

B.A (Hons) Indian Philosophy – GI322 (Under Review)

1. Objectives

- a) To provide opportunities to Diploma holders to deepen their knowledge of Indian Philosophy through a systematic exposure to primary texts and Commentaries thereon.
- b) To equip students with a knowledge of Sanskrit Language and philosophical literature in Sanskrit.
- c) To equip the students with skills in analytical philosophy.

2. General Entry Requirements

In accordance with the University General Entry Requirements for admission to undergraduate degree programmes.

3. Programme Requirement

A Post “A” Level MGI Diploma in Indian Philosophy or an equivalent qualification acceptable to the MGI.

4. Programme Duration – Degree (Part time)

Normal	Maximum
<i>2 years</i>	<i>4 years</i>
(4 Semesters)	(8 Semesters)

5. Credit System

The BA Programme is structured on the credit system and is run on a semester basis
A semester is of a duration of 15 weeks (excluding examination period)
A credit is a unit of measure, and the Programme is based on the following guidelines:
15 hours of lectures and/or tutorials: 1 credit

6. Minimum Credits Required for the Award of the Degree: 108

The MGI Diploma already accounts for 60 credits.

For the award of the BA (Hons) Indian Philosophy, the student must obtain at least 108 credits, including the 60 credits already earned at Diploma level.

Distribution of Credits

	Modules	No. of Credits
I.	Diploma	60
II.	Core	36
III.	Dissertation	9
IV.	Electives – GEM (<i>from UOM/MGI Lists</i>)	3
TOTAL		108 (60 +48)

7. Credits per semester

Minimum - 6 credits
Maximum - 18 credits (inclusive of Retake modules)
(Subject to Regulation 5 above)

8. Assessment

All modules 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 should include at least one class test.

A minimum of at least 30% should be attained in each of Continuous Assessment and Written Examination, with an overall total of 40% for a candidate to pass a module.

9. Credit Distribution

I. Diploma (3 Years Part-time)

Level I -	9 + 9	=	18		
Level II-	9 + 9	=	18		
Level III	- 9 + 9	=	18	=	54 +
Project		=	6		6
			Total	=	60

II. B.A (2 Years Part-time)

Level I -	12 + 12 =	24		
Level II-	9 + 6 =	15		
Dissertation			=	9 = 48
			Total	= 108

10. Programme Plan – BA (Hons) Indian Philosophy

Level I Semester I	Hrs/Wk L + P	Credits	Semester II	Hrs/Wk L + P	Credits
SKT 2210 (3) Sanskrit IV	3 + 0	3	INPH 1220(3) Buddhist Philosophy	3 + 0	3
INPH 2110(5) Philosophy of the Vedas – II	3 + 0	3	WPH 2110(3) Western Philosophy III	3 + 0	3
INPH 2120(5) Philosophy of the Upanishads – II	3 + 0	3	SKT 3031(3) Sanskrit V	3 + 0	3
INPH 1210(1) Western Philosophy II	3 + 0	3	GEM(From MGI/UOM lists)	3 + 0	3

Level II Semester I	Hrs/Wk L + P	Credits	Semester II	Hrs/Wk L + P	Credits
INPH 1240(3) Philosophy of āiava Siddhanta and Kashmira āaivism	3 + 0	3	INPH 3120(3) Philosophy of Vedanta	3 + 0	3
WPH 2210(3) Western Philosophy IV	3 + 0	3	INPH 3130(5) Philosophy of the Bhagavad Gītā II	3 + 0	3
SKT 3032 (3) Sanskrit VI	3 + 0	3	INPH 3010(5) Dissertation	-	9
INPH 3010(5) Dissertation (including Research Methodology)	-	-			

11. Outline Syllabus

Level I Semester 1

SKT 2210(3) -SANSKRIT IV

This module aims at strengthening the Sanskrit background of the students through analytical study of texts in prose and in verse with emphasis on application of rules of grammar. The module consists mainly of

A. Translation:

- Sanskrit into English (Based on prescribed texts)
- English into Sanskrit

- B. Comprehension questions to be answered in Sanskrit – (Based on prescribed texts).
Grammatical notes on texts studied.

