

## **BA (Hons) Indian Philosophy - GI321**

### **1. Objectives**

- (a) To provide opportunities for a comprehensive study and understanding of Indian Philosophical concepts through analysis of primary texts and commentaries thereon;
- (b) To provide opportunities for exposure to Western Philosophical thought;
- (c) To equip the student with a knowledge of Sanskrit and pedagogical skills; and
- (d) To provide opportunities for further studies in Indian Philosophy, Western Philosophy and Sanskrit.

### **2. General Entry Requirements**

As per General Entry Requirements for Admission to Undergraduate degrees of the University.

### **3. Programme Requirement**

Preference will be given to holders of an 'A' level in Hinduism.

### **4. Programme Duration**

|                     | <b>Normal (Years)</b> | <b>Maximum (Years)</b> |
|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Degree (Full-Time): | 3                     | 5                      |

### **5. Minimum Credits Required for Award of Degree: 108**

Breakdown as follows:

| <b>Minimum Credits for Taught Modules</b> | <b>Project/Dissertation</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| 102                                       | 6                           | 108          |

### **6. Credits per Semester**

Minimum 9 credits, Maximum 24 credits (inclusive of retake modules), subject to regulation 4.

### **7. Assessment**

Each taught module will carry 100 marks and will be assessed as follows unless otherwise specified:

Written Examination of 2-hour duration at the end of every semester, carrying 70% of the total marks and Continuous Assessment carrying 30% of the total marks, unless otherwise stated.

Continuous Assessment will be based on assignment/s and at least one class test.

For a student to pass a module, a minimum of 30% should be attained in both Continuous Assessment and Written Examination separately, with an overall total of a minimum of 40% in that module.

Modules will carry the weightings of 1, 3 or 5 depending on their status (introductory, intermediate or advanced). Weighting for particular modules is indicated within parentheses in the module code.

Project/Dissertation carries 6 credits.

## 8. Programme Plan - BA (Hons) Indian Philosophy

| YEAR 1        |                                                    |               |         |               |                                                             |               |         |
|---------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------|
| Semester 1    |                                                    |               |         | Semester 2    |                                                             |               |         |
| Code          | Module                                             | Hrs/Wk<br>L+P | Credits | Code          | Module                                                      | Hrs/Wk<br>L+P | Credits |
| CORE          |                                                    |               |         | CORE          |                                                             |               |         |
| INPH 1130(1)  | Main aspects of Indian Philosophy                  | 3+0           | 3       | INPH 1210(1)  | Philosophy of Vaisheshika                                   | 3+0           | 3       |
| INPH 1140(3)  | Philosophy of the Vedas I                          | 3+0           | 3       | INPH 1220(3)  | Buddhist Philosophy                                         | 3+0           | 3       |
| INPH 1150(3)  | Philosophy of the Upanishads I                     | 3+0           | 3       | INPH 2118(1)  | Philosophy of Sankhya/Yoga I                                | 3+0           | 3       |
| INPH 1160(1)  | Carvaka and Jain Philosophy                        | 3+0           | 3       | WPH 1210(1)   | Western Philosophy II                                       | 3+0           | 3       |
| SKT 1110(1)   | Sanskrit I                                         | 3+0           | 3       | SKT 1210(1)   | Sanskrit II                                                 | 3+0           | 3       |
| WPH 1110(1)   | Western Philosophy I                               | 3+0           | 3       | CSE 1010e(1)  | Introduction to Information Technology                      | O.E.          | 3       |
| YEAR 2        |                                                    |               |         |               |                                                             |               |         |
| Semester 1    |                                                    |               |         | Semester 2    |                                                             |               |         |
| Code          | Module                                             | Hrs/Wk<br>L+P | Credits | Code          | Module                                                      | Hrs/Wk<br>L+P | Credits |
| CORE          |                                                    |               |         | CORE          |                                                             |               |         |
| INPH 1240(3)  | Philosophy of Saiva Siddhanta and Kashmiri Saivism | 3+0           | 3       | INPH 2210(3)  | Indian Logic                                                | 3+0           | 3       |
| INPH 2110(5)  | Philosophy of the Vedas II                         | 3+0           | 3       | INPH 2240(5)  | Philosophy of the Ramayana                                  | 3+0           | 3       |
| INPH 2120(5)  | Philosophy of the Upanishads II                    | 3+0           | 3       | INPH 2250(5)  | Philosophy of Sankhya/Yoga II                               | 3+0           | 3       |
| WPH 2110(3)   | Western Philosophy III                             | 3+0           | 3       | WPH 2210(3)   | Western Philosophy IV                                       | 3+0           | 3       |
| SKT 2110(3)   | Sanskrit III                                       | 3+0           | 3       | SKT 2210(3)   | Sanskrit IV                                                 | 3+0           | 3       |
| MST 2124(3)   | Aspects of Contemporary History                    | 3+0           | 3       |               |                                                             |               |         |
|               |                                                    |               |         | GEM           |                                                             |               |         |
|               |                                                    |               |         | MGI/UoM lists |                                                             |               |         |
|               |                                                    |               |         |               |                                                             | -             | 3       |
| YEAR 3        |                                                    |               |         |               |                                                             |               |         |
| Semester 1    |                                                    |               |         | Semester 2    |                                                             |               |         |
| Code          | Module                                             | Hrs/Wk<br>L+P | Credits | Code          | Module                                                      | Hrs/Wk<br>L+P | Credits |
| CORE          |                                                    |               |         | CORE          |                                                             |               |         |
| INPH 3110(5)  | Philosophy of Purva Mimamsa                        | 3+0           | 3       | INPH 3210(3)  | Studies in the Bhagavata Purana and the Narada Bhakti Sutra | 3+0           | 3       |
| INPH 3120(3)  | Philosophy of Vedanta I                            | 3+0           | 3       | INPH 3220(5)  | Philosophy of Vedanta II                                    | 3+0           | 3       |
| INPH 3140(5)  | Philosophy of the Bhagavad Gita                    | 3+0           | 3       | IWPH 3230(5)  | Ethics                                                      | 3+0           | 3       |
| INPH 3150(5)  | Gandhian Philosophy                                | 3+0           | 3       | INPH 3240(5)  | Contemporary Indian Philosophy                              | 3+0           | 3       |
| INPH 3280(5)  | Pedagogy I                                         | 3+0           | 3       | INPH 3290(5)  | Pedagogy II                                                 | 3+0           | 3       |
| INPH 3010 (5) | Dissertation (including Research Methodology)      | -             | -       | INPH 3010(5)  | Dissertation                                                | -             | 6       |

