



**MAHATMA GANDHI INSTITUTE**

**School of Indological Studies**

**Department of Philosophy**

**B.A (Hons) Indian Philosophy (Full-Time)**

**Modular Credit Per Semester  
Programme Structure**

**(2012-2015)**

# BA (HONS) INDIAN PHILOSOPHY (F/T)

## 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.
- d) To provide opportunities for further studies in Indian Philosophy, Western Philosophy and Sanskrit.
- e) To relate philosophical problems to modern life.

## 2. GENERAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

## 3. PROGRAMME REQUIREMENT

Preference will be given to holders of an 'A' Level in Hinduism or Equivalent.

## 4. PROGRAMME DURATION

Minimum: 3 years

Maximum: 5 years

## 5. MINIMUM CREDITS REQUIRED FOR DEGREE AWARD - 108

| Degree            | Core Module | Elective | Dissertation |
|-------------------|-------------|----------|--------------|
| B.A (Hons)<br>F/T | 96          | 3        | 9            |

## 6. CREDITS PER SEMESTER

Minimum 9 credits, Maximum 24 credits subject to regulation 4 above.

## 7. ASSESSMENTS

*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.

## 8. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF DISSERTATION

Final copy to be submitted on the last working day of March of the academic semester.

## 9. LIST OF MODULES

| <u>Code</u>                           | <u>Module Name</u>                                        | <u>Hr/Wk</u><br><u>L+P</u> | <u>Credits</u> |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| <b>CORE</b>                           |                                                           |                            |                |
| INPH 1131 (1)                         | Main Aspects of Indian Philosophy                         | 3+0                        | 3              |
| INPH 1141 (1)                         | Philosophy of the Vādas 1                                 | 3+0                        | 3              |
| INPH 1151 (1)                         | Philosophy of the Upanishads I                            | 3+0                        | 3              |
| INPH 1161 (1)                         | Cārvāka and Jain Philosophy                               | 3+0                        | 3              |
| SKT 1110 (1)                          | Sanskrit I                                                | 3+0                        | 3              |
| WPH 1111 (1)                          | Western Philosophy I - Introduction to Western Philosophy | 3+0                        | 3              |
| INPH 3150 (1)                         | Gandhian Philosophy                                       | 3+0                        | 3              |
| INPH 1120 (3)                         | Buddhist Philosophy                                       | 3+0                        | 3              |
| INPH 2118 (1)                         | Philosophy of Sāṅkhya/Yoga I                              | 3+0                        | 3              |
| INPH 1211 (1)                         | Western Logic II                                          | 3+0                        | 3              |
| SKT 1210 (1)                          | Sanskrit II                                               | 3+0                        | 3              |
| CSE 1010E (1)                         | Introduction to Information Technology                    | OE                         | 3              |
| INPH 1240 (3)                         | Philosophy of Śaiva Siddhānta and Kashmiri Śaivism        | 3+0                        | 3              |
| INPH 2111 (5)                         | Philosophy of the Vādas II                                | 3+0                        | 3              |
| INPH 2121 (5)                         | Philosophy of the Upanishads II                           | 3+0                        | 3              |
| WPH 2111 (3)                          | Western Philosophy III                                    | 3+0                        | 3              |
| SKT 2110 (3)                          | Sanskrit III                                              | 3+0                        | 3              |
| INPH 2211 (3)                         | Indian Logic – Nyāya/Vaiśeṣika                            | 3+0                        | 3              |
| INPH 2240 (5)                         | Philosophy of the Rāmāyana                                | 3+0                        | 3              |
| INPH 2250 (5)                         | Philosophy of Sāṅkhya/Yoga II                             | 3+0                        | 3              |
| WPH 2211 (3)                          | Western Philosophy IV                                     | 3+0                        | 3              |
| SKT 2211 (3)                          | Sanskrit IV                                               | 3+0                        | 3              |
| INPH 3110 (5)                         | Philosophy of Pārva Mīmāṃsā                               | 3+0                        | 3              |
| INPH 3121 (3)                         | Philosophy of Vādānta I                                   | 3+0                        | 3              |
| INPH 3141 (5)                         | Philosophy of the Bhagavad Gītā                           | 3+0                        | 3              |
| SKT 3010 (3)                          | Sanskrit V                                                | 3+0                        | 3              |
| INPH 3225 (3)                         | Methodology                                               | 3+0                        | 3              |
| INPH 3211 (3)                         | Studies in Bhāgavatam and Nārada Bhakti Sātras            | 3+0                        | 3              |
| INPH 3221 (5)                         | Philosophy of Vādānta II                                  | 3+0                        | 3              |
| IWPH 3231 (5)                         | Ethics                                                    | 3+0                        | 3              |
| INPH 3240 (5)                         | Contemporary Indian Philosophy                            | 3+0                        | 3              |
| SKT 3020 (3)                          | Sanskrit VI                                               | 3+0                        | 3              |
| INPH 3010 (5)                         | Dissertation                                              | -                          | 9              |
| <b>ELECTIVES</b>                      |                                                           |                            |                |
| MST 2124 (3)<br>(Compulsory Elective) |                                                           | 3+0                        | 3              |
| GEM(from (3)<br>MGI/UoM<br>lists)     |                                                           | 3+0                        | 3              |