INPH 2110(5) - PHILOSOPHY OF THE VEDAS – II

This module lays emphasis on critical study of the Vedic texts with special reference to the Secret of the Vedas – (Aurobindo) and further Philosophical Hymns of the Vedas, namely Hira,yagarbha S kta, Brahmacharya S kta, Dhan;nnad;nam S kta. Students will undertake an analysis of Aurobindo’s interpretation of the Vedas.

INPH 2120(5) - PHILOSOPHY OF THE UPANISHADS - II

This module consists of a critical study of the Upanishadic texts, with a view to bringing out their philosophical purport, with special reference to the B ihad;ra,yaka Upanishad, the Ch;ndogya Upanishad and the I a Upanishad.

WPH 1210(1) - WESTERN PHILOSOPHY II

This module consists of an analytical study of Western philosophical thought, with a survey of ancient and classical philosophy, with special reference to Plato and Descartes. Students will be required to undertake a critical study of “the Republic” and the “Meditation on First Philosophy”.

Level I Semester II

INPH 1220(3) - BUDDHIST PHILOSOPHY

This module consists of a general discussion on the advent of Gautama Buddha and his main teachings. The module surveys the different Schools of Buddhism and Buddhist Metaphysics with special reference to   nyav;da and Vij ;nav;da. The emphasis will be on Buddhist Ethics; Buddhist Theories of knowledge according to   nyav;da and Vij ;nav;da.

WPH 2110(3) - WESTERN PHILOSOPHY III

This module will expose the students to 17th Century Philosophy with focus on the philosophy of Kant and Schopenhauer. Students will be required to undertake a critical study of the Critique of Pure Reason and the World as Will and Representation.

SKT 3031(3) - SANSKRIT V: GRAMMAR AND COMPREHENSION

This module consists of an analytical study of the main features of Sanskrit Grammar covering Sandhi, Sam;sa, Subanta, Ti’anta, Gerund, Numerals, as well as a study of simple Sanskrit texts with the view to consolidating analytical skills and comprehension.

Level II Semester I

INPH 1240(3) - PHILOSOPHY OF   AIVA SIDDH;NTA AND K;SHM  RA   AIVISM

This module surveys the philosophical precepts of the main Schools of   aiva Siddh;nta and K;shm  ra   aivism with an analysis on their impact on Indian thought. It will enable the students to compare the philosophical concepts of these schools with those of the traditional schools.

WPH 2210(3) - WESTERN PHILOSOPHY IV

This module consists of an analytical study of Western Logic and Epistemology, Nature of Logic, Arguments and their Forms; Deduction and Induction; Truth and Validity; Problem of Meaning and Definition; Sign and Symbol; Structure of syllogism; Rules of syllogistic reasoning; Problem of knowledge; Nature and source of knowledge; Theories of Knowledge.

SKT 3032(3) - SANSKRIT VI - TRANSLATION AND EXPLANATION OF TEXT

This module will expose the students to different styles of Sanskrit Literature.

It consists of:

- (i) Study of selected texts from Hitopade a, P; catantra, R;m;ya,a, Bhagavad G ta and Manu Sm iti;
- (ii) Practice in translation from Sanskrit into English
- (iii) Practice in translation from English into Sanskrit

INPH 3010(5) DISSERTATION (INCLUDING RESEARCH METHODOLOGY)

Level II Semester II

INPH 3120(3) - PHILOSOPHY OF VEDANTA

This module consists of an analytical study of Advaita Philosophy, with special attention to the Concept of Māyā; Concept of Superimposition; Concept of Brahman; Theory of Creation; The three levels of Reality; Jīva and its relation with Brahman. Concept of Bondage and Liberation.

The module also surveys the philosophy of Viśiṣṭa – Advaita with particular emphasis on its criticism of Ānandāśāśī's concept of Māyā and its concept of Brahman and Its Attributes; its concept of Bondage and Liberation as well as its concept of Bhakti.

INPH 3130(5) - PHILOSOPHY OF THE BHAGAVAD GĪTĀ - II

This module seeks to analyse the different interpretations given to the Bhagavad Gītā, especially in the context of modern Indian thought. It focuses on the interpretations given by Śaṅkara, Rāmānujācārya, Aurobindo and Gandhi.

INPH 3010(5) - DISSERTATION

Research Project of 8,000 – 10,000 words to be undertaken on a topic studied during this Programme under the guidance of a supervisor.