## **9. Outline Syllabus**

### **CSE 1010e(1) – INTRODUCTION TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

Information Technology and Computers; Stepping in the Computer; Input and Output Devices; Secondary Storage; Programming; Systems Software; Applications Software; Systems Development; Computer Networks; The Internet; Computer Security; Software Utilities; Issues and Trends in IT.

### **INPH 1130(1) – MAIN ASPECTS OF INDIAN PHILOSOPHY**

Introduction to the main problems of Indian Philosophy with focus on metaphysical concepts and theories.

### **INPH 1140(3) – PHILOSOPHY OF THE VEDAS I**

Survey of Vedic Literature with emphasis on the authority of the Vedas in Indian Philosophy. Study of philosophical Hymns.

### **INPH 1150(3) – PHILOSOPHY OF THE UPANISHADS I**

Survey of Upanishadic Literature with discussion on its characteristics and its significance in Indian Philosophy. Study and analysis of text.

### **INPH 1160(1) – CARVAKA AND JAIN PHILOSOPHY**

Brief survey of the Heterodox Schools of Indian Philosophy. Detailed study of Carvaka and Jain philosophical concepts.

### **INPH 1210(1) – PHILOSOPHY OF VAISHESHIKA**

Discussion on the main philosophical concepts of the Vaisheshika School with focus on epistemological problems.

### **INPH 1220(3) – BUDDHIST PHILOSOPHY**

General discussion on the advent of Gautama Buddha and his main teachings. Detailed discussion on Buddhist Metaphysics, Ethics and Epistemology.

### **INPH 1240(3) – PHILOSOPHY OF SAIVA SIDDHANTA AND KASHMIRA SAIVISM**

This module surveys the philosophical precepts of Saiva Siddhanta and Kashmiri Saivism and their impact on Indian Thought.

### **INPH 2110(5) – PHILOSOPHY OF THE VEDAS II (PQ: INPH 1140(3))**

Critical study of selected philosophical Hymns of the Vedas. Analysis of Aurobindo's interpretation of the Vedas.

### **INPH 2118(1) – PHILOSOPHY OF SANKHYA/YOGA I**

Analysis of the basic principles of causation enshrined in the Philosophy of Sankhya/Yoga with a discussion on the theory of Bondage and Liberation.

