**

**COURSE – III**

**FOUNDATION OF SUBJECT AND ADVANCED SUBJECT OF  
SPECIALIZATION (Marks: 100)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Half: Foundation of Subject (Marks: 50)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Half: Advanced Subject of Specialization (Marks: 50)**

**COURSE – IV**

**REVIEW OF PUBLISHED RESEARCH WORKS AND  
DEVELOPMENT OF A RESEARCH PROPOSAL (Marks: 100)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Half: Review of Published Research Works (Marks: 50)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Half: Development of a Research Proposal (Marks: 50)**

**COURSE – I**  
**RESEARCH METHODOLOGY (Marks: 100)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Half: General Research Methodology (Marks: 50)**

- What is expected in a thesis?
- Developing research skills.
- Finding the research questions.
- Purpose or objective of research work.
- Choosing a research topic.
- Finding library sources and putting sources to work.
- Literature review.
- Research gap.
- Methodological knowledge of Bibliography/Reference, Footnote/Endnote, Paraphrasing sources, Quotation, Proof-reading and Diacritical marks.
- Types of research work: qualitative, quantitative, conceptual/critical analysis.
- Writing and presentation skill.
- Research Ethics and Plagiarism.

**Suggested Readings:**

- Kothari, C.R: *Research Methodology: Methods and Techniques*, New Age International, 2004.
- Misra, R.P: *Research Methodology: A Handbook*, New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company, 1989.
- Ramachandran, T.P: *The Methodology of Research in Philosophy*, University of Madras Press.
- Veit, Richard, Chistopher Gould, and John Clifford: *Writing, Reading and Research* (2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.), New York: Macmillian, 1985.
- Watson, George: *Writing a Thesis: A Guide to Long Essays and Dissertations*, Longman, 1987.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Half: Subject Oriented Research Methodology (Marks: 50)**

- **Philosophical Methodology 1 (Indian)**
  1. Concept of philosophy in traditional Indian schools of thought.
  2. Concept of philosophy in modern Indian thought (Kalidas Bhattacharya, RasVihary Das, Daya Krishna).
  3. Methods in philosophy (Tarka, Samśaya, Vāda, Jalpa, Vitaṇḍā, Uddeśa, Lakṣaṇa, Parīkṣā, Śravaṇa, Manana, Nididhyāsana, Saṁvāda, Paripraśna).

### **Suggested Readings:**

- Das, Rasvihary: *Katipay Darshanik Prabandha*, Bangiya Darshan Parishad, Kolkata.
- Ganeri, Jonardan: *Philosophy in Classical India: The Proper Work of Reason*, Routledge, 2001.
- Ghosh, Raghunath: *Knowledge, Meaning and Intuition*, New Delhi: New Bharatiya Book Corporation.
- Matilal, B.K: “On the Concept of Philosophy in India”, in *Philosophy, Culture and Religion: Collected Essays*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2001.
- Matilal, B.K: *Epistemology, Logic and Grammar in Indian Philosophical Analysis*, Oxford University Press, 2005.
- Tarkavagish, Phanibhusan: *Nyayadarshana* (Vol. 1), WBSBB, Kolkata.

#### **▪ Philosophical Methodology 2 (Western)**

1. Ancient Greek approaches to Philosophy: Socratic Method.
2. The Epistemic approach: Rationalism and Empiricism.
3. Linguistic analysis as a method.
4. Phenomenological method.
5. Hermeneutics.

### **Suggested Readings:**

- Collingwood, R.G: *An Essay on Philosophical Method (New edition)*, with an Introduction and additional material edited by James Connelly, Giuseppina D'Oro. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 2005.
- Gadamer, Hans-Georg: *Philosophical Hermeneutics*, University of California Press, 1977.
- Lazerowitz, M. & A. Ambrose: *Philosophical Theories*, The Hague, Netherlands: Mouton, 1976.
- Moran, Dermot & Timothy Mooney (Eds.): *The Phenomenology Reader*, London: Routledge, 2002.
- Ricoeur, Paul: *Hermeneutics and Human Sciences*, Martinus Nijhoff Dordrecht, 1984.
- Rorty, Richard (Ed.): *The Linguistic Turn*, Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1992.

