



MAHATMA GANDHI INSTITUTE

School of Indological Studies

Department of Philosophy

B.A (Hons) Indian Philosophy (Part-Time)

**Modular Credit Per Semester
Programme Structure**

(2012-2015)

BA (HONS) INDIAN PHILOSOPHY (P/T)

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
2 years (4 Semesters)	3 years (6 Semesters)

5. MINIMUM CREDITS REQUIRED FOR THE AWARD OF THE DEGREE: 108

Degree	Diploma	Core Module	Elective	Dissertation
BA (Hons) P/T	60	48	3	9

6. CREDITS PER SEMESTER

Minimum 6 credits, Maximum 18 credits subject to regulation 4 above.

7. 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**.

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> <u>L+P</u>	<u>Credits</u>
CORE			
SKT 2211 (3)	Sanskrit IV	3+0	3
INPH 2111 (3)	Philosophy of the Vedas II	3+0	3
INPH 2121 (5)	Philosophy of the Upanishads II	3+0	3
WPH 1211 (1)	Western Logic II	3+0	3
INPH 1220 (3)	Buddhist Philosophy	3+0	3
WPH 2111 (3)	Western Philosophy III	3+0	3
SKT 3010 (3)	Sanskrit V	3+0	3
INPH 1240 (3)	Philosophy of ōaiva Siddhanta and Kashmira ōaivism	3+0	3
WPH 2211 (3)	Western Philosophy IV	3+0	3
SKT 3020 (3)	Sanskrit VI	3+0	3
INPH 3121 (3)	Philosophy of Vedanta I	3+0	3
INPH 3141 (3)	Philosophy of the Bhagavad Gātā	3+0	3
INPH 3010 (5)	Dissertation	-	9
ELECTIVE			
GEM (From MGI/UOM Lists) (3)		3+0	3

10. PROGRAMME PLAN

Module Code	Programmes	Hrs/Wk L+P	Credits
Level I Semester I			
SKT 2211 (3)	Sanskrit IV	3+0	3
INPH 2111 (5)	Philosophy of the Vedas II	3+0	3
INPH 2121 (5)	Philosophy of the Upanishads II	3+0	3
WPH 1211 (1)	Western Logic II	3+0	3
Level I Semester II			
INPH 1220 (3)	Buddhist Philosophy	3+0	3
WPH 2111 (3)	Western Philosophy III	3+0	3
SKT 3010 (3)	Sanskrit V	3+0	3
GEM (From MGI/UOM lists)		3+0	3
Level II Semester I			
INPH 1240 (3)	Philosophy of ōaiva Siddhanta and Kashmira ōaivism	3+0	3
WPH 2211 (3)	Western Philosophy IV	3+0	3
SKT 3020 (3)	Sanskrit VI	3+0	3
Level II Semester II			
INPH 3121 (3)	Philosophy of Vedanta I	3+0	3
INPH 3141 (5)	Philosophy of the Bhagavad Gāṭā	3+0	3
INPH 3010 (5)	Dissertation	-	9

11. OUTLINE SYLLABUS

SKT 2211(3) Sanskrit IV: Translation and Comprehension

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:

- (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.

INPH 2111(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 - Hiraõyagarbha Sãkta, Brahmacarya Sãkta, Dhanõãnnadãnam Sãkta. Students will undertake an analysis of Aurobindo's interpretation of the Vedas.

INPH 2121 (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 Bçihadàràõyaka Upanishad, the Chãndogya Upanishad and I-ã Upanishad.

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.

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 øãnyavàda and

Vijñānavāda. The emphasis will be on Buddhist Ethics; Buddhist Theories of knowledge according to Jñānavāda and Vijñānavāda.

WPH 2111(3) Western Philosophy III

Survey of classical Philosophy with special reference to Plato
Critical Study of (i) The Republic

SKT 3010(3) Sanskrit V: Grammar and Comprehension

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

GEM (From MGI/UoM Lists)

INPH 1240(3) Philosophy of Jñāiva Siddhānta and Kāshmira Jñāivism

This module surveys the philosophical precepts of Jñāiva Siddhānta and Kāshmira Jñāivism and their impact on Indian thought. Jñāiva Siddhānta: The Saktis; theory of creation and concept of Bindu. Concepts of Bondage and Liberation. Kāshmira Jñāivism: Concept of Absolute Consciousness. Concept of Spanda. Pratyabhijñā and the Upāyas.

WPH 2211(3) Western Philosophy IV

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

SKT 3020 (3) Sanskrit VI - Translation and Explanation of Text

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

1. Study of selected texts from Hitopadeśa, Pāicatantra, Rāmāyōa, Bhagavad Gāta and Manu Smṛiti
2. Practice in translation from Sanskrit into English
3. Practice in translation from English into Sanskrit

INPH 3121 (3) Philosophy of Vedanta I

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

INPH 3141(5) Philosophy of the Bhagavad Gāta

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

INPH 3010(5) Dissertation

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

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