### **INPH 2120(5) – PHILOSOPHY OF THE UPANISHADS II (PQ: INPH 1150(3))**

Critical study of selected Upanishads with Sankara's Commentary.

### **INPH 2210(3) – INDIAN LOGIC**

Study in Nyaya Philosophy with focus on Nyaya Epistemology and system of Logic.

### **INPH 2240(5) – PHILOSOPHY OF THE RAMAYANA**

Survey of Ramayana Literature. Analytical study of selected extracts from the following: Ramayana of Valmiki, Ramayana of Kamban, Adhyatma Ramayana and Ramacarita Manasa.

### **INPH 2250(5) – PHILOSOPHY OF SANKHYA/YOGA II (PQ: INPH 2118(1))**

Critical study of basic texts of Sankhya and Yoga Philosophy.

### **INPH 3010(5) – DISSERTATION**

Research Project to be undertaken on a topic studied during this Programme.

**INPH 3110(5) – PHILOSOPHY OF PURVA MIMAMSA**

Overview of Mimamsa Literature. Analysis of the main philosophical concepts of the Mimamsa School.

**INPH 3120(3) – PHILOSOPHY OF VEDANTA I**

Overview of Vedantic tradition. Analysis of the main concepts of Advaita Vedanta and Vishishta Advaita Vedanta. Textual study.

**INPH 3140(5) – PHILOSOPHY OF THE BHAGAVAD GITA**

Critical study of selected portions of the Bhagavad Gita with emphasis on the interpretations by Gandhi, Sant Jnanesvara and Aurobindo.

**INPH 3150(5) – GANDHIAN PHILOSOPHY**

Overview of Gandhi's philosophy with focus on Ethics, philosophy of Religion and political philosophy. Study and analysis of text.

**INPH 3210(3) - STUDIES IN THE BHAGAVATA PURANA AND THE NARADA BHAKTI SUTRA**

Overview of the Srimad Bhagavatam. Critical study of selected extracts from Srimad Bhagavatam and Narada Bhakti Sutra.

**INPH 3220(5) – PHILOSOPHY OF VEDANTA II (PQ: INPH 3120(3))**

Critical study and analysis of Vedanta texts with Commentary of Sankara and of Ramanuja.

**INPH 3230(5) – ETHICS**

Critical analysis of basis ethical concepts with special reference to Indian and Western Ethics.

**INPH 3240(5) – CONTEMPORARY INDIAN PHILOSOPHY**

Analytical study of the philosophy of Rammohan Roy, Vivekananda, Dayananda, Aurobindo and Tagore, with an overview of new trends in Indian Philosophy.

**INPH 3280(3) – PEDAGOGY I**

This module will focus on the various approaches and issues relating to teaching and learning with special reference to Indian Philosophy.

**INPH 3290(5) – PEDAGOGY II**

Appraisal of Secondary School Curriculum in Indian Philosophy/Hinduism. Development of teaching and learning materials. Evaluation.

**MST 2124(3) – ASPECTS OF CONTEMPORARY HISTORY**

Study of some aspects of the History of Mauritius from 1947 to the present including political changes, economic development and culture.

**SKT 1110(1) – SANSKRIT I**

Introduction to Sanskrit Language and Panini's Grammar. Study of basic rules of Sanskrit Grammar. Construction and translation of simple sentences.

**SKT 1210(1) – SANSKRIT II (PQ: SKT 1110(1))**

Analysis and application of simple grammatical rules. Translation and explanation of text.

**SKT 2110(3) – SANSKRIT III (PQ: SKT 1210(1))**

Further grammar. Translation from Sanskrit into English and English into Sanskrit. Explanation of text.

**SKT 2210(3) – SANSKRIT IV (PQ: SKT 2110(3))**

Further exercise in grammar, translation and comprehension based on prescribed texts.

**WPH 1110(1) – WESTERN PHILOSOPHY I**

Discussion on the main problems of Western Philosophy with focus on Metaphysical problems.

**WPH 1210(1) – WESTERN PHILOSOPHY II**

Survey of ancient and classical Philosophy with special reference to Plato and Descartes. Study and analysis of text.

**WPH 2110(3) – WESTERN PHILOSOPHY III**

Survey of 17<sup>th</sup> Century Western Philosophy. Analysis of selected works of Kant and Schopenhauer.

**WPH 2210(3) – WESTERN PHILOSOPHY IV**

Analytical study of Western Logic and Epistemology.