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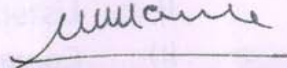
Attention of the Principals of the Affiliated Colleges and Directors of the recognized Institutions in Humanities Faculty is invited to this office circular No. UG/247 of 2017-18, dated 23rd October, 2017 relating to syllabus of Master of Philosophy.

They are hereby informed that the recommendations made by the Board of Studies in Logic and Philosophy at its meeting held on 21st April, 2018 have been accepted by the Academic Council at its meeting held on 14th June, 2018 **vide** item No. 4.12 and that in accordance therewith, the revised syllabus for the M.Phil. in Philosophy has been brought into force with effect from the academic year 2018-19, accordingly. (The same is available on the University's website www.mu.ac.in).

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13th July, 2018

To


(Dr. Dinesh Kamble)
I/c REGISTRAR

The Principals of the affiliated Colleges and Directors of the recognized Institutions in Humanities Faculty. (Circular No. UG/334 of 2017-18 dated 9th January, 2018.)

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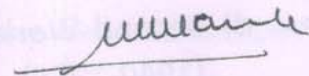
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- 1) The I/c Dean, Faculty of Humanities,
- 2) The Chairman, Board of Studies in Logic and Philosophy,
- 3) The Director, Board of Examinations and Evaluation,
- 4) The Director, Board of Students Development,
- 5) The Professor-cum-Director, Institute of Distance and Open Learning (IDOL),
- 6) The Co-Ordinator, University Computerization Centre,


(Dr. Dinesh Kamble)
I/c REGISTRAR

University of Mumbai
Department of Philosophy

M. Phil Degree and Ph. D Degree in PHILOSOPHY (Faculty of Humanities)

All prospective research scholars for M.Phil and Ph. D will submit an application to the Department of Philosophy to enroll into the programme.

The process of admission includes submitting all relevant documents and fulfilling the criteria as laid down by the UGC.

The Department of Philosophy will follow in general the UGC guidelines M.Phil /Phd of May 2016 available on the University of Mumbai Department of philosophy website (www.mu.ac.in/philosophy) and adopted by the University of Mumbai in November 2017

- **M. Phil Degree**

1. The M. Phil. Degree programme in philosophy shall consist of course work consisting of **three** theory papers in the first two semesters and **one** dissertation during the third and fourth semesters
2. A candidate, admitted to the M. Phil. Course, is required to pay tuition and other fees, if any, from the date of registration till the date of submission of the dissertation.
3. Candidates have to maintain an attendance of 75% as per University norms for all the theory papers.
4. Continuous evaluation through seminars, discussions, workshops, periodic tests, book reviews, film/ text interpretation and projects is an integral part of the M. Phil. Course programme. The teacher shall devise the method of implementation of such continuous evaluation. Hence, there will be internal evaluation for 25 marks for each of the theory papers.
5. Ordinarily the medium of answers for the M. Phil. Examination shall be English.
6. There will be a final examination of 75 marks for each theory paper.

7. To pass the theory examination, a candidate must obtain a minimum of 55 % or its equivalent in the UGC 7 point scale grading system in all the four papers.
8. The candidate will be eligible to appear for the final examination in the theory papers on completion of two semesters. A candidate who has appeared and passed the theory examinations in all the papers at the end of the two semesters will be eligible to submit the dissertation before the end of the fourth semester.
9. On failing to submit the dissertation within the stipulated time, the candidate shall be required to register afresh for the course, and the result of the theory papers already obtained shall be treated as null and void.
10. No candidate will be permitted to submit the dissertation, unless she/he has passed all the three theory papers.
11. The candidate will be admitted to appear for the theory examination as a whole or paper wise on application in the prescribed form and payment of prescribed examination fee. Similarly, the candidate shall pay the prescribed fees while submitting the dissertation for evaluation.
12. The allocation of research supervisor for a selected research scholar for M. Phil as well as PhD shall take into account the research interests of the scholar as indicated during the time of the interview/*viva voce*, the availability of supervisors, the specializations within the faculty of the department and the relevant UGC guidelines.
13. On completion, the candidate will submit the dissertation to the Department in triplicate, duly certified by candidate and guide as original research.
14. On the acceptance of the dissertation by an external examiner duly appointed by the University and the *viva voce* conducted by the external examiner and Guide, the candidate will be declared to have passed the M. Phil. Degree examination.
15. A candidate who is enrolled for the M. Phil. Degree course but does not clear all the theory papers in the first attempt can be permitted for re-examination when it is offered again subject to fulfilling of terms of attendance participation and internals evaluation.