## 10. PROGRAMMES PLAN

| Module Code                  | Programmes                                                | Hrs/Wk<br>L+P | Credits |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------|
| <b>Level I Semester I</b>    |                                                           |               |         |
| INPH 1131 (1)                | Main aspects of Indian Philosophy                         | 3+0           | 3       |
| INPH 1141 (3)                | Philosophy of the Vādas 1                                 | 3+0           | 3       |
| INPH 1151 (3)                | Philosophy of the Upanishads I                            | 3+0           | 3       |
| INPH 1161 (1)                | Cārvāka and Jain Philosophy                               | 3+0           | 3       |
| SKT 1110 (1)                 | Sanskrit I                                                | 3+0           | 3       |
| WPH 1111 (1)                 | Western Philosophy I – Introduction to Western Philosophy | 3+0           | 3       |
| <b>Level I Semester II</b>   |                                                           |               |         |
| INPH 3150 (1)                | Gandhian Philosophy                                       | 3+0           | 3       |
| INPH 1120 (3)                | Buddhist Philosophy                                       | 3+0           | 3       |
| INPH 2118 (1)                | Philosophy of Sāṅkhya/Yoga I                              | 3+0           | 3       |
| INPH 1211 (1)                | Western Logic II                                          | 3+0           | 3       |
| SKT 1210 (1)                 | Sanskrit II                                               | 3+0           | 3       |
| CSE 1010E (1)                | Introduction to Information Technology                    | OE            | 3       |
| <b>Level II Semester I</b>   |                                                           |               |         |
| INPH 1240 (3)                | Philosophy of Śaiva Siddhānta and Kashmiri Śaivism        | 3+0           | 3       |
| INPH 2111 (5)                | Philosophy of the Vādas II                                | 3+0           | 3       |
| INPH 2121 (5)                | Philosophy of the Upanishads II                           | 3+0           | 3       |
| WPH 2111 (3)                 | Western Philosophy III                                    | 3+0           | 3       |
| SKT 2110 (3)                 | Sanskrit III                                              | 3+0           | 3       |
| MST 2124 (3)                 | Aspects of Contemporary History (CE)                      | 3+0           | 3       |
| <b>Level II Semester II</b>  |                                                           |               |         |
| INPH 2211 (3)                | Indian Logic – Nyāya/Vaiśeṣika                            | 3+0           | 3       |
| INPH 2240 (5)                | Philosophy of the Rāmāyana                                | 3+0           | 3       |
| INPH 2250 (5)                | Philosophy of Sāṅkhya/Yoga II                             | 3+0           | 3       |
| WPH 2211 (3)                 | Western Philosophy IV                                     | 3+0           | 3       |
| SKT 2211 (3)                 | Sanskrit IV                                               | 3+0           | 3       |
| GEM (from MGI/ UOM lists)    |                                                           | -             | 3       |
| <b>Level III Semester I</b>  |                                                           |               |         |
| INPH 3110 (5)                | Philosophy of Pārva Mīmāṃsā                               | 3+0           | 3       |
| INPH 3121 (3)                | Philosophy of Vādaṅta I                                   | 3+0           | 3       |
| INPH 3141 (5)                | Philosophy of the Bhagavad Gītā                           | 3+0           | 3       |
| SKT 3010 (3)                 | Sanskrit V                                                | 3+0           | 3       |
| INPH 3225 (3)                | Methodology                                               | 3+0           | 3       |
| <b>Level III Semester II</b> |                                                           |               |         |
| INPH 3211 (3)                | Studies in Bhāgavatam and Nārada Bhakti Sātras            | 3+0           | 3       |
| INPH 3221 (5)                | Philosophy of Vādaṅta II                                  | 3+0           | 3       |
| IWPH 3231 (5)                | Ethics                                                    | 3+0           | 3       |
| INPH 3240 (5)                | Contemporary Indian Philosophy                            | 3+0           | 3       |
| SKT 3020 (3)                 | Sanskrit VI                                               | 3+0           | 3       |

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| INPH 3010 (5) | Dissertation (Including Viva-Voce) | - | 9 |
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## **11. OUTLINE SYLLABUS**

### **INPH 1131(1) Main Aspects of Indian Philosophy**

Introduction to the main problems of Indian Philosophy with focus on Metaphysical concepts and theories. Problems of Philosophy. Nature source and purpose of Indian Philosophy. Concept of God and Soul. Indian Theories of creation. Theory of Action and Rebirth. Concept of Bondage and Liberation. Schools of Indian Philosophy

