

**RISHI BANKIM CHANDRA COLLEGE FOR WOMEN**

**ACADEMIC CALENDER**  
**Department of Philosophy**  
**(Session 2024-2025)**  
**(JULY - DECEMBER)**  
**Core Courses (Odd semester)**

PAPER CODE	TOPIC	NO. OF LECTURES	TEACHERS	DISTRIBUTION	
<b>PHIDS01T [History of Western Philosophy- I]</b>					1 <sup>ST</sup> SEMESTER (NEP:Major)
	<b>1. Plato and Aristotle:</b> Plato's Theory of knowledge ( <i>Episteme</i> ) and Opinion ( <i>Doxa</i> ) and its refutation by Aristotle. Plato's theory of Idea, Aristotle's refutation, Aristotle: Form and Matter	10	SBS	August to September	
	<b>2. Medieval Philosophy:</b> Reason, Faith ( <b>In brief</b> ), God---Augustine, Aquinas.	10	IA	August	
	<b>3. Descartes, Spinoza, Leibnitz:</b> <b>Descartes</b> ---Method of Doubt, <i>Cogito</i> , Different Types of Ideas, Criterion of Truth, Theory of knowledge, Theory of Substance. <b>Spinoza</b> ---Substance, Attributes and Modes, Existence of God, Pantheism, Theory of knowledge <b>Leibnitz</b> --- Innate Idea, Monad, Truths of Reason, Truths of Fact, Pre-established Harmony.	40	SM SM BJ	August to September October to November August to September	
<b>PHIHMA01T [Epistemology and Metaphysics and Ethics: Indian Perspective]</b>					1 <sup>ST</sup> SEMESTER (NEP: Minor)
	<b>1. Basic concepts in Indian Philosophy:</b> <i>Ṛta, ṛṇa, Yajña, pañca-kośa, Ātman, Brahman, jīva, śreyas, preya, mokṣa</i>  Caravaka Ethics: <i>Sukhavadā</i>	7	BJ IA	August to September Within August	
	<b>2. Cārvāka Epistemology:</b> i. Perception as the only source of knowledge, Rejection of Inference and Testimony as sources of knowledge ii. Cārvāka Metaphysics: Causality- <i>Svabhāvavāda, Yadr̥cchāvāda, Akasmikatāvāda, Jagat, Bhūtacaitanyavāda.</i>	7	IA	September to Mid-week of October	
	<b>3. Nyāya Epistemology:</b> <b>Classifications of <i>Pramana</i>:</b> <i>Pratyaksa, Anumana,</i>				

	<i>Upamana</i> and <i>Sabda</i> (in brief). <b>Pratyaksa:</b> <b>Laksana:</b> Classifications: Determinate ( <i>Savikalpaka</i> ) and Indeterminate ( <i>Nirvikalpaka</i> ), <i>Laukika</i> ,; Classification of <i>a-laukika</i> (in brief) <i>Sannikarsa</i> : <i>Laukika</i> and <i>laukika</i> . <i>Anumana</i> : <i>Laksana</i> , <i>Vyapti</i> , <i>Paramarsa</i> , <i>Svarthanumiti</i> and <i>Pararthanumiti</i> .	14	SM	September to mid-week of October	1 <sup>ST</sup> SEMESTER (NEP: Minor)
4.	<b>Vaiśeṣika Metaphysics:</b> Seven categories: Outlines of <i>Dravya</i> , <i>Guṇa</i> , <i>Karma</i> , and Detailed Explanations of <i>Sāmānya</i> , <i>Viśeṣa</i> , <i>Samavāya</i> , and <i>Abhāva</i> .	18	SBS	August to mid-week of October	
5.	<b>Advaita Metaphysics:</b> Nature of Brahman, <i>Māyā</i> , <i>Jagat</i> , Relation between Brahman and <i>Jīva</i>	14	BJ	October (up to mid-week) to November	
<b>PHIHMD01T [Ethics-Indian and Western]</b>					
	1. Introduction, Difference between Indian Ethics and Western Ethics. Purusarthas: General view and their Inter-Relations Karma: Sakama, Niskama, Nitya-naimittik, Kamya	15	BJ	September to November	1 <sup>ST</sup> SEMESTER (NEP: MDC)
	2. <i>Carvaka</i> Ethics: <i>Sukhavada</i> and importance of <i>kama</i> and <i>arth</i> in our life	5	IA	September to mid-week of October	
	3. Buddhist Ethics: The Four Noble Truths and the Eight-fold Path, Pancasila	5	SBS	September to mid-week of October	1 <sup>ST</sup> SEMESTER (NEP: MDC)
	4. <i>Jaina</i> Ethics: Anuvrata, Mahavrata	5	BJ	November first week	
	5. Moral and Non-moral actions: Concept and object of Moral Judgment.	3	SBS	November first week	
	6. Standards of Morality: (A) Teleological Ethics- Hedonism-Psychological & Ethical; Ethical-Egoism and Utilitarianism (Bentham and Mill) (B) Deontological Ethics- Kant (Good will, Categorical Imperative, Duty for Duty's Sake)	12	SM	September to November	

