Syllabus
Department of Philosophy

Four Year B.A Honours Course
Effective from the
Session : 2009–2010
National University
Subject: Philosophy
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Detailed Syllabus

First Year

Course Code: 1752, Course Title: Problems of Philosophy        Marks 100, 4 Credits,

60 Lectures

Group : A

The Nature, Scope and Methods of Philosophy.
Functions of Philosophy.
Relation of Philosophy to Science, Religion and Common-sense.
Theories of the origin of knowledge: Authoritarianism, Rationalism, Empiricism, Critical theory of Kant, Intuitionism.
The Object of Knowledge: Idealism and Realism.
Theories of Truth: Correspondence, Coherence and Pragmatic Theories.
Theories of Evolution: Mechanical, Teleological, Creative and Emergent.

Group : B

Concept of Matter, Space and Time.
The Nature of Life—Mechanism, Vitalism and the Concept of Emergence.
Theories of Reality: Idealism and Materialism, Monism, Dualism and Pluralism.
The Nature of Mind and the Theories of Mind-Body Relation.
The Problem of Value.
Freedom of Will and Immortality of the Soul.
Books Recommended


Course Code: 1753, Course Title: History of Western Philosophy : Ancient and Medieval
Marks 100, 4
Credits, 60 Lectures

Group : A

A brief introduction to Greek Philosophy, Milesian Philosophy, Pythagorean Philosophy, Philosophy of Change and Permanence, Pluralistic Philosophy and Anaxagoras, Philosophies of the Sophists, Socrates, Plato, Aristotle and Neo-Platonism.

Group : B

A brief introduction to Medieval Philosophy, Scholasticism, Philosophy of St. Anselm, St. Augustine and Thomas Aquinas, John Duns Scotus, William of Occam.

Books Recommended


†বিদ্যালয়ের তালিকা দেব : তারামিত্র সার, ঢাকা, ১৯৭৫
†কলা ইসলাম : জগন্ধ জির্দার দর্শন, ২য় সংস্করণ, ঢাকা, ২০০২
†কলা ইসলাম, দর্শন তালিকা : সমস্ত ও সম্পাদনা, ঢাকা, ২০০৯
†গুলিন আহসান খান : দর্শনের প্রাচীনতাত্ত্বিক, ঢাকা, ২০০৪
†এম. মহিউদ্দীন রামন ও আলমুদীন হায়াং চল্লী : দর্শনের ধর্মনীতি, ঢাকা: নতুন পাবলিশিং হাউস, ৫ম সংস্করণ, ২০০৯
†মুখ্যত্ব আবদুল বাবুর : দর্শনের কথা, ঢাকা, ১৯৮৮
†নূর নবী : দর্শনের প্রত্নতত্ত্ব, ঢাকা, ১৯৮০
†রশীদুল ইসলাম, দর্শনের মূর্তিত্ব, ঢাকা, ১৯৭৯
†আ. খ. ম. উদায়রূপ হরিয়ান ও বন্দরের মুকারম হোসেন, দর্শনের সম্পাদকীয়, ঢাকা, ১৯৮৩
Course Code: 1754, Course Title: General Ethics Marks 100, 4 Credits, 60 Lectures

Nature, scope & utility of ethics.
Normative Ethics, Meta-ethics, Practical Ethics, Environmental Ethics.
Relation of Ethics to Religion, Psychology and Sociology.
The Problem of Freedom.
Moral Judgment – its nature, subject and object.
Postulates of Moral Judgement.
Voluntary action : Voluntary, non-voluntary and involuntary actions.
Theories of Moral Standard : Utilitarianism, Intuitionism, Perfectionism, Evolutionism, Rationalism, Scepticism, Existentialism and Marxism.
Theories of Relationship between Individual and Society.
Theories of Punishment.
Moral Progress.

