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The following Faculty Members of the Department of Philosophy and Comparative Religion, Visva-Bharati, have prepared the syllabus for the Four Year Under Graduation (FYUG-NEP 2020) programme in Philosophy and for the Four Year Under Graduation (FYUG-NEP 2020) programme in Comparative Religion and FYUG-NEP 2020 Minor in Philosophy and Comparative Religion for the Academic Year 2023-24 as per the guidelines of NEP- 2020 and also they have prepared the syllabus for the PhD - Course Work in Philosophy and for the PhD - Course Work in Comparative Religion for the Academic Year 2025-26, for the papers as given below;

FOUR YEAR UNDER GRADUATION PROGRAMME IN PHILOSOPHY - (FYUG-NEP 2020)

YEAR	SEMESTER	PAPER CODE	PAPER NAME	CREDITS	NAME OF THE FACULTY
FIRST	I (ODD)	MJPL01	OUTLINES OF INDIAN PHILOSOPHY-I	4	DR. M. P. TERENCE SAMUEL & DR. ANUP BARMAN
		MJPL02	HISTORY OF WESTERN PHILOSOPHY-I	4	DR. MANJARI CHAKRABARTY & DR. KAUSIK BHATTACHARYA
		SECPL01	STUDY SKILLS	3	DR. MURUGESAN A
	II (EVEN)	MJPL03	OUTLINES OF INDIAN PHILOSOPHY-II	4	DR. SHUBHRA JYOTI DAS
		MJPL04	HISTORY OF WESTERN PHILOSOPHY-II	4	DR. MANJARI CHAKRABARTY & DR. KAUSIK BHATTACHARYA

		SECPL02	WESTERN ETHICS	3	DR. IPSITA SARKAR
SECOND	III (ODD)	MJPL05	INDIAN METAPHYSICS	4	DR. SUJAY MONDAL & DR. ANUP BARMAN
		MJPL06	WESTERN LOGIC	4	DR. KAUSIK BHATTACHARYA & DR. SUJAY MONDAL
		SECPL03	INDUCTION: A METHOD OF ACQUIRING KNOWLEDGE	3	DR. MANJARI CHAKRABARTY
	IV (EVEN)	MJPL07	WESTERN EPISTEMOLOGY	4	DR. KAUSIK BHATTACHARYA
		MJPL08	INDIAN EPISTEMOLOGY	4	DR. ANUP BARMAN
		MJPL09	PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION	4	DR. MURUGESAN A
		MJPL10	FEMINIST PHILOSOPHY	4	DR. REKHA OJHA
THIRD	V (ODD)	MJPL11	SOCIAL-POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY: WESTERN	4	DR. M.P. TERENCE SAMUEL
		MJPL12	CONTEMPORARY INDIAN PHILOSOPHY	4	DR. SHUBHRA JYOTI DAS
		MJPL13	INDIAN ETHICS	4	DR. ANUP BARMAN
	VI (EVEN)	MJPL14	WESTERN METAPHYSICS	4	DR. KOUSIK BHATAACHARYA
		MJPL15	SOCIAL POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY: INDIAN	4	DR. M.P. TERENCE SAMUEL & DR. SUJAY MONDAL
		MJPL16	APPLIED ETHICS	4	DR. IPSITA SARKAR
	VII (ODD)	MJPL17	PHENOMENOLOGY AND EXISTENTIALISM	4	DR. MANJARI CHAKRABARTY & DR. KAUSIK BHATTACHARYA
		MJPL18	INDIAN PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE	4	DR. MURUGESAN A & DR. ANUP BARMAN
		MJPL19	WESTERN ANALYTIC PHILOSOPHY-I	4	DR. KAUSIK BHATTACHARYA & DR. SUJAY MONDAL
		RDPL01	RESEARCH METHODOLOGY	4	DR. MURUGESAN A
		MJPL-O1A	TEXTUAL STUDY: BHĀSA PARICHEDAWITH SIDDHANTAMUKTABALI	4	DR. ANUP BARMAN