	7. Theories of Punishment	5	IA	November	1 <sup>ST</sup> SEMESTER (NEP: SEC)
<b>PHISSEC01M [Media Ethics]</b>					
	1. What is Media Ethics, Roles and Impact of Media, Media and Democracy, Functions and Responsibilities of Media.	30	BJ	September to December	

3 <sup>rd</sup> Semester					3 <sup>rd</sup> Semester (NEP:Major)
PAPER CODE	TOPIC	NO. OF LECTURES	TEACHERS	DISTRIBUTION	
<b>PHIDS303T [ Western Logic-I]</b>					3 <sup>rd</sup> Semester (NEP:Major)
	1. Basic concepts- Propositions, Propositional Form, Argument and Argument form, Truth functional connectives, Truth and Validity	5	IA	Within July	
	2. An overview of Traditional laws of Logic, Boolean Interpretation of Categorical Propositions and consequences, Syllogism, Venn Diagram.	10	SM	July- August	
	3. Propositional Logic: i. The Method of Truth Table and Truth Tree as decision procedures: a. Statement forms and Statements--Tautologous, Contradictory and Contingent by Truth Table and Truth Tree method; b. Consistency by Truth Tree method; c. Validity determination by Truth Table method and Truth Value Assignment method. ii. Invalidity by Shorter Truth Table method.	45	BJ+SBS	July-November	
<b>PHIMIN03T [Fundamentals of Logic]</b>					

	1. Basic concepts: Proposition, Categorical Proposition, Quality, Quantity of categorical Propositions, argument, truth, validity.	5	BJ	July
	2. Distribution of terms, Traditional Square of Oppositions, Conversion, Obversion and Contraposition. Categorical Proposition: Existential Import of Propositions, Boolean Interpretation of Categorical Propositions.	10	BJ	August-September
	3. Categorical syllogism: Figure, Mood, Rules for Validity, Testing the validity of arguments by Venn diagram.	20	SM	July-September
	4. Symbolic Logic: The value of special Symbols for Conjunction, Negation, Disjunction, Implication, Equivalence, Tautology, Contradiction and Contingency.	10	SBS	July-August
	5. Truth Table: Truth-table Method for Testing Arguments.	5	SBS	September-October
	6. Inductive Logic: Mill's methods of Experimental Inquiry.	10	IA	July-September
<b>PHISSEC03M [Feminist Philosophy]</b>				
	Feminist Movement- Tracing the Trajectory	7		
	Sex and Gender	8		
	Three Types of Misogyny	8	BJ	August-November
	Feminist Thought: Liberal, Radical and Others	7		

## 5<sup>th</sup> Semester

PAPER CODE	TOPIC	NO. OF LECTURES	TEACHERS	DISTRIBUTION	
<b>PHIACOR11T [Philosophy of Language---Indian and Western]</b>					5 <sup>TH</sup> Semester
	A. Indian Philosophy of Language: <i>Annambhaṭṭa's Tarkasaṁgrahaḥ</i> with <i>Dīpikātika-Śabdakhandam</i>	35	BJ	October	
	B. Western Philosophy of Language: i. Hospers ii. Alstone	SM BJ	20 20	November January	5 <sup>TH</sup> Semester
<b>PHIACOR12T [Ethical and Social Philosophy of India]</b>					
	A. Introduction	6	IA	July	
	B. Basic concepts with social significance in Bhagavad-Gita	16	BJ	July	
	C. Purusartha	6	SBS	August	
	D. Sukhavada	20	SM	September	
	E. Dharma	10	SM	December	5 <sup>TH</sup> Semester
	F. Karma	15	IA	December	
<b>PHIADSE02T [Practical Ethics]</b>					
	A. Killing (Animals, Suicide, Euthanasia)	40	SBS	August	
	B. Human Rights	5	SBS	January	
	C. War, Violence and Terrorism	20	BJ	February	
	D. Concept of Environmental Ethics	5	IA	August	
	E. Feminist Ethics	5	BJ	February	5 <sup>TH</sup> Semester
<b>PHIADSE03T [Philosophy of Religion]</b>					
	A. Introduction (Scope and Nature of Religion; Relation between-	10	SM	July	
	B. Philosophy of Religion and C. Theology				
	D. Difference between:- Spirituality and Religiosity; Sacred and Profane; Magic and Religion	10	BJ	September	
	E. Problem of Evil [ Hospers]	5	SBS	September	
	F. Proofs for the Existence of God	20	IA	August	
	G. Grounds for disbelief in God	10	SM	August	
	H. Some Major Religions: Hinduism, Buddhism, Christianity, Islam	20	BJ	November	