Books Recommended

Albert, E.M. (ed.): Great Traditions in Ethics, California: Wadsworth, 1984
Honer, S.M., et. al. ed.: Invitation to Philosophy, California: Wadsworth, 1982
Mabbot, J.D.: An Introduction to Ethics, London: Hutchinson, 1966

Scherer and Attig (eds.): Ethics and the Environment, New Jersy: Prentice-Hall, 1983

Abdul Jalil (ed.): Nitiitividinao Manabkrihon, Dhaka 2002
Abdul Halim : Nitiitividinao Abdansonin Purnainitiitividinao, Dhaka 1994
Ali, A.K., et.al. (eds.): Prayagraj Nitiitividinao, Dhaka 2003

Rashida Afsan Khom : Nitiitividinao : Trottu vo Biyofrags, Dhaka 2002
Hasan Renu : Markajieo Dthon, Dhaka 2007
Aabiduzzaman : Nitiitividinao, Nitiitividinao, Dhaka, 2006
Abdul Hossain Khon, Markajieo o Naiyopataro (08), Dhaka, 2008
Course Code: 6344, Course Title: Psychology Marks 100, 4 Credits, 60 Lectures

Definition, nature and scope of Psychology, Psychology as a Science. Methods of Psychology; Psychological basis of Behaviour; the Nervous System, Motivation, Emotion, Sensation and Feeling. Attention, Perception, Learning, Remembering and Forgetting, Intelligence, Personality.

Books Recommended

Course Code: 6203, Course Title: Introducing Sociology Marks 100, 4 Credits, 60 Lectures

1. **Definition, Nature & Scope of Sociology**, relationship with other social sciences.
   Development of Sociology: Contributions of Auguste Comte, Herbert Spencer, Emile Durkheim, Max Weber

2. **Culture, Beliefs & Values**: Norms, sanctions, symbols, language, subculture, counterculture, hegemony & resistance

3. **Globalization, Culture and Society**: Globalization and its different dimensions, Cultural globalization, global culture and social change

4. **Urbanization and Social Formation**: Definition of urbanization and urbanism, Process of urbanization in developing societies and social formation, over urbanization, growth of slum & poverty in mega cities

5. **Gender and Society**: Discourse of WID, WAD and GAD, Why gender is important in the
6. **Environmental Problems, Natural Disasters and Social Crisis**: Climate change and its impact on society, Natural disaster, social crisis and vulnerabilities, Climate change, deforestation and mal-development.

7. **Social Inequality**: Dimensions of social inequality: Class, gender, age, minority group (religious and indigenous), economic vulnerability, Social inequalities in developed & developing countries.

8. **Types of societies**: Marxist view on classifying societies on the basis of type of control over economic resources and Lenski’s view on classifying societies by their main means of subsistence.

9. **Deviance & Social Control**: Definition of deviance, theories of deviance. Crime & justice system, agencies of social control


**Reference**

*Giddens Sociology*
*Tony Bilton et al Introductory Sociology*

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**Course Code: 6212, Course Title: Introduction to Social Work**

**Marks 100, 4 Credits, 60 Lectures**

2. Evolution: Evolution of Social Work in UK, USA, India and Bangladesh.
7. Social Problems and Social Services in Bangladesh.
8. Methods of Social Work: Basic and Auxiliary Methods and their Basic Issues such as Meaning, Elements, Principles and Area of Use. Importance of Social Work Methods in
Books Recommended:


Course Code: 6192, Course Title: Introduction to Political Theory   Marks 100, 4 Credits, 60 Lectures

Political Science: Meaning, Nature, Scope, Methods, Relations to other Social Sciences, Importance to Study Political Science.

State: Definition, Elements, State and Government, State and Individual, State and Society, Theories of the origin of the state.


Concepts of Political Sociology: Political culture, elite theory, Max Weber and Bureaucracy

Political Thinkers: Plato, Aristotle, St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke and Rousseau.

Books Recommended:

2. J. W. Garner: Political Science and Government
3. R. M. MacIver: The Modern State
5. William Ebenstein: Great Political Thinkers-Plato to the Present
7. মুহাম্মদ আয়েশ উদ্দিন: রাজনৈতিক পরিচিতি
8. এমাজউদ্দিন আহমদ: মুহাম্মদের রাজনৈতিক
9. মোহাম্মদ উদ্দিন আহমদ: প্রাচীন ও এক্সিটালের রাজনৈতিক চিন্তা
10. সরদার ফজলুল করিম: প্রাচীন রিপোর্টার