

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 an interview.
- For both M.Phil and PhD PET/NET/SET clearance is required.
- PET validity is no for three years as per new VCD 947 of 2018
- The Department of Philosophy will follow the University of Mumbai VCD /947of 2018 available on the University of Mumbai Department of Philosophy Website (www.mu.ac.in/philosophy/MA/M.Phil/PhD)

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

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 internals evaluation for **1 credit** : **Total 3 Credits**

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 internals evaluation for **1 credit** : **Total 4 Credits**

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 internals evaluation for **1 credit** : **Total 3 Credits**

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.
5. Cummins & Slade 1979 Writing the Research Paper- Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co
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.
7. Hempel, Carl. 1966 (1932) "The Function of General Laws in History" in *20th Century Philosophy: The Analytic Tradition* ed. Morris Weitz, 254-68. New York: The Free Press
8. Kothari C.R. 1985 Research Methodology: Methods & Techniques. New Delhi: Wiley Eastern Ltd.

9. Parsons C.F 1973 *Thesis and Project Work* London: George Allen and Unwin.
10. Passmore, John 1961 *Philosophical Reasoning*. London: Gerald Duckworth.
11. Feinberg, Joel 2002 *Doing Philosophy: A Guide to the Writing of Philosophy Papers* Wadsworth: Belmont
12. Martinich, A.P. 1995 *Philosophical Writing: An Introduction* Blackwell: Malden
13. Makkreel, Rudolf. 2009. "Hermeneutics" in *A Companion to the Philosophy of History and Historiography* ed. Aviezer Tucker, 529-539. Malden MA and Oxford: Wiley Blackwell.
14. *MLA Handbook 8th Edition*
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 (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

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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

1. Popper Karl, *The Logic of Scientific Discovery*, Hutchinson, London, 1959
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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 2002 *Metamorphoses: Towards a Materialist Theory of Becoming* Polity: Cambridge
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 1982 *Margins of Philosophy*, tr., Alan Bass, University of Chicago Press: Chicago
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 Deleuze, Gilles 1990 (1969) *The Logic of Sense* Columbia University Press: New York

- & Félix Guattari 1987 (1980) *A Thousand Plateaus* University of Minnesota Press: Minneapolis
- 1988 (1986) *Foucault* University of Minnesota Press: Minneapolis
- Foucault, Michel 1973 (1966) *The Order of Things* Vintage: New York
- 1972 (1969) *The Archaeology of Knowledge* Harper and Row: New York
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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*

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

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- **Ph. D Degree**

1. 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.