**Session: 2024-2025**  
**(July – December)**  
**(GE/DSE)**  
**Odd Semester**

PAPER CODE	TOPIC	NO. OF LECTURES	TEACHERS	DISTRIBUTION	
<b>PHIGDSE01T (APPLIED ETHICS)</b>					
	A. Nature of Applied Ethics	5	SBS	September	<b>5th SEMESTER</b>
	B. Nature of Rights	10	SBS	October	
	C. Killing- Suicide	20	SBS	Within December	
	D. Euthanasia/ Mercy Killing	20	SBS	Within November	
	E. Environmental Ethics	20	BJ	December	
<b>PHIGGEC01T (THE PHILOSOPHY OF SELF DEVELOPMENT)</b>					
	A. Buddhism	15	SM	September	<b>5th SEMESTER</b>
	B. Yoga	15	IA	October	
	C. Vedanta	20	BJ	November	
	D. Vivekananda	15	BJ	End of November	
	E. Gandhi	10	SM	December	

**Session: 2024-2025**  
**(February-June)**  
**(CORE COURSES)**  
**Even semester**

PAPER CODE	TOPIC	NO. OF LECTURES	TEACHERS	DISTRIBUTION	
<b>PHIADS02T [History of Indian Philosophy-I]</b>					
	<b>1. Nastika Schools:</b> <i>i. Cārvāka</i> <i>Epistemology—Perception as the only source of Knowledge, Refutation of Inference</i> <i>ii. Metaphysics---Causality---</i> <i>yadricchāvāda/svabhāvavāda/ākasmikatāvāda, jagat and bhūtacaitanyavāda.</i>	10	IA	Within February	<b>2nd SEMESTER</b>  (NEP: Major)
	<i>iii. Bauddha---Four noble truths, pratīyasamutpādavāda, kṣṇabhaṅgavāda, nairātmyavāda, Basic tenets of four Bauddha schools (In brief).</i>	10	SBS	Within 3 <sup>rd</sup> week of March	

	<i>iv. Jaina--- Concepts of jīva, ajīva, dravya, guṇa, par̥yaya , anekāntavada, syādavāda</i>	10	BJ	Within 2 <sup>nd</sup> week of April	
	<b>2. Astika Schools:-</b> A. Nyāya system: Four Pramāṇas: 1. Pratyakṣapramāṇa: lakṣaṇa, classification into nirvikalpaka and savikalpaka (including pratyabhijñā) and laukika and alaukika. 2. Anumānapramāṇa: Lakṣaṇa, pakṣa, sādhyā, hetu, vyāpti, vyāptigrahopāya, svārtha and parārthānumana. 3. Outlines of upamānapramana and 4. Śabdapramāṇa. B. Vaiśeṣika System: The Basic outlines of dravya,guṇa, karma and detailed analysis of sāmānya,viśeṣa, samavāya and abhāva. paramāṇuvāda.	30	SM  SBS	Within 2 <sup>nd</sup> week of May  June	

PAPER CODE	TOPIC	NO. OF LECTURES	TEACHERS	DISTRIBUTION	2nd SEMESTER (NEP: Minor)	
<b>PHIHMA02T/ PHIGMA02T [Epistemology and Metaphysics and Ethics : Western Perspective]</b>						
	1. Theories of the origin of knowledge: Rationalism, Empiricism and Kant's Critical Theory.	12	IA	February to March		
	2. Realism and Idealism as theories of Reality: i. General Introduction ii. Realism: Naive Realism, Locke's Representationalism.	8	SM	February to first week of March		
	3. Idealism: Subjective Idealism: Berkeley's refutation of the distinction between Primary and Secondary qualities, Subjective Idealism.	6	BJ	February		
	4. Substance: Empiricist and Rationalist view of Substance.	12	SM	2 <sup>nd</sup> week of March to April		
	5. Causality: Entailment theory, Regularity Theory.	12	BJ	March to		

