

MA Syllabus (NEP) w.e.f. 2025

Introduction

The curriculum for M.A. Philosophy has been prepared keeping in mind the needs, expectations, and aspirations of students in philosophy as well as the modernizing trends and methodological perspectives of philosophy as a subject. The programme learning outcomes specify the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and values that a student completing this degree is expected to inculcate.

The student of philosophy emerges as a critical thinker who accepts nothing at face value. He or she will contribute to society through positive reflection on its various facets through gaining the ability to think logically and analytically and hence use philosophical reasoning in practical situations. Pursuing a degree in philosophy will make students pursue interesting careers in media, education, law, politics, government etc.

The M. A. Philosophy programme covers a full range of philosophy, from classical Indian Philosophy and Greek Philosophy to Modern Logic, to ethical theories of Mill and Kant and contemporary debates in applied ethics and bio-ethics, to analytic philosophy and continental philosophy, philosophy of science and law. The programme especially offers core courses in Indian and western philosophy texts. Current issues in feminist theory have also been included. The contemporary courses offered by the Department reflect immediate social realities touching upon issues of gender, caste, culture, technology, and environment. Students not only identify social problems but are also motivated to reflect on social experiences from their own philosophical perspective. This plays a crucial role in self-learning and knowledge production.

Programme Objectives

The overall aims of the M. A. Philosophy Programme are:

1. To develop in students the ability to apply critical thinking tools developed in philosophical theorising to handle issues and problems in ethics, social sciences and problems that arise out of the technological effects of natural sciences.
2. To examine and critically analyse the views of eminent philosophers in the history of philosophy from ancient to modern times identifying the major periods, movements, and philosophies.
3. To have an overview of the current state of research in each field and to look for solutions for philosophical problems in contemporary times.
4. To have an in depth understanding of the main issues and problems pertaining to metaphysics, epistemology, logic, and ethics.
5. To understand the nature of mind, matter, language, knowledge, and reality.

Programme Learning Outcomes

On completion of the programme the students will have:

1. **Disciplinary knowledge:** Students will have good knowledge of the history of the subject, the relevant historical line of development in Indian and western philosophy and will gain an understanding of logic, ethics, philosophy of science, metaphysics, epistemology, and aesthetics.
2. **Communications skills:** Students would have practiced the ability to communicate various concepts of philosophy in writing and orally, along with the ability to present complex philosophical ideas with clarity and logic
3. **Critical thinking and analytical reasoning:** Students will be able to identify relevant assumptions, hypothesis, implications, or conclusions, to formulate logically correct arguments and know the pros and cons of the various arguments given by philosophers regarding mind, existence, necessity, evidence, belief, substance, justice, equality, fairness, beauty, and truth.
4. **Research-related skills:** Students will have the confidence to ask new questions that will take the subject forward. They will have an insight into research methods and their writing capacity will get sharpened. They will learn to appreciate modern developments in the subject with the critical spirit that they will inculcate in the program.
5. **Self-directed learning:** They will come away with the ability to work independently, to search for relevant resources and e-content for self-learning, thereby enhancing knowledge in philosophy and introducing original ideas.
6. **Moral and ethical awareness/reasoning:** Students will have a strong grounding in values. They will understand how serious the effects of plagiarism are and will inculcate a lifelong habit of never indulging in plagiarism.
7. **Lifelong learning:** Students will gain philosophical skills for life. They will acquire a habit of reading and thinking about philosophy and to apply logical and analytical frameworks in their day to day lives.

