

**BARASAT GOVT COLLEGE**  
**UNDER GRADUATE DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY**  
**B.A. Philosophy (Hons) CBCS Syllabus**  
**With effect from 2018-19**

**Programme Specific Outcomes**

**PSO1-Academic**

- Study of Indian Philosophical Schools inculcates the interrelation among the different schools and become aware of the rich argumentative heritage of India while the study of Western Philosophy enables the students to know about Greek Philosophy and Medieval Philosophy.
- Study of Psychology enables students to use scientific reasoning to analyse psychological issues.
- Study of Philosophy of language helps to understand the problem of philosophy of language from both the modern view point and traditional Indian view point.
- Study of Ethical and Social philosophy helps to learn the different dimensions of morality from the perspective of Indian philosophy and to realise that moral and ethical life would lead them to attain the highest goal in Indian conception.
- Study of works of modern thinkers enables students to enrich about Indian philosophical updates.
- Study of Logic helps students to know about the rationalistic approach.
- Practicing Western Logic enhances-- Mathematical Application and Reasoning Aptitude
- Studying Practical Ethics helps in articulating own values in personal situations
- Different Discipline Specific courses (DSE) help students to develop critical aptitude, ability of argumentation and to enrich themselves regarding different works of western philosopher like Russell and Hume.
- Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC) like Media and Business ethics enable students to know the role and functions of media in society and understand the indispensable relationship between media and democracy. Studying Business Ethics, one can develop his or her own values.

**PSO2-Research**

- All courses are prospective for future study and research.
- Study of Philosophy and Logic enhance the success quotient for aspirants of Competitive examinations
- The study of Psychology enables students to design and engage themselves into basic psychological research work.
- Media and Business Ethics may be considered as future profession.

**PSO3-Social**

- Study of Philosophy and Logic enhance the power of sense of reasoning for day-to day life 2. Study of ethics enables students to understand the moral principles and their application in decision-making throughout their life.
- Study of ethics develops a sense of value that will help students to become a good humanbeing.
- Study of Social and Political Philosophy helps in critical analysis of society and politics.
- Study of Social and Political Philosophy helps students in preparing thoughtful and responsible citizen
- The study of Ethical and Social Philosophy help students to understand the importance of Indian ethics and values and eventually be compassionate towards all living beings
- The work of Modern Indian Thinkers Enhances the power of Nationality and commitments towards the nation
- Media Ethics helps to realise the importance of maintaining accuracy and fairness in reporting any incident
- Students come to know how entrepreneurs guided by moral principles leads to profits in business

**BARASAT GOVERNMENT COLLEGE**  
**Course Outcome or Learning Outcome**  
**Three year B.A. /B.Sc. degree course**  
**Under CBCS semester system**  
**HONOURS COURSE IN PHILOSOPHY**  
**With effect from the session: 2018 – 2019**

**Course Name:** Core Course-1  
**Course Code:** PHIACOR01T  
**Topic Name:** Western Philosophy-1

**Course Outcome:** 1. It enables the students to know about Greek Philosophy and Medieval Philosophy.  
2. Students also come to know about the Rationalistic approach.  
3. Students can learn the metaphysical and epistemological aspects of Western Philosophy.  
4. Students can pursue research work in this field.

**Course Name:** Core Course-2  
**Course Code:** PHIACOR02T  
**Topic Name:** Western Logic

**Course Outcome:** Practicing Western Logic enhances--  
(1) Mathematical Application  
(2) Reasoning Aptitude  
(2) Preparation for Competitive examinations  
(4) The power of sense of reasoning for Day-to day life

**Course Name:** Core Course-3  
**Course Code:** PHIACOR03T  
**Topic Name:** History of Indian Philosophy

**Course Outcome:** After successful completion of the course students will be able to  
1. have a comprehensive view of basic Indian philosophical concepts  
2. know about some major schools of astika and nastika tradition, namely, Carvaka, Jainism, Buddhism, Nyaya-Vaishesika.  
3. learn about the interrelation among the different schools and become aware of the rich argumentative heritage of India.

**Course Name:** Core Course-4  
**Course Code:** PHIACOR04T  
**Topic Name:** Western Logic-II

**Course Outcome:** Practicing Western Logic enhances--  
(1) Mathematical Application  
(2) Reasoning Aptitude  
(2) Preparation for Competitive examinations  
(4) The power of sense of reasoning for Day-to day life

**Course Name:** Core Course-5  
**Course Code:** PHIACOR05T  
**Topic Name:** History of Western Philosophy-II

**Course Outcome:** 1.Students come to know about the Empericistic approach of Western Philosophy  
2.Studends can also learn the importance of both experience and rationality in Kantian Philosophy.  
3.The Epistemological and Metaphysical aspects of several empericists and critical philosopher can be known.  
4.Students can persue higher education in this subject.