	6. Moral and Non-moral actions: Concept and object of Moral Judgment. Standards of Morality: Teleological Ethics (Mill and Bentham) and Deontological Ethics- Kant	4	SBS	April  February	2nd SEMESTER (NEP: MDC)
<b>PHIHMD01T [Ethics-Indian and Western]</b>					
	1. Introduction, Difference between Indian Ethics and Western Ethics. Purusarthas: General view and their Inter-Relations Karma: Sakama, Niskama, Nitya-naimittik, Kamya	15	BJ	March to April	
	2. <i>Carvaka</i> Ethics: <i>Sukhavada</i> and importance of <i>kama</i> and <i>arth</i> in our life	5	IA	March	
	3. Buddhist Ethics: The Four Noble Truths and the Eight-fold Path, Pancasila	5	SBS	March	
	4. <i>Jaina Ethics</i> : Anuvrata, Mahavrata	5	BJ	May	
	5. Moral and Non-moral actions: Concept and object of Moral Judgment.	3	SBS	April	
	6. Standards of Morality: (C) Teleological Ethics- Hedonism-Psychological & Ethical; Ethical-Egoism and Utilitarianism (Bentham and Mill) (D) Deontological Ethics- Kant (Good will, Categorical Imperative, Duty for Duty's Sake)	12	SM	March to April	
	7. Theories of Punishment	5	IA	April	
<b>PHISSEC02M [Business Ethics]</b>					
	1. What is Business Ethics; Environmental Ethics related to business, Advertising Ethics related to business.	30	BJ	April to May	2nd SEMESTER (NEP: SEC)



4 <sup>th</sup> Semester				
PAPER CODE	TOPIC	NO. OF LECTURES	TEACHERS	DISTRIBUTION
<b>PHIADS04T [Western Logic-II]</b>				
	1.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.	40	SBS	February-April
	2.Induction: Mill’s Method [In brief] and Copi’s Criticism	05	IA	February to March
	3.Criteria of Scientific Hypothesis	05	SM	February-March
	4. Probability: Alternative Conceptions of Probability, the Probability Calculus, Joint Occurrences and Alternative Occurrences.	10	BJ	March-April
<b>PHIADS05T [Western Ethics]</b>				
	1.Ethics and morality: Meaning and Distinction; Moral actions, Non-moral actions and Immoral actions; Object of moral judgment.	5	SM	February
	2.Basic Concepts: Normative Ethics, Meta-ethics and Applied-ethics.	5	SM	March
	3.Deontology-- with special reference to Kant.(Good-will, Relation between good-will and duty, Categorical Imperative, Duty for Duty’s sake, Kingdom of Ends).	20	BJ	March-April
	4.Teleologism ---Hedonism, Utilitarianism and its different types(with special reference to Mill and Bentham) ---Act, Rule (basic concepts only).	20	SBS	March-April
	5.Theories of Punishment.	10	IA	April-May

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PHIADS06T [Social and Political Philosophy-Western]					4th Semester SEMESTER
	1.Basic concepts: Social Philosophy and Political Philosophy  Society, Community, Association, Institution, Caste and Class and Social groups.	20	BJ	February-March	
	2.Social Change:  The Marxist view and the Gandhian view.	5	SBS	February	
	3.Family:  i. The Marxist interpretation of Family.  ii. Sex gender divide, Patriarchy and the Feminist interpretation of Family.	10	SBS	March	
	4.Political Ideals:  Government: Democracy and its different forms (Direct, Indirect, Parliamentary and Presidential)	10	SM	February-March	
	5.Socialism and its varieties:  Utopian, Democratic, Scientific.	10	BJ	April-May	
	6.Separation of Power:  Three wings of the Government--- Legislature, Executive and Judiciary(with special reference to Montesquieu)	5	IA	February	
6th Semester (Honours)					4 <sup>th</sup> Semester (NEP:Major)
PHIACOR13T [Western Epistemology &Metaphysics]					
	A. Knowledge	15	SM	February-March	
	B. Theories of Truth	15	SM	April-May	
	C. The Problem of Induction	8	SBS	February	
	D. On What There Is: Realism, Idealism and Phenomenalism	15	BJ	February-March	
	E. The Problem of Universal: Realism, Conceptualism and Nominalism.	12	SM	June	
	F. The Causal Principle	10	IA	February-March	

<b>PHIACOR14T [Some Modern Indian Thinkers]</b>				
	A. Vivekananda	15	BJ	February-March
	B. Gandhi	25	SBS	February-April
	C. Aurobindo	10	BJ	April-2 <sup>nd</sup> week of May
	D. Ambedkar	25	SM	February-May
<b>PHIADSE05T</b>				
	Russell, Problems of Philosophy: I. Appearance and Reality. II. Knowledge by acquaintance and knowledge by description. III. On induction. IV. The Value of Philosophy.	75	IA SM BJ SBS	March -Within June
<b>PHIADSE06T</b>				
	A. Hume, An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding	75	SM	February-Within June

**6<sup>th</sup> Semester (General)**

<b>PAPER CODE</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>No. of lectures</b>	<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Distribution</b>	<b>SEMESTER</b>
<b>PHIGDSE03T [Social &amp; Political Philosophy]</b>					<b>6th SEMESTER</b>
	A. Social Philosophy	35	SBS	February-April	
	B. Political Ideals	40	SBS	April- June	
<b>PHIGGEC02T [Critical Thinking]</b>					
	A. Critical Thinking	75	BJ	March-June	