### **INPH 1141(3) Philosophy of the Vēdas I**

Survey of Vedic literature with emphasis on the authority of the Vedas in Indian Philosophy. Study of philosophical Hymns. Concept of God: Polytheism, Monotheism and Monism. Creation and Dissolution. Concept of Sacrifice and Liberation. Study of Philosophical Hymns:

- (i) Nàsadāya Sākta
- (ii) Vak Sākta
- (iii) Purusha Sākta

### **INPH 1151(3) Philosophy of the Upanishads I**

Survey of Upanishadic Literature with discussion on its characteristics and its significance in Indian Philosophy. Upanishadic thought and the development of Vedanta Philosophy.

Textual study and analysis of

- (i) Isā Upanishad
- (ii) Prasna Upanishad
- (iii) Katha Upanishad

### **INPH 1161(1) Cārvaka and Jain Philosophy**

Brief survey of the Heterodox Schools of Indian Philosophy. Cārvaka Metaphysics. Cārvaka Epistemology. Cārvaka Ethics. Jain Metaphysics. Jain Epistemology. Jain Ethics.

### **SKT 1110(1) Sanskrit I**

Introduction to Sanskrit Language and Dēvanāgarī script. Vedic and Classical Sanskrit. Introduction to Pāṇini's Grammar. Study of the basic rules of Sanskrit Grammar. Construction and translation of simple sentences in Sanskrit.

### **WPH 1111(1) Western Philosophy I - Introduction to Western Philosophy**

Discussion on the historical development of western philosophical thought with special focus on the main problems of philosophy.



### **INPH 3150(5) Gandhian Philosophy**

Overview of Gandhi's philosophy with focus on Ethics, Philosophy of Religion and Political Philosophy. Study and analysis of "The Story of My Experiments with Truth".

### **INPH 1220(3) Buddhist Philosophy**

General discussion on the advent of Gautama Buddha and his main teachings. Schools of Buddhism. Buddhist Metaphysics with special reference to øånyavàda and Vijñānavàda, Buddhist Ethics. Buddhist Theories of knowledge according to øånyavàda and Vijñānavàda.

### **INPH 2118(1) Philosophy of Sàṣkhyā/Yoga I**

Analysis of the basic principles of causation enshrined in the Philosophy of Sàṣkhyā/Yoga. Concept of Purusha and Prakriti. Theory of Causality (Satkāryavāda). Concepts of Bondage and Liberation. Concept of ā÷hvara in Yoga. Ashñānga Yoga.

### **WPH 1211(1) Western Logic II**

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 1210(1) Sanskrit II [PQ -SKT 1110(1)]**

Analysis and application of simple grammatical rules relating to selected Sandhi, Samāsas, Subanta, Tīānta. Translation and explanation of text.

### **CSE 1010e (1) Introduction to Information Technology**

The world of Computers. Main components of the computer. The evolution of computers. Input and output devices. Secondary storage. Programming. Systems Software. Application software. Systems analysis and design. Communications and connectivity. The internet. Information technology and society.

### **INPH 1240(3) Philosophy of øaiva Siddhānta and Kà÷māra øaivism**

This module surveys the philosophical precepts of øaiva Siddhānta and Kà÷māra øaivism and their impact on Indian Thought. øaiva Siddhānta : The øaktis; theory of creation and concept of Bindu. Concept of Bondage and Liberation. Kà÷māra øaivism: Concept of Absolute Consciousness. Concept of Spanda. Pratyabhijñā and the Upāyas.

### **INPH 2111(5) Philosophy of the Vēdas II [PQ- INPH 1140(3)]**

Critical study of the following texts: The Secret of the Vedas - Aurobindo (selected portions). Further Philosophical Hymns of the Vedas - Hiraōyagarbha Sākta, Brahmācārya Sākta, Dhannadānam Sākta. Analysis of Aurobindo's interpretation of the Vedas.

### **INPH 2121(5) Philosophy of the Upanishads II [PQ - INPH 1150(3)]**

**Critical study of the following texts**

- a) Brihadāraōyaka Upanishad
- b) Chāndogya Upanishad
- c) Kena Upanishad

### **WPH 2110(3) Western Philosophy III**

Survey of classical Philosophy with special reference to Plato.

Critical Study of (i) The Republic

### **SKT 2110(3) Sanskrit III [PQ - SKT 1210(1)]**

Analysis and application of further rules of Sandhi, Samāsa, Subanta and Tīānta. Translation from Sanskrit into English and English into Sanskrit. Explanation of text.