FOUR		MJPL-O1B	TEXTUAL STUDY: DHARMATATTVA	4	DR. SUJAY MONDAL
		MJPL-O1C	TEXTUAL STUDY: KATHAPANISADA	4	DR. SHUBHRA JYOTI DAS
		MJPL-O1D	TEXTUAL STUDY: GITA	4	DR. SHUBHRA JYOTI DAS
		MJPL-O1E	TEXTUAL STUDY: MANAMEYODAYA	4	DR. ANUP BARMAN
		MJPL-O1F	TEXTUAL STUDY: BUDDHA AND HIS DHAMMA	4	DR. M.P. TERENCE SAMUEL
		MJPL-O1G	TEXTUAL STUDY: INDIAN ATHEISM	4	DR. M.P. TERENCE SAMUEL
		MJPL-O1H	TEXTUAL STUDY: DRIG DRISHYA VIVEKA	4	DR. SHUBHRA JYOTI DAS
		MJPL-O1I	TEXTUAL STUDY: PHILOSOPHICAL ANTHROPOLOGY IN SAIVA SIDDHANTA	4	DR. MURUGESAN A
		MJPL-O1J	TEXTUAL STUDY: ALL LIFE IS PROBLEM SOLVING	4	DR. MANJARI CHAKRABARTY
		MJPL-O1K	TEXTUAL STUDY: PERIYAR: A STUDY IN POLITICAL ATHEISM	4	DR. M.P. TERENCE SAMUEL
		MJPL-O1L	TEXTUAL STUDY: AGAINST THE MADNESS OF MANU	4	DR. M.P. TERENCE SAMUEL
	VIII (EVEN)	MJPL20	WESTERN ANALYTIC PHILOSOPHY-II	4	DR. SUJAY MONDAL & DR. KAUSIK BHATTACHARYA
		MJPL21	HERMENUETICS AND POST-MODERNISM	4	DR. MANJARI CHAKRABARTY & DR. M. P. TERENCE SAMUEL
		RDPL02	REVIEWOF LITERATURE	4	-
		RDPL03	DISSERTATION	4	-
		MJPL-O2A	TEXTUAL STUDY: GROUNDWORKS OF METAPHYSIC OF MORALS	4	DR. IPSITA SARKAR
		MJPL-O2B	TEXTUAL STUDY: THE SUBJECTION OF WOMEN	4	DR. REKHA OJHA

		MJPL-O2C	TEXTUAL STUDY: PROBLEMS OF PHILOSOPHY	4	DR. SUJAY MONDAL & DR. KAUSIK BHATTACHARYA
		MJPL-O2D	TEXTUAL STUDY: COMMUNIST MANIFESTO	4	DR. M.P. TERENCE SAMUEL
		MJPL-O2E	TEXTUAL STUDY: ORIENTALISM	4	DR. M.P. TERENCE SAMUEL
		MJPL-O2F	TEXTUAL STUDY: RELIGIOUS PLURALISM AND TRUTH: ESSAYS ON CROSS-CULTURAL PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION	4	DR. MURUGESAN A
		MJPL-O2G	TEXTUAL STUDY: KASHF-AL-MAHJUB	4	PROF. MD. SIRAJUL ISLAM
		MJPL-O3A	TEXTUAL STUDY: THE SECOND SEX	4	DR. REKHA OJHA
		MJPL-O3B	TEXTUAL STUDY: MINGLING OF THE TWO OCEANS	4	PROF. MD. SIRAJUL ISLAM
		MJPL-O3C	TEXTUAL STUDY: ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS: DUTIES TO AND VALUES IN THE NATURAL WORLD	4	DR. IPSITA SARKAR
		MJPL-O3D	TEXTUAL STUDY: BLACK SKIN WHITE MASK	4	DR. M.P. TERENCE SAMUEL
		MJPL-O3E	TEXTUAL STUDY: PEDAGOGY OF THE OPPRESSED	4	DR. M.P. TERENCE SAMUEL
		MJPL-O3F	TEXTUAL STUDY: UTILITARIANISM	4	DR. SUJAY MONDAL
		MJPL-O3G	TEXTUAL STUDY: IN SEARCH OF A BETTER WORLD	4	DR. MANJARI CHAKRABARTY

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FOUR YEAR UNDER GRADUATION PROGRAMME IN COMPARATIVE RELIGION - (FYUG-NEP 2020)