MA 1 Yr Three Structures &

MA 2 yrs Sem 3 and 4

Format and List of Courses

1 Yr MA Structure 1 Only Coursework

Or

2 Yrs MA Only Coursework Sem III and IV

Semester I/III	DSC	DSE	2 Credit Course	Dissertation / Academic Project	Total Credits

	<p>DSC7 Analytic Philosophy</p> <p>DSC 8 Continental Philosophy</p>	<p>DSE5 DSE 6 DSE 7 Or DSE 3 DSE 4 & GE 3</p> <p>DSEs TotalNo. <u>23</u> <u>Broad Areas Covered under DSEs:</u></p> <p>1. Research Methods 2. Indian Philosophical Perspectives 3. Western Philosophical Perspectives 4. Cross sectional Philosophical Perspectives 5. Applied Philosophical Perspectives GEs (2) GE 9 Applied Ethics GE 10 Philosophy of Love</p>	<p>Skilled Based Course/ workshop/Hands on Learning</p> <p><u>SBCs (2)</u></p> <p>SBC 8 Logotherapy</p> <p>SBC 9 On Happiness</p>	<p>Nil</p>	
	<p>8 credits</p>	<p>12 credits</p>	<p>2 credits</p>	<p>Nil</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>Semester II/IV</p>	<p>DSC – 9 Critical Readings in Western Philosophy DSC -10</p>	<p>DSE 7 DSE 8 DSE9 Or DSE 5, DSE 6& GE4 No of DSEs</p>	<p>Skilled based course/ workshop/Hands on Learning etc.</p> <p>SBCs (2)</p>		

	Contemporary Readings in Indian Philosophy	26 Broad Areas Covered under DSEs: 1. Indian Philosophical Perspectives 2.. Western Philosophical Perspectives 3. Cross sectional Philosophical Perspectives 4. Applied Philosophical Perspectives GE - (1) GE 11 AI Ethics	SBC 10 Dialogue and its Applications SBC 11 Teaching Methodologies in Philosophy		
	8 Credits	12 credits	2 credits	Nil	22

Structure 1

List of Courses

1 YEAR MA Coursework/2 nd Yr of 2 Yrs Coursework			
SI NO:	Semester	Course Code	Course Name
	I/III	DSC 7	ANALYTIC PHILOSOPHY
1.		DSC 8	CONTINENTAL PHILOSOPHY
2.		DSE 25	INDIAN LOGIC
3.		DSE 26	INDIAN PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE
4.		DSE 27	SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY (INDIAN)

5.		DSE 28	CONTEMPORARY INDIAN PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION
6.		DSE 29	PHILOSOPHY OF B. R. AMBEDKAR
7.		DSE 30	INDIAN MATERIALISM
8.		DSE 31	MEDITATION IN INDIAN PHILOSOPHY
9.		DSE 46	CONTEMPORARY REFLECTIONS ON VEDĀNTA
10.		DSE 33	EMBODIED ENACTIVE-COGNITION
11.		DSE 34	PHILOSOPHICAL HERMENEUTICS
12.		DSE 35	METAETHICS
13.		DSE 36	VIRTUE EPISTEMOLOGY
14.		DSE 37	POSTMODERNISM
15.		DSE 39	HUMAN DIGNITY AND SELF-RESPECT
16.		DSE 40	PHILOSOPHY AND DISABILITY
17.		DSE 42	PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION
18.		DSE 44	TECHNOLOGY AND ETHICS
19.		GE 9	Applied Ethics
20.		GE 10	Philosophy of Love
21.		SBC 8	Logotherapy
22.		SBC 9	On Happiness

23.	II/IV	DSC 9	CONTEMPORARY READINGS IN WESTERN PHILOSOPHY
24.		DSC 10	CONTEMPORARY DEBATES IN INDIAN PHILOSOPHY
25.		DSE 46	DEBATES OF SELF IN BUDDHISM
26.		DSE 47	ŚAMKARA'S ADVAITA VEDĀNTA
27.		DSE 48	THE PHILOSOPHY OF KASHMIRA SAIVISM AND SAKTISM
28.		DSE 49	YOGASUTRA OF PATANJALI
29.		DSE 50	ETHICS IN BUDDHISM
30.		DSE 51	DEBATES IN CONTINENTAL PHILOSOPHY
31.		DSE 52	PHILOSOPHY OF TECHNOLOGY
32.		DSE 53	PHILOSOPHY OF PRAXIS
33.		DSE 54	CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY (INDIAN)
34.		DSE 55	POSTHUMANISM
35.		DSE 56	WITTGENSTEIN ON ASPECT PERCEPTION
36.		DSE 57	MIND, MODULARITY, AND COGNITION
37.		DSE 58	LANGUAGE AND THOUGHT
38.		DSE 59	CURRENT ISSUES IN PHILOSOPHY OF BIOLOGY