**COURSE – II**  
**COMPUTER APPLICATION (Marks: 100)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Half: General Computer Application (Marks: 50)**

- Internet: Access to web resources; Downloading articles (Google Scholar, INFLIBNET etc.); Google Docs; E-mail communication; Use of E-resources.
- Software Usage: MS Word, PowerPoint, PDF.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Half: Subject Oriented Computer Application (Marks: 50)**

▪ **Internet for Research in Philosophy:**

**Gateways:**

- Episteme Links <http://www.epistemelinks.com/>
- Philosophy at Large <http://www.liv.ac.uk/pal/>
- Guide to Philosophy on the Internet <http://www.earlham.edu/~peters/philinks.htm>
- Philosophy around the Web [http://users.ox.ac.uk/~worc0337/phil\\_index.html](http://users.ox.ac.uk/~worc0337/phil_index.html)
- Extensive network of sites by subject specialists: <http://www.about.com/>
- Philosophy Pages <http://www.philosophypages.com/>

**Gateways concerning specific topics or philosophers:**

- Continental Philosophy <http://pegasus.cc.ucf.edu/~janzb/continental/>
- Ethics <http://ethics.sandiego.edu/>
- Kant on the Web <http://www.hkbu.edu.hk/~ppp/Kant.html>
- Hume <http://www.humesociety.org/>
- The Wittgenstein Archive Cambridge <http://www.wittgen-cam.ac.uk/main.html?http://www.wittgen-cam.ac.uk/>

**Bibliography:**

- Philosopher's Index <http://philinfo.org/>
- Philosophy Documentation Center <http://www.pdcnet.org/guide.html>
- Chalmers' List <http://www.u.arizona.edu/~chalmers/>
- John Locke Bibliography <http://www.libraries.psu.edu/tas/locke/>

**Encyclopaedia:**

- Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy <http://plato.stanford.edu/>
- Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy Online <http://www.rep.routledge.com/>
- The Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy <http://www.utm.edu/research/iep/>
- New World Encyclopedia <http://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/>
- Catholic Encyclopedia <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/>
- Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy <https://www.rep.routledge.com/>

**COURSE – III**  
**FOUNDATION OF SUBJECT AND ADVANCED SUBJECT OF**  
**SPECIALIZATION (Marks: 100)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Half: Foundation of Subject (Marks: 50)**

- **Key branches of Philosophy (Indian and Western):**
  - Epistemology, Logic, Ethics, Metaphysics, Aesthetics

**Suggested Readings:**

- Blackburn, S: *Think: A Compelling Introduction to Philosophy*, Oxford, 1999.
- Dasgupta, Surendranath: *A History of Indian Philosophy*, Motilal Banarsidass, 1992.
- Hospers, J: *An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis* (4<sup>th</sup> Edition), London: Routledge, 1997 (1956).
- Kenny, A: *A New History of Western Philosophy*, Oxford: Clarendon Press, 2010 (2007).
- Mohanty, J.N: *Classical Indian Philosophy*, Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2000.
- Radhakrishnan, S: *Indian Philosophy*, OUP, 2008.
- Strawson, P.F: *Analysis and Metaphysics: An Introduction to Philosophy*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1992.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Half: Advanced Subject of Specialization (Marks: 50)**

- **Post-structuralism**
  - Post-structuralism as a movement and philosophical linkages.
  - Post-structuralist model of language.
  - Post-structuralism and postcolonialism: Interplay.
  - Key thinkers: Jacques Derrida, Michel Foucault, Jacques Lacan, Gilles Deleuze, Jean-François Lyotard, Roland Barthes, Julia Kristeva, Slavoj Žižek.
  - Theories: Deconstruction, Power and History, Psychoanalysis, Philosophy of Difference, Discourse, Death of the author.

**Suggested Readings:**

- Derrida, J: *Of Grammatology* (Tr. Gayatri C. Spivak, Introduction by Judith Butler), 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition, Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2016 (1974).
- Derrida, J: *Writing and Difference*, Routledge, 1978.
- Foucault, M: *Madness and Civilization* (Tr. Richard Howard, Introduction by David Cooper), London and New York: Routledge Classics, 2001.
- Foucault, M: *Power* (Tr. Robert Hurley), New Press, 2000.
- Williams, J: *Understanding Poststructuralism*, London: Routledge, 2005.