YEAR	SEMESTER	PAPER CODE	PAPER NAME	CREDITS	NAME OF THE FACULTY
FIRST	I (ODD)	MJCR01	INTRODUCTION TO RELIGIONS OF INDIAN ORIGIN	4	DR. MOUSUMI ROY
		MJCR02	INTRODUCTION TO RELIGIONS OF NON-INDIAN ORIGIN	4	DR. MOUSUMI ROY
		SECCR01	STUDY SKILLS	3	DR. MURUGESAN A
	II (EVEN)	MJCR03	CONCEPTUAL AND TEXTUAL STUDY: HINDUISM	4	DR. SHUBHRA JYOTI DAS
		MJCR04	CONCEPTUAL AND TEXTUAL STUDY: BUDDHISM	4	DR. MURUGESAN A
		SECCR02	RELIGION AND ETHICS	3	DR. MURUGESAN A
SECOND	III (ODD)	MJCR05	CONCEPTUAL AND TEXTUAL STUDY: JAINISM	4	DR. MURUGESAN A
		MJCR06	CONCEPTUAL AND TEXTUAL STUDY: CHRISTIANITY	4	DR. MURUGESAN A
		SECCR03	RELIGION AND ECOLOGY	3	DR. MOUSUMI ROY
	IV (EVEN)	MJCR07	CONCEPTUAL AND TEXTUAL STUDY: ISLAM	4	PROF. MD. SIRAJUL ISLAM
		MJCR08	CONCEPTUAL AND TEXTUAL STUDY: SIKHISM	4	DR. MURUGESAN A
		MJCR09	PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION	4	DR. SHUBHRA JYOTI DAS
		MJCR10	CHINESE AND JAPANESE RELIGIONS	4	DR. MOUSUMI ROY
THIRD	V (ODD)	MJCR11	ZOROASTRIANISM AND JUDAISM	4	MS. FARHA NAAZ
		MJCR12	MYSTICISM IN RELIGIONS	4	DR. MOUSUMI ROY
		MJCR13	RELIGION AND SOCIETY	4	DR. M.P. TERENCE SAMUEL
	VI (EVEN)	MJCR14	RELIGION IN THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD	4	DR. SHUBHRA JYOTI DAS
		MJCR15	INTER-RELIGIOUS UNDERSTANDING	4	DR. MOUSUMI ROY

		MJCR16	FOLK AND TRIBAL RELIGIONS	4	DR. MOUSUMI ROY
FOUR	VII (ODD)	MJCR17	SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION	4	DR. M.P. TERENCE SAMUEL
		MJCR18	PHENOMENOLOGY OF RELIGION	4	DR. M.P. TERENCE SAMUEL, DR. MANJARI CHAKRABARTY, MS. FARHA NAAZ
		MJCR19	SIGNIFICANT RELIGIOUS THEMES	4	DR. SHUBHRA JYOTI DAS
		RDCR01	RESEARCH METHODOLOGY	4	DR. MURUGESAN A
		MJCR-O1A	TEXTUAL STUDY: BUDDHA AND HIS DHAMMA	4	DR. M.P. TERENCE SAMUEL
		MJCR-O1B	TEXTUAL STUDY: INDIAN ATHEISM	4	DR. M.P. TERENCE SAMUEL
		MJCR-O1C	TEXTUAL STUDY: PERIYAR: A STUDY ON POLITICAL ATHIESM	4	DR. M.P. TERENCE SAMUEL
		MJCR-O1D	TEXTUAL STUDY: TH LIFE AND TEACHINGS OF SAINT RAMALINGA	4	DR. MURUGESAN A
		MJCR-O1E	TEXTUAL STUDY: THE POLLUTED GOD: A THEOLOGY OF THE UNBECOMING MESSIAH	4	DR. MURUGESAN A
		MJCR-O1F	TEXTUAL STUDY: NARADA BHAKTI SUTRA	4	DR. MOUSUMI ROY
		MJCR-O1G	TEXTUAL STUDY: MAHABHARATA: SHANTI PARVA	4	DR. MOUSUMI ROY
		MJCR-O1H	TEXTUAL STUDY – EARLY HISTORY OF THE VAISHNAVA FAITH AND MOVEMENT IN ASSAM: SANKARDEVA AND HIS TIMES	4	DR. SHUBHRA JYOTI DAS
		MJCR-O1I	TEXTUAL STUDY: QURAN AND HADITH (SELECTIONS)	4	PROF. MD. SIRAJUL ISLAM
		MJCR20	PSYCHOLOGY OF RELIGION	4	MS. FARHA NAAZ