39.		DSE 60	UNDERSTANDING HUMAN ACTIONS
40.		DSE 61	PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE
41.		DSE 62	RELIGION AND ECOLOGY
42.		DSE 63	PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE: NAMES AND DESCRIPTIONS
43.		DSE 64	DE RE, DE DICTO, AND DE SE
44.		DSE 65	ON CONDITIONALS
45.		DSE 66	PHILOSOPHY OF MUSIC
46.		DSE 67	DISCUSSING CINEMA :SPECTATORSHIP, REPRESENTATION AND IDENTITY
47.		DSE 68	PROBLEM OF IDENTITY AND DISABILITY
48.		DSE 71	PHILOSOPHY AND PSYCHOLOGY
49.		DSE 69	ETHICS AND GOVERNANCE
50.		DSE 70	PHILOSOPHICAL COUNSELING
51.		GE	GE 11 AI Ethics
52.		SBC 10	Dialogue and its Applications
53.		SBC 11	Teaching Methodologies in Philosophy

MA 1 Yr Structure 2
CourseWork and Research

Semester	DSC	DSE	2 Credit Course	Dissertation/ Academic Project	Total Credits
I/III	<p>DSC 7 - Analytic Philosophy</p> <p>DSC 8 – Continental Philosophy</p> <p>8 Credits</p>	<p>DSE5 DSE 6 DSE 7 Or DSE 3 DSE 4 & GE 3</p> <p>DSEs TotalNo. <u>23</u> <u>Broad Areas Covered under DSEs:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research Methods 2. Indian Philosophical Perspectives 3. Western Philosophical Perspectives 4. Cross sectional Philosophical Perspectives 5. Applied Philosophical Perspectives <p>GEs (2) GE 9 Applied Ethics GE 10 Philosophy of Love</p>	Nil	<p>Detailed outcomes given below</p> <p>6 credits</p>	22
II/IV	<p>DSC – 9 Critical Readings in Western Philosophy</p>	<p>DSE 7 DSE 8 DSE9 Or DSE 5, DSE 6& GE4</p>	Nil	See Detailed outcomes below	

	<p>DSC -10 Contemporary Debates in Indian Philosophy</p> <p>8 Credits</p>	<p>No of DSEs 26 <u>Broad Areas</u> <u>Covered</u> <u>under</u> <u>DSEs:</u> 1. Indian Philosophical Perspectives 2.. Western Philosophical Perspectives 3. Cross sectional Philosophical Perspectives 4. Applied Philosophical Perspectives GE - (1) GE 11 AI Ethics</p>		<p>6 credits</p>	<p>22Credits</p>
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Structure 2 List of Courses

1 YEAR MA Coursework + Research			
SI NO:	Semester	Course Code	Course Name
	I/III	DSC 7	ANALYTIC PHILOSOPHY
1.		DSC 8	CONTINENTAL PHILOSOPHY
2.		DSE 25	INDIAN LOGIC
3.		DSE 26	INDIAN PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE
4.		DSE 27	SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY (INDIAN)

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12.		DSE 35	METAETHICS
13.		DSE 36	VIRTUE EPISTEMOLOGY
14.		DSE 37	POSTMODERNISM
15.		DSE 39	HUMAN DIGNITY AND SELF-RESPECT
16.		DSE 40	PHILOSOPHY AND DISABILITY
17.		DSE 42	PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION
18.		DSE 44	TECHNOLOGY AND ETHICS
19.		GE 9	Applied Ethics
20.		GE 10	Philosophy of Love
21.	II/IV	DSC 9	CONTEMPORARY READINGS IN WESTERN PHILOSOPHY
22.		DSC 10	CONTEMPORARY DEBATES IN INDIAN PHILOSOPHY