The following three papers will be offered as course work in the M. Phil programme with 4 credits each for paper I and paper II and six credits for paper III which is an advance course in philosophy titled 'Critiques in Philosophy' totaling 14 credits.

Semester I

Paper I Research Methods & Techniques **(2 Credits) (Two hours of teaching per week) plus** Self- study component comprised of academic tasks assigned in class **(2 Credits –evaluated as internals))**

Paper II Critical Study of an Indian Text as decided every year by Faculty of the Department **(2 Credits) (Two hours of teaching per week) plus** Self- study component comprised of academic tasks assigned in class **(2 Credits-evaluated as internals)**

Semester II

Paper III Critiques in Philosophy **(3 Credits) (Three hours of teaching per week) plus** Self- study component comprised of academic tasks assigned in class **(3 credits-evaluated as internals)**

Semester I

Paper I : Research Methodology and Techniques

Unit 1 (25)

1. Forms of Research: Report, Article, Assignment, Dissertation, and Thesis;
2. Data collection: Qualitative and Quantitative methods, Text as data in philosophy
3. Computer Applications

Unit II (25)

4. Natural Science and Social Science Research
5. Philosophical Research and Scientific Research.
6. Ethics of Research: Avoiding plagiarism in research.

Unit III (25)

7. Methods and Methodology
8. Methods in Western Philosophy- Analytical, Phenomenological, Dialectical, Feminist
9. Methods in Indian Philosophy- Empiricist, Rationalist, Exegetical, Sceptical

There will be an external examination of the Research Methods and Techniques paper for 75 marks and 25 marks are for internal evaluation

References:

1. Balasubramanian, R. *Research Methodology in Philosophy*. Madras: RIASP, 1984.
2. Buchler, Justus 1961 *The Concept of Method*. London: Columbia University Press.
3. Carnap, Rudolf 1966 "The Experimental Method" in *Philosophical Foundations of Physics: An Introduction to the Philosophy of Science*, New York: Basic Books.
4. Collingwood, R.G. 1933 *An Essay on Philosophical Method*, Oxford: Clarendon Press.
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6. Dilthey, Wilhelm. 1996. *Hermeneutics and the Study of History: Selected Works, Volume IV*. Edited by R. A. Makkreel and F. Rodi. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.
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10. Passmore, John 1961 *Philosophical Reasoning*. London: Gerald Duckworth.
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15. Passmore, John 1961 *Philosophical Reasoning*. London: Gerald Duckworth
16. Sherratt, Yvonne. 2006. *Continental Philosophy of Social Science: Hermeneutics, Genealogy and Critical Theory from Greece to the Twenty-First Century* Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
17. Vaughn, Lewis *Writing Philosophy: A Student's Guide to Writing Philosophy Essays*.
18. Wallerstein, Immanuel et al. 1996. *Open the Social Sciences: Report of the*
19. Gulbenkian Commission on the Restructuring of the Social Sciences New Delhi: Vistaar Publications

Paper II: Study of One Philosophical Text (75)

In this paper a student is required to make a critical study of one philosophical text with the help of the guiding teacher. The text may be chosen with the help of the guiding teacher at the beginning of the course as per the course requirement of the students and keeping in mind their dissertation topic. The texts selected for study will be submitted to the department research committee for approval

The student should give in writing the text which he or she wishes to study and prepare a bibliography of the articles and books related to it. She or he will have to read the text critically, present the key arguments in the text and justify the appraisal given. The student is also expected to critically evaluate what others have said about the text.

There will be an external examination for this paper for 75 marks and internal assessment for 25 marks.

Semester II: Paper III: Critiques in Philosophy

Unit I

Post Positivist Responses and Challenges (25)

- a. Problems of Induction and Critical Rationality (Karl Popper)
- b. The Two Dogmas of Empiricism (WVO Quine)
- c. On the very idea of a conceptual scheme (Davidson)
- d. Incommensurability (Thomas Kuhn)

Unit II

Contribution of Contemporary Indian Thinkers (25)

1. Nature, place and status of Mysticism in Indian tradition: (Matilal B.K, "The Logical Illumination of Indian Mysticism")
2. Is the Indian-Western divide in Philosophy justified? (Mohanty J.N. "What the East and the West can learn from each other in Philosophy?")
3. A methodological look at the pre-suppositions of Indian Philosophy: (Daya Krishna, "Three Conceptions of Indian Philosophy")
4. Situating Buddha: (Kulkarni N.G, "Was the Buddha A Rationalist?")