	VIII (EVEN)	MJCR21	ANTHROPOLOGY OF RELIGION	4	MS. FARHA NAAZ
		RDCR02	REVIEW OF LITERATURE	4	-
		RDCR03	DISSERTATION	4	-
		MJCR-O2A	TEXTUAL STUDY: PROTESTANT ETHIC AND THE SPIRIT OF CAPITALISM	4	DR. M.P. TERENCE SAMUEL
		MJCR-O2B	TEXTUAL STUDY: MARX ON RELIGION	4	DR. M.P. TERENCE SAMUEL
		MJCR-O2C	TEXTUAL STUDY: PATTERNS IN COMPARATIVE RELIGION	4	MS. FARHA NAAZ
		MJCR-O2D	TEXTUAL STUDY: ENCOUNTERING GOD: A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY FROM BOZEMAN TO BANARAS	4	DR. MOUSUMI ROY
		MJCR-O2E	TEXTUAL STUDY: WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH YOUR LIFE?	4	DR. MURUGESAN A
		MJCR-O2F	TEXTUAL STUDY: MAJMA-UL-BAHARAIN (DARA SUKHH)	4	PROF. MD. SIRAJUL ISLAM
		MJCR-O3A	TEXTUAL STUDY: FIDEL AND RELIGION	4	DR. M.P. TERENCE SAMUEL
		MJCR-O3B	TEXTUAL STUDY: DOGMA OF CHRIST	4	DR. M.P. TERENCE SAMUEL
		MJCR-O3C	TEXTUAL STUDY: DIMENSIONS OF THE SACRED	4	MS. FARHA NAAZ
		MJCR-O3D	TEXTUAL STUDY: THE MADNESS OF THE SAINTS: ECSTATIC RELIGION IN BENGAL	4	DR. MOUSUMI ROY
		MJCR-O3E	TEXTUAL STUDY: AGAINST THE MADNESS OF MANU	4	DR. M.P. TERENCE SAMUEL
		MJCR-O3F	TEXTUAL STUDY: THIRUKKURAL: A MANAGEMENT TREASURE	4	DR. MURUGESAN A
		MJCR-O3G	TEXTUAL STUDY: FOUNDATIONS OF INDIAN CULTURE	4	DR. SHUBHRA JYOTI DAS

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FYUG – MINOR IN PHILOSOPHY AND COMPARATIVE RELIGION

YEAR	SEMESTER	PAPER CODE	PAPER NAME	CREDITS	NAME OF THE FACULTY
FIRST	I & II	MNPRO1	THEMES IN RELIGION	4	MS. FARHA NAAZ
SECOND	III & IV	MNPRO2	ETHICS IN PRACTICE	4	DR. IPSITA SARKAR
THIRD	V & VI	MNPRO3	PHILOSOPHY, RELIGION AND SCIENCE	4	DR. MURUGESAN A
FOURTH	VII & VIII	MNPRO4	MAJOR ISSUES IN PHILOSOPHY	4	DR.MANJARI CHAKRABARTY

PHD COURSE WORK - PHILOSOPHY

COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS	NAME OF THE FACULTY
COURSE - I	RESEARCH METHODOLOGY AND TECHNIQUES (PHILOSOPHY)	4	DR. MURUGESAN A

COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	SL. NO.	CONTENT OF THE COURSE	CREDITS	NAME OF THE FACULTY
COURSE - II	ELECTIVE COURSE - PHILOSOPHY	1	PHILOSOPHY OF CLASS, CASTE AND RACE (ANY ONE MODULE FROM S.NO. 1 OF THE SUGGESTED READINGS)	1	DR. M.P. TERENCE SAMUEL
		2	THEODORE ADORNO: CULTURE INDUSTRY	1	DR. M.P. TERENCE SAMUEL
		3	CRITIQUE OF MARXISM: POPPER AND SARTRE	1	DR.KOUSIK BHATAACHARYA
		4	CHISHOLM'S SOLUTION OF GETTIER PROBLEM	1	DR. KAUSIK BHATTACHARYA
		5	SRIHARSA ON DEFINING PRAMA	1	DR. ANUP BARMAN

