

M.Phil. and Ph.D. PROGRAMMES

GUIDELINES FOR M. PHIL DEGREE AND PH. D COURSE WORK 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 an interview. For both M.Phil and PhD, PET/NET/SET clearance is required.

PET validity is now for three years as per new VCD 947 of 2018

The Department of Philosophy will follow the University of Mumbai VCD/947 of 2018 available on the University of Mumbai Department of Philosophy Website. <http://mu.ac.in/portal/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/examthesisunivvcd9472018.pdf>

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES FOR M.PHIL / PH.D PROGRAMME

Acquainting the learner with the various themes and debates in the Contemporary Philosophy

Developing the ability for critical and close reading of Philosophical texts

Acquainting the learner with the conventions and nuances of Academic Writing

Exploring the special aspects of Philosophical Research

Facilitating the identification of research problem that might orient the learner to work on a dissertation.

LEARNING OUTCOMES OF THE M.PHIL / PHD COURSE WORK

All research scholars and prospective candidates pursuing M.Phil/PhD and enrolling for this course will be able to write research papers meant for presentation as well as publication and hone their critical skills in application of concepts, identifying philosophical problems and learning to analyze and develop original ideas, distinguish conceptual issues, leading to a dissertation or thesis. **Learners will become conversant with methodological debates distinguishing philosophy from social sciences. They will acquire specialized knowledge on the engagement with critique from diverse philosophical traditions. Learners will cultivate the skill of rigorously reading philosophical texts and responding to them with originality.** They will also develop skills of organizing and participating in seminars, workshops and conferences by availing of opportunities for active involvement in year round departmental academic activities.

SYLLABI FOR M.PHIL DEGREE IN PHILOSOPHY

The following four papers will be offered as course work in the M. Phil programme with 4 credits each for Paper I (Research Methodology) and paper III (Advance course in Philosophy titled 'Critiques in Philosophy') and three credits each for Paper II (Study of a Philosophical Text-I) and Paper IV (Study of a Philosophical Text-II) totaling 14 credits.

SEMESTER I

Paper I Research Methodology

Paper II: Study of One Philosophical Text (I) (75)

SEMESTER II

Paper III: Critiques in Philosophy

Paper IV: Study of One Philosophical Text (II) (75)

**PAPER I
RESEARCH METHODOLOGY**

SEMESTER I

PAPER I

Research Methods & Techniques(3 Credits) (Three hours of teaching per week) plus Self-study component comprised of academic tasks assigned in class leading to internal evaluation for 1 credit: Total 4credits

PAPER II

Study of a Philosophical Text (I): Critical Study of an Indian /Western 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 leading to internal evaluation for 1 credit: Total 3Credits

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 leading to internal evaluation for 1 credit: Total 4Credits

PAPER IV

Study of a Philosophical Text (II): Critical Study of an Indian /Western 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 leading to internal evaluation for 1 credit: Total 3Credits

SEMESTER I : PAPER I

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY AND TECHNIQUES

UNIT I (25)

- A. Forms of Research: Report, Article, Assignment, Dissertation and Thesis;
- B. Data collection: Qualitative and Quantitative methods, Text as data in philosophy
- C. Computer Applications

UNIT II (25)

- D. Natural Science and Social Science Research
- E. Philosophical Research and Scientific Research
- F. Ethics of Research: Avoiding plagiarism in Research
- G. Methods and Methodology

UNIT III (25)

- H. Methods in Western Philosophy- Analytical, Phenomenological, Dialectical, Feminist

- I. 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

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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.
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PAPER II
STUDY OF ONE PHILOSOPHICAL TEXT (I) (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 /Research Advisory Committee for approval.

The student should give in writing the text which she or he 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

EMPIRICISM AND CRITIQUE (25)

Problems of Induction (Hume) and Critical Rationality (Karl Popper)
Myth of the Given (Sellars) and The Two Dogmas of Empiricism (W.V.O. Quine)
The Myth of the Subjective (Davidson) and On the very idea of a conceptual scheme (Davidson)
Incommensurability (Thomas Kuhn)

UNIT II

CONTRIBUTION OF CONTEMPORARY INDIAN THINKERS (25)

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

UNIT III

ENLIGHTENMENT AND CRITIQUE (25):

The Enlightenment as public use of reason (Kant)
The dialectic of Myth and Enlightenment (Adorno & Horkheimer)
The Enlightenment as Unfinished (Habermas)
The Enlightenment and Gender (Schott)

READING LIST

UNIT I: REFERENCES

1. Popper Karl, The Logic of Scientific Discovery, Hutchinson, London, 1959
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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, 2001pp.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, 2015pp.373-381

UNIT III REFERENCES

1. Horkheimer, Max & Theodor W. Adorno, 2002, Dialectic of Enlightenment. Standford: Stanford University Press.
2. Habermas, Jürgen 1987 The Philosophical Discourse of Modernity: Twelve Lectures Cambridge, Mass.: MIT Press
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4. Kant, Immanuel 2006 "An Answer to the Question: What is Enlightenment" in Toward Perpetual Peace and Other Writings on Politics, Peace and History ed. Pauline Kleingeld New Haven and London: Yale University Press
5. Schott, Robin May 1997 "The Gender of Enlightenment" in Feminist Interpretations of Immanuel Kant ed. Robin May Schott University Park: The Pennsylvania University Press

PAPER IV STUDY OF ONE PHILOSOPHICAL TEXT (II) (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.

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COURSE WORK FOR PH. D DEGREE IN PHILOSOPHY (FACULTY OF HUMANITIES)

The course work for Ph. D in Philosophy will follow the Papers and Syllabi offered in the M. Phil programme (2018-19) offered during the second half of the term, that is October- November and will consist of the following:

- A. Four Credit course in paper titled "Research Methodology and Techniques"
- B. Six Credit course in Study of Two Philosophical Texts (Texts Offered One in Each Semester)
- C. Two Credit Advanced Course of Paper titled "Critiques in Philosophy". This means that the research scholar attends course for one unit and attempts a written test (external evaluation) for 25 marks in any one unit of this paper. Further she/he submits an assignment for 25 marks (internal evaluation which includes self - study component and academic tasks) in that unit for one credit. In all there will be two credits for this course.

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 is for 14 credits) and will also partially offer the course to students registered for a Ph.D for 12 credits.

A course completion certificate will thereafter be issued on passing the above 12 credit course work with 55% or its equivalent in the UGC 7 point scale in the course work which will be required to submit the synopsis of thesis (PhD) or dissertation.