23.		DSE 46	DEBATES OF SELF IN BUDDHISM
24.		DSE 47	ŚAṂKARA'S ADVAITA VEDĀNTA
25.		DSE 48	THE PHILOSOPHY OF KASHMIRA SAIVISM AND SAKTISM
26.		DSE 49	YOGASUTRA OF PATANJALI
27.		DSE 50	ETHICS IN BUDDHISM
28.		DSE 51	DEBATES IN CONTINENTAL PHILOSOPHY
29.		DSE 52	PHILOSOPHY OF TECHNOLOGY
30.		DSE 53	PHILOSOPHY OF PRAXIS
31.		DSE 54	CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY (INDIAN)
32.		DSE 55	POSTHUMANISM
33.		DSE 56	WITTGENSTEIN ON ASPECT PERCEPTION
34.		DSE 57	MIND, MODULARITY, AND COGNITION
35.		DSE 58	LANGUAGE AND THOUGHT
36.		DSE 59	CURRENT ISSUES IN PHILOSOPHY OF BIOLOGY
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41.		DSE 64	DE RE, DE DICTO, AND DE SE
42.		DSE 65	ON CONDITIONALS
43.		DSE 66	PHILOSOPHY OF MUSIC
44.		DSE 67	DISCUSSING CINEMA :SPECTATORSHIP, REPRESENTATION AND IDENTITY
45.		DSE 68	PROBLEM OF IDENTITY AND DISABILITY
46.		DSE 71	PHILOSOPHY AND PSYCHOLOGY
47.		DSE 69	ETHICS AND GOVERNANCE
48.		DSE 70	PHILOSOPHICAL COUNSELING
49.		GE	GE 11 AI Ethics

1 Yr MA Structure 3 Research

Semester I/III	DSC 1	DSE related to (identified research field)	Research /Methods/ Tools/Writing 2 Courses	One Intensive Problem Based Research	Total Credits
	Contemporary Philosophical Research: Its Multiple Dimensions	DSEs Total No. 22 2. Indian Philosophical Perspectives	a. Advanced Research methodology b. Tools of Research	Outcomes Listed Below	

		3. Western Philosophical Perspectives 4. Cross sectional Philosophical Perspectives 5. Applied Philosophical Perspectives			
	4 credits	4 credits	2 x 2= 4 credits	10 Credits	22
Semester II/IV		DSE Total No 26 <u>Broad Areas Covered under DSEs:</u> 1. Indian Philosophical Perspectives 2.. Western Philosophical Perspectives 3. Cross sectional Philosophical Perspectives 4. Applied Philosophical Perspectives	Techniques of Research Writing	One Intensive Problem Based Research (Cont-d)	
		4 credits	2 credits	16 credits	22

Structure 3 List of Courses

1 YEAR MA (RESEARCH) ONLY			
SI NO:	Semester	Course Code	Course Name
	I/III		
1.		DSC 1	CONTEMPORARY PHILOSOPHICAL RESEARCH: ITS MULTIPLE DIMENSIONS
2.		DSE 25	INDIAN LOGIC

3.		DSE 26	INDIAN PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE
4.		DSE 27	SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY (INDIAN)
5.		DSE 28	CONTEMPORARY INDIAN PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION
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16.		DSE 40	PHILOSOPHY AND DISABILITY
17.		DSE 42	PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION
18.		DSE 44	TECHNOLOGY AND ETHICS
19.	Research Methods/ Tools		ADVANCED RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

20.			TOOLS OF RESEARCH
21.	II/IV	DSE 46	DEBATES OF SELF IN BUDDHISM
22.		DSE 47	ŚAMKARA'S ADVAITA VEDĀNTA
23.		DSE 48	THE PHILOSOPHY OF KASHMIRA SAIVISM AND SAKTISM
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46.		DSE 70	PHILOSOPHICAL COUNSELING
47.		DSE 72	TECHNIQUES IN RESEARCH WRITINGS