		6	PHILOSOPHY OF THIRUKKURAL: *ARAM/PORUL/ INBAM*	1	DR. MURUGESAN A
		7	FEMINIST THOGHT AND ISSUES: DEFINITION ANDEXPRESSIONS OF SEX AND GENDER, FEMINIST THEORIES, CONTEMPORARY CONTESATION	1	DR. REKHA OJHA
		8	CRITICAL RATIONALISM: THE QUANDARIES OF PAN RATIONALISM, DISTINCTION BETWEEN JUSTIFICATION AND CRITICISM, NON JUSTIFICATIONAL CRITICISM	1	DR. MANJARI CHAKRABARTY
		9	PHILOSOPHY AND WELLBEING	1	DR. IPSITA SARKAR
		10	THEORY OF JUSTICE: POPPER AND AMARTYA SEN	1	DR. KAUSIK BHATTACHARYA
		11	THE NOTION OF ADHYAS IN SHANKARA VEDANTA (INTRODUCTION TO THE BRAMHASUTRA BHASYA): THE THEORIES OF ERROR, THE NATURE OF KNOWLEDGE	1	DR. SHUBHRA JYOTI DAS
		12	BUDDHIST METAPHYSICAL ISSUES	1	DR. SUJAY MONDAL
		13	MORAL DILEMMA IN MAHABHARATA	1	DR. ANUP BARMAN
		14	LAW AND MORALITY		DR. SUJAY MONDAL
		15	INDIAN THEORIES OF ERROR		DR. SHUBHRA JYOTI DAS
		16	FEMINIST RESEARCH METHODOLOGY: DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FEMINIST RESEARCH AND TRADITIONAL RESEARCH, LIMITATIONS OF SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH IN WOMEN'S ISSUES, FEMINIST STANDPOINT, ETHNOGRAPHY, QUEER		DR. REKHA OJHA

PHD COURSE WORK – COMPARATIVE RELIGION

COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS	NAME OF THE FACULTY
COURSE - I	RESEARCH METHODOLOGY AND TECHNIQUES (COMPARATIVE RELIGION)	4	DR. MURUGESAN A

COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	SL. NO.	CONTENT OF THE COURSE	CREDITS	NAME OF THE FACULTY
COURSE - II	ELECTIVE COURSE – COMPARATIVE RELIGION	1	KARL MARX: BASIS AND SUPERSTRUCTURE – RELIGION AND CLASS	1	DR. M.P. TERENCE SAMUEL
		2	E. DURKHEIM: COLLECTIVE CONSCIOUSNESS	1	DR. M.P. TERENCE SAMUEL
		3	BABASAHEB AMBEDKAR: CAST, CLASS AND RELIGION	1	DR. M.P. TERENCE SAMUEL
		4	JOITRAO PHULE: RELIGION AND SLAVARY	1	DR. M.P. TERENCE SAMUEL
		5	E.V.R. PERIYAR: RELIGION, WOMEN AND SELF RESPECT	1	DR. M.P. TERENCE SAMUEL
		6	IYOTHEE THASSAR: RELIGION AND SUDDHESI	1	DR. M.P. TERENCE SAMUEL
		7	COMPARATIVE STUDY OF BHAGAVADGITA (SLECTIONS)	1	DR. SHUBHRA JYOTI DAS
		8	PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION: ARGUMENTS FOR THE EXISTENCE OF GOD (INDIAN AND WESTERN PERSPECTIVES)	1	DR. SHUBHRA JYOTI DAS
		9	THE FEMININE IN THE HINDU RELIGIOUS TRADITION	1	DR. MOUSUMI ROY
		10	MALINOWSKI AND LEVI-STRAUSS ON TOTEM AND MYTH	1	DR. MOUSUMI ROY
		11	SAIVA SIDDHANTA – PATI/PASU/PASAM	1	DR. MURUGESAN A

		12	FEMINIST RESEARCH METHODOLOGY: DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FEMINIST RESEARCH AND TRADITIONAL RESEARCH, LIMITATIONS OF SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH IN WOMEN'S ISSUES, FEMINIST STANDPOINT, ETHNOGRAPHY, QUEER	1	DR. REKHA OJHA
		13	GENDER AND RELIGIONS: RELIGIONS AND FEMININE MYSTIQUE, FEMALE, SPIRITUALITY AND CULT OF GODDESSES, WOMEN, RELIGION AND ECOLOGICAL CONSERVATION	1	DR. REKHA OJHA