**Course Name:** Core Course-6  
**Course Code:** PHIACOR06T  
**Topic Name:** History of Indian Philosophy 2

**Course Outcome:** After completion of the course the students will be able to  
1.learn about some major astika schools of Indian Philosophy, namely, Sankhya,Yoga,Mimsnsa and Vedanta  
2.compare between realistic and idealistic schools on the one one hand, on the other between materialistic and spiritualistic traditions  
3 have a comprehensive view of the different philosophical systems and know the inclusive nature of Indian Philosophy.

**Course Name:** Core Course-7  
**Course Code:** PHIACOR07T  
**Topic Name:** Western Ethics

**Course Outcome:** After successful completion of the course, the students will:  
(1) Have a clear concept of the ethical terms i.e., right, wrong, good, bad and their usage.  
(2) Know the main tenets of the different theories of ethics.  
(3) Understand the moral principles and their application in decision-making throughout their life.  
(4) Develop a sense of value that will help them to become a good human being.

**Course Name:** Core Course-8  
**Course Code:** PHIACOR08T  
**Topic Name:** Social and Political Philosophy-Western

**Course Outcome:** Studying Social and Political Philosophy-Western opens the scopes for-  
(1) Higher Education and research both in Sociology and Political Science  
(2) It helps in critical analysis of society and politics.  
(3) Helps in preparing thoughtful and responsible citizen

**Course Name:** Core Course-9  
**Course Code:** PHIACOR09T  
**Topic Name:** Psychology and Philosophy of Mind

**Course Outcome:** After successful completion of the course, the students will:

- (1) Understand the different concepts and theories of psychology.
- (2) Be able to clearly distinguish the basic difference between psychology and philosophy of mind.
- (3) Be able to use scientific reasoning to analyse psychological issues.
- (4) Be able to design and engage themselves into basic psychological research work.

**Course Name:** Core Course-10  
**Course Code:** PHIACOR10T  
**Topic Name:** Indian Logic: Tarkasamgraha

**Course Outcome:** After successful completion of the course students will be able to

1. read and analyse an ancient sanskrit text Tarkasamgraha
2. learn about the rich logic of Nyaya Philosophy
3. compare the logical traditions of Indian philosophy and western philosophy.

**Course Name:** Core Course-11  
**Course Code:** PHIACOR11T  
**Topic Name:** Philosophy of Language: Indian and Western

**Course Outcome:** After successful completion of the course the students will be able to

1. understand some basic concepts of one of the important recent trends of western philosophy, i.e., Philosophy of Language
2. know an emerging topic of western philosophy of language, i.e., Speech Act theory
3. learn about Indian philosophy of language from Nyaya perspective
4. compare the two traditions of philosophy of language: Indian and western
5. understand the problem of philosophy of language from both the modern view point and traditional Indian view point.

**Course Name:** Core Course-12  
**Course Code:** PHIACOR12T  
**Topic Name:** Ethical and Social Philosophy of India

**Course Outcome:** After successful completion of the course, the students will:

1. Learn the different dimensions of morality from the perspective of Indian philosophy.
2. Realise that moral and ethical life would lead them to attain the highest goal.
3. Understand the importance of Indian ethics and values and eventually be compassionate towards all living beings.
5. Feel encouraged to research extensively in this field.

**Course Name:** Core Course-13  
**Course Code:** PHIACOR13T  
**Topic Name:** Western Epistemology & Metaphysics

**Course Outcome:** After successful completion of the course, students will :  
1. Acquire a clear concept of nature, origin and scope of 'knowledge'.  
2. Learn the notions that are beyond the empirical world.  
3. Be able to distinguish between appearance and reality.  
4. Be able to enhance their reasoning aptitude.

**Course Name:** Core Course-14  
**Course Code:** PHIACOR14T  
**Topic Name:** Some Modern Indian Thinkers

**Course Outcome:** Reading "Some Modern Indian Thinkers' is helpful in:-  
(1) Getting updated with the works of Indian Philosophers  
(2) Opens up research Avenues for the same  
(3) Enhances the power Nationality and commitments towards the nation

**Course Name:** Discipline Specific Elective-1  
**Course Code:** PHIADSE01T  
**Topic Name:** Elective logic

**Course Outcome:** 1. In this paper the students come to know how to solve problems in set.  
2. In increases the logical reasoning of the students.  
3. It also helps to enhance the calculative aspect of one's life.  
4. It increases the ability of argumentation.

**Course Name:** Discipline Specific Elective-2  
**Course Code:** PHIADSE02T  
**Topic Name:** Practical Ethics

**Course Outcome:** Studying Practical Ethics helps in  
(1) to relate professional and theoretical experience  
(2) Helps in articulating own values in personal situations  
(3) Provides guidance to our lives. It is the pathway to principle based decision-making  
(4) Opens up research avenues  
(5) Living a life of meaning and worth

**Course Name:** Discipline Specific Elective-3  
**Course Code:** PHIADSE05T  
**Topic Name:** Russell : Problems if Philosophy

**Course Outcome:**

1. Students come to know the problems that may arise through our simple perception and reasoning.
2. It helps us to distinguish between appearance and reality.
3. Students come to know about value of Philosophy
4. Students can persue research work on russel

**Course Name:** Discipline Specific Elective-4  
**Course Code:** PHIADSE06T  
**Topic Name:** Hume: An Enquiry concerning Human Understanding

**Course Outcome:**

After successful completion of the course the students will be able to

- 1 be acquainted with a text of David Hume,a renowned philosopher
2. understand empiricistic tradition of western philosophy
- 3.be able to critically evaluate the concept of metaphysics, concept of causality and scepticism from Hume' view point
- 4.be able to compare Hume's philosophy and Immanuel Kant's philosophy and thus develop a critical aptitude.