### **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.

### **INPH 2211(3) Indian Logic - Nyāya Vaiśeṣika**

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

Means of Knowledge. Epistemology of Perception. Inference: Theory of Invariable Concomitance. Syllogism and its five members. Verbal Testimony. Comparison. Distinction between Verbal Testimony and Comparison. Theory of Atomism

### **INPH 2240(5) Philosophy of the Rāmāyaṇa**

Survey of Rāmāyaṇa Literature. Analytical study of selected portions of the following: Rāmāyaṇa of Vālmāiki, Rāmāyaṇa of Kamban, Adhyātma Rāmāyaṇa and Rāmācarita Mānasa.

### **INPH 2250(5) Philosophy of Sàṣkhya/Yoga II [PQ - INPH 2118(1)]**

- (i) Critical study of Sàṣkhya Kàrikà (complete)
- (ii) Critical study of Yoga Sàtras of Pantaṃjali - (Samàdhā Pàda only)

### **WPH 2211(3) Western Philosophy IV**

A study of Modern Western Philosophy with special reference to Cartesian rationalism – Locke's Idealism.

### **SKT 2211(3) Sanskrit IV [PQ - SKT 2110(3)]**

- A. Translation:
  - (i) Sanskrit into English (Based on prescribed texts)
  - (ii) English into Sanskrit.
- B. Comprehension questions to be answered in Sanskrit - (Based on prescribed texts). Grammatical notes on texts studied.

### **GEM - From MGI/UoM lists**

### **INPH 3110(5) Philosophy of Pârva Māmàṣsa**

Overview of Māmàṣsa literature. Analysis of the main philosophical concepts of the Māmàṣsa School. Schools of Pârva Māmàṣsa, Concept of Dharma, Vidhā and Apârva, Concept of Bondage and Liberation. Māmàṣsa Theory of knowledge.

### **INPH 3121(3) Philosophy of Vēdānta I**

Overview of Vedāntic tradition. Advaita Philosophy: Concept of Mâyā. Concept of Superimposition. Concept of Brahman. Theory of Creation: The three levels of Reality. Jāva and its relation with Brahman. Concept of Bondage and Liberation.

Vi÷istha-Advaita Philosophy: Meaning of Qualified Monism. Criticism of ōankara's concept of Mâyā. Concept of Brahman and Its Attributes. Concept of Bondage and Liberation. Concept of Bhakti.

### **INPH 3141(5) Philosophy of the Bhagavad Gītā**

Critical study of selected chapters from the Bhagavad Gītā with emphasis on the interpretations by Gandhi, Sant Jñāne÷vara and Aurobindo.

### **SKT 3010 (3) Sanskrit V: Grammar and Comprehension**

This module consists of an analytical study of the main features of Sanskrit Grammar covering Sandhi, Samàsa, Subanta, Tīānta, Gerund, Numerals, as well as a study of simple Sanskrit texts with the view to consolidating analytical skills and comprehension.

### **INPH 3225(3) Methodology**

Pedagogical approaches in the teaching of Indian Philosophy, with emphasis on teaching of Hinduism in the Secondary schools in Mauritius.

### **INPH 3211(3) Studies in the Bhāgavatam Purāṇa and Nārada Bhakti Sātras**

Overview of ōrimad Bhāgavatam. Critical study of ōrimad Bhāgavatam (Skandha XI) and Nārada Bhakti Sātra (Sutras 1 -25)

### **INPH 3221(5) Philosophy of Vēdānta II [PQ - INPH 3120(3)]**

Critical study and analysis of selected extracts from the following:

Brahma Sātra - ōānkara Bhāshya

Brahma Sātra - ōri Bhāshya;

Vēdānta Paribhāshā - (Pratyaksha Khaṇḍa only)

### **IWPH 3231(5) Ethics**

Critical analysis of basic ethical concepts with special reference to Indian and Western Ethics. Indian Ethics: The Purushārthas. Nishkāma Karma. Bondage, Rebirth and Liberation. The five Yamas. Concept of Sacrifice, Dana and Dharma.

#### **Western Ethics:**

Conventional and Reflective Morality. Virtue and well-being (Aristotle). Goodwill, Duty and Categorical imperative (Kant). Life, Suicide and Euthanasia. Utilitarianism, Crime and Theories of Punishment. Moral attitude to the environment and animals. Industrial 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.

### **SKT 3020 (3) Sanskrit VI**

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

- (i) Study of selected texts from Hitopadeśa, Pāicatantra, Rāmāyṇa, Bhagavad Gāta and Manu Smṛiti;

- (ii) Practice in translation from Sanskrit into English
- (iii) Practice in translation from English into Sanskrit

### **INPH 3010(5) Dissertation (With Viva-Voce)**

Students will be required to carry out research work under the guidance of a Supervisor and submit a dissertation of about 8000 – 12000 words on one of the topics studied during this Programme.

Evaluation: Written: 70%  
Viva-Voce: 30%

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