Unit III: (25)

Structuralist and poststructuralist perspectives on language:

- a) Ferdinand de Saussure: influence, sign-signifier, langue-parole, structure
- b) Michel Foucault- appropriation of Nietzsche, critique of modern human sciences; archaeological project; discourse on language
- c) Jacques Derrida: appropriation of Heidegger, critique of phonocentrism, *différance*
- d) Luce Irigaray: critique of "specula(riza)tion", "Woman" as a placeholder for *différance*, writing the feminine, "mechanics' of fluids"

Beyond the symbolic order:

- a) Gilles Deleuze: appropriation of Bergson & renewal of metaphysics, from a "logic of sense" (language) to thinking (with Félix Guattari) on "bodies without organs" (nature)
- b) Rosi Briadotti: difference, gendered nomadism, *zōē's* biological egalitarianism
- c) Alain Badiou: appropriation of Plato & Marx, ontology and mathematics, event.
- d) Slavoj Žižek: appropriation of German idealism & Marx, subject and ideology, the Real.

(Any four topics in Unit III may be covered)

Reading List

Unit I: References

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2. Quine WVO, "Two dogmas of Empiricism" in *Philosophical Review* (60) 1951.
3. WVO, Quine, "Epistemology Naturalized" in *Ontological Relativity and Other Essays*, Columbia University Press, New York, 1969.
4. Kuhn Thomas, *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions*, University of Chicago Press, Chicago, 1962.

Unit II: References

1. *Philosophy, Culture and Religion: Mind Language and World-The Collected Essays of Bimal Krishna Matilal* Ed. By Jonardan Ganeri, OUP, Delhi, 2002 pp. 38-64
2. *Explorations in Philosophy: Indian Philosophy- Essays* By J.N. Mohanty, Ed. Bina Gupta, Oxford, 2001 pp.83-101
3. *Indian Philosophy: A Counter Perspective*, by Daya Krishna, OUP, Delhi, New York, 1991 pp. 16-34
4. *Philosophical Reasoning: Critical Essays on Issues in Metaphysics, Language, Logic, Ethics and Indian Philosophy* by Prof. N.G. Kulkarni, Ed. By Geeta Ramana, Sarvodaya Books, New Delhi, 2015 pp.373-381

Unit III References

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- Glendinning, Simon 1999 *Edinburgh Encyclopedia of Continental Philosophy* Edinburgh University Press: Edinburgh (Relevant essays)
- Gutting, Gary, 1989 *Michel Foucault's Archaeology of Scientific Reason* Cambridge University Press: Cambridge
- Irigaray Luce 1985a *Speculum of the Other Woman*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press
 1985b *This Sex which is not One*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.
 2004 "Towards a Sharing of Speech" in her *Key Writings*, 77-94. London: Continuum.
- Saussure, Ferdinand de 2011 (1916) *Course in General Linguistics* Columbia University Press: New York
- Sturrock, John 1979 *Structuralism and Since* Oxford University Press : Oxford
- Žižek, Slavoj 2003 (1993) *Tarrying with the Negative: Kant, Hegel and the Critique of Ideology* Duke University Press: Durham
- Students can refer to *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*

University of Mumbai

Department of Philosophy

Ph. D Degree in PHILOSOPHY (Faculty of Humanities)

- **Ph. D Degree**

1. The course work for Ph. D in Philosophy will consist of the following:
 - a. Four Credit course in paper titled "Research Methodology and Techniques" offered during the second half of the term, that is October- November.
 - b. Four credit course in "Study of One Philosophical Text".
 - c. One credit advanced course of paper titled "Critiques in Philosophy". This means that the research scholar attempts a written test (external evaluation) for 25 marks in any one unit of this paper and submits an assignment for 25 marks (internal evaluation) in that unit.
 - The research scholar will require 75 % attendance in each of the three credit courses as detailed above.
 - The evaluation and credit for the course work will follow the academic structure and modality indicated in the M.Phil programme which will also offer the course to students registered for a Ph.D.
 - A course completion certificate will thereafter be issued on passing the above 9 credit course work with 55% in all the papers.