**Course Name:** Skill Enhancement Course-1  
**Course Code:** PHISSEC01M  
**Topic Name:** Media Ethics

**Course Outcome:**

After successful completion of the course, students will :

- 1.Able to know the role and functions of media in society.
2. Understand the indispensable relationship between media and democracy.
3. Realise the importance of maintaining accuracy and fairness in reporting any incident.
4. Consider this field as future profession.

**Course Name:** Skill Enhancement Course-2  
**Course Code:** PHISSEC02M  
**Topic Name:** Business Ethics

**Course Outcome:**

- 1.This subject helps students to learn about the values which should be adopted in Business
2. By studying Business Ethics,one can develop his or her own values.
- 3.Students come to know that business guided by moral principles leads to profits in business.
- 4.Open scope for several researches.

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**GENERAL COURSE IN PHILOSOPHY**  
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**Course Name:** Generic Elective/Department Specific Core Course-1  
**Course Code:** PHIHGEC01T / PHIGCOR01T  
**Topic Name:** Logic

**Course Outcome:** Practicing Logic enhances-  
(1) basic foundation of any discipline, thus for general curriculum, it is very effective.  
(2) the tool or skill of persuasion  
(3) helps in spot fallacies and to make better citizen

**Course Name:** Generic Elective/Department Specific Core Course-2  
**Course Code:** PHIHGEC02T / PHIGCOR02T  
**Topic Name:** Western Epistemology and Metaphysics

**Course Outcome:** 1.Students will learn about the epistemological and metaphysical aspect of Western Philosophy.  
2.Ability to think and reason will increase.  
3.Students will gain knowledge about this universe,relation between body and mind,causation etc.

**Course Name:** Generic Elective/Department Specific Core Course-3  
**Course Code:** PHIHGEC03T / PHIGCOR03T  
**Topic Name:** Indian Epistemology and Metaphysics

**Course Outcome:** After successful completion of the course the students will be able to  
1.understand important theories of knowledge of some Indian philosophical systems,namely, Carvaka and Nyaya.  
2.understand metaphysical doctrines of some important Indian philosophical schools,namely, Vaishesika,Advaita Vedanta.  
3. understand the basic tenants of Indian Philosophy and know about the rich Indian heritage.

**Course Name:** Generic Elective/Department Specific Core Course-4  
**Course Code:** PHIHGEC04T / PHIGCOR04T  
**Topic Name:** Ethics - Indian and Western

**Course Outcome:** After successful completion of the course, students will :  
(1) Able to know the difference between Indian and Western Ethics.  
(2) Have a general view of various ethical concepts from Indian and Western perspectives.  
(3) Develop their general thinking process.  
(4) Help them to solve moral issues with greater clarity.

**Course Name:** Department Specific Elective-1  
**Course Code:** PHIGDSE01T  
**Topic Name:** Applied Ethics

**Course Outcome:** After successful completion of this course students will be able to :  
(1) Acquire knowledge regarding the human rights.  
(2) Become aware of the moral and ethical relationship that humans should have with the environment. They will learn how to make global developments more sustainable.  
(3) Acquire knowledge about euthanasia and suicide and do further research on that concept.

**Course Name:** Department Specific Elective-2  
**Course Code:** PHIGDSE03T  
**Topic Name:** Social and Political Philosophy

**Course Outcome:** After successful completion of this course students will be able to :  
(1) Understand the relation between social philosophy and sociology.  
(2) To build bridges between people and cultures.  
(3) Acquire knowledge regarding political theories and understand how they are getting applied.

**Course Name:** Generic Elective Course (GE)-1  
**Course Code:** PHIGGEC01T  
**Topic Name:** The Philosophy of Self –Development

**Course Outcome:** Upon the completion of this course , the students acquire knowledge :  
1) about Buddhist philosophy which contributes to become better human beings with the eightfold path.  
2) about Yoga philosophy which gives them the ability, attitudes and knowledge to face life successfully by following "ashtanga yoga" .  
3) about philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi and Rishi Aurobindo. They will be able to enrich their lives with the life lessons given by them.

**Course Name:** Generic Elective Course (GE)-2  
**Course Code:** PHIGGEC02T  
**Topic Name:** Critical Thinking

**Course Outcome:** Upon completion of this course students will be able to :  
1) analyze contexts when presenting a position on an issue or problem.  
2) formulate a thesis/hypothesis that takes into account the complexity of an issue or problem.  
3) draw logical conclusions and implications from the analysis of an issue or problem.