



UNIVERSITY OF CALCUTTA

Notification No. CSR/62/2025

It is notified for information of all concerned that in terms of the provisions of Section 54 of the Calcutta University Act, 1979, (as amended), and, in the exercise of her powers under 9(6) of the said Act, the Vice-Chancellor has, by an order dated 04.09.2025 approved the revised Course Structure & Syllabus for Minor papers studied in semester-5 & 6 of 4-Year Honours and Honours with Research courses of studies of Philosophy, under CCF, 2022.

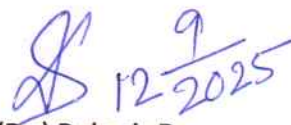
Rest Part of the syllabus, as Published under CSR/30/2025, dt.26.05.2025 remains unchanged.

The above shall take effect from the Odd semester examinations, 2025 & onwards.

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University of Calcutta
Revised Four Year UG (Minor) Syllabus of Semester V and Semester VI [MPHI (MN Courses) in Philosophy]

SEMESTER V (4 Year) Minor

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MN – 3	MPHI	Western Logic	3+1
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Western Logic

- a) What is Logic, premises and conclusion, arguments, Deductive and Inductive Arguments, Truth and Validity.
- b) Categorical propositions and classes: quality, quantity and distribution of terms, Translating categorical propositions into standard form.
- c) Immediate inferences: Traditional square of opposition and Immediate Inferences based thereon; Conversion, Obversion and Contraposition, Existential Import, Symbolism and Diagrams for categorical propositions.
- d) Categorical Syllogisms: Standard Form Categorical Syllogisms; The Formal nature of Syllogistic Argument, Boolean Interpretation of categorical propositions; Venn Diagram Technique for Testing Syllogisms, Rules and Fallacies, testing Syllogistic Arguments for validity (by applying general rules for syllogism).
- e) Review of the Traditional Laws of Logic concerning immediate inference and syllogism; Hypothetical and Disjunctive Syllogisms, Enthymemes.
- f) Symbolic Logic: the value of special symbols; Truth-Functions; Symbols for Conjunction, Negation, Disjunction, Conditional Statements and Material Implication; Argument Forms and Arguments, Construction of Truth Tables, Statement Forms and Statements, Material Equivalence and Logical Equivalence; inter-definability of truth functors.
- g) Tautologous, Contradictory and Contingent Statement-Forms; testing Argument Forms and Arguments, Statement Forms and statements for validity by the method of Truth table; The Paradoxes of Material Implication; The Three “Laws of Thought”.

h) Causal Connections: Cause and Effect, the meaning of “Cause”; Induction by Simple Enumeration; Mill’s Method of Experimental Inquiry; Mill’s Method of Agreement, Method of Difference, Joint Method of Agreement and Difference, Method of Residues, Method of Concomitant Variations; Criticism of Mills Methods, Vindication of Mill’s Methods.

Suggested Readings:

English:

Introduction to Logic (13th ed.): I.M. Copi and C. Cohen

Symbolic Logic (5th ed.): I.M. Copi

Introduction to Logic and Scientific Method: Cohen & Nagel

Logic: Informal, Symbolic and Inductive: Chhanda Chakraborty

Logic: Stan Baronett & Madhuchhanda Sen

The Elements of Logic: Stephen Barker

Understanding Symbolic Logic: Virginia Klenk

Logic-A Comprehensive Introduction; S.D.Guttenplan & M.Tamney

Logic & Philosophy-A Modern Introduction: Howard Kahne

Logic-A First Course: A. E. Blumberg.

Bengali:

Nabya Yuktivijnan (Pratham theke chaturtha khanda): Ramaprasad Das

Sanketik Yuktivijnan: Ramaprasad Das

Samsad Yuktivijnan Abhidhan: Ramaprasad Das o Subirranjan Bhattacharya.

Social and Political Philosophy

- a) Nature and Scope of i) Social Philosophy ii) Political Philosophy iii) Relation between Social and Political Philosophy.
- b) Primary concepts: Society, community, association, institution, family: nature, different forms of family, role of family in the society.
- c) Social Class and Caste: Principles of class and caste, Marxist conception of class, *Varṇāśrama dharma*.
- d) Theories regarding the relation between individual and society:
 - i) Individualistic theory
 - ii) Organic theory
 - iii) Idealistic theory
- e) Secularism—its nature, Secularism in India.
- f) Social Change: Nature, Relation to social progress, Marx-Engels on social change, Gandhi on social change.
- g) Political Ideals: Nature of Democracy and its different forms, Direct and Indirect democracy, Liberal democracy, Democracy as a political ideal, Socialism: Utopian and Scientific, Anarchism.

Suggested Readings:

English:

- Fundamentals of Sociology: P. Gisbert
- Outlines of Social Philosophy: J.S. Mackenzie
- Problems of Political Philosophy: D.D. Raphael
- Society: R.M. MacIver & C.H. Page
- Sociology: M. Ginsberg
- Sociology: Tom Bottomore
- Sociology: S.N. Shankar Rao

- Sociology: D.C. Bhattacharya
- Sociology: P.B. Kar
- Guide to Modern Thought: C.E.M. Joad
- Introduction to Modern Political Theory: C.E.M. Joad
- The Evolution of Political Philosophy of Gandhi: Buddhadeb Bhattacharya
- Social and Political Thought of Gandhi: Jayantanuja Bandyopadhyay
- The Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi: D.M. Dutta
- The Philosophy of Sarvodaya: K.S. Bharathi
- Communist Manifesto: Karl Marx & Frederick Engels
- Socialism: Utopian and Scientific: F. Engels
- Open Society and Its Enemies: Karl Popper
- The Open Philosophy and the Open Society: M. Cornforth
- Secularism in the Present Indian Society, Amal Kumar Mukhopadhyay in
Bulletin of the Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Vol. LVII, No. 11
- Civil Society and Its Institutions: Andre Beteille
- Political Thought: C.L. Wayper
- Political Philosophy: An Introduction: W.T. Blackstone
- Political Philosophy: East and West: Krishna Roy
- Political Philosophy: V.P. Verma
- Essays in Social and Political Philosophy: Krishna Roy and Chhanda Gupta
(eds.)
- Western Political Thought: Brian R. Nelson
- Western Political Thought: From Plato to Marx: Shefali Jha

Bengali:

- Samaj Darshan Dipika: Pritibhushan Chattopadhyay
- Samaj Tattva: Parimal Bhushan Kar

- Bisay Samaj Tattva: Anadi Kumar Mahapatra
- Samajdarshan O Rashtradarshaner Parichoy: A.K. Mahapatra o P. Mukherjee
- Rashtradarshaner Dhara: Amal kumar Mukhopadhyay
- Samaj O Rajnaitikdarshan: Sandip Das
- Samyobader Istehar: Marx o Engels
- Marxiya Rashtrachinta: Shovan Lal Dutta Gupta
- Sarvodaya Andoloner Itihas: Gurudas Bandyopadhyay
- Gandhi Rachanasambhar: M.K. Gandhi- Sailesh Kumar Bandyopadhyay
(sampadito)
- Bharater Dharma nirapekshatar Sankat: Bholanath Bandyopadhyay in Essays
on Science and Society: Biplab Chakraborti
- Dharmanirapekshata Birodhi Istehar: Ashis Nandy