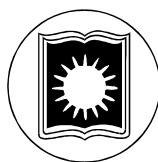


CURRICULUM
B.A. Honours Programme
Session: 2022-2023

Examinations:

- 1st year (1st & 2nd Semester) 2023**
- 2nd year (1st & 2nd Semester) 2024**
- 3rd year (1st & 2nd Semester) 2025**
- 4th year (1st & 2nd Semester) 2026**



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1. Vision of the Programme

The vision of the B. A. Honours programme of the Department of Philosophy, University of Rajshahi is to prepare the students to serve the nation with rational thinking and moral consciousness and to face the challenges of day- to-day life as well as of the globe of the twenty –first century.

2. Mission of the Programme

The mission of the program is to develop human resources by exploring the fullest potential with intellectual capability, ethical and cross-cultural values. The spirit of the program is to make students enthusiastic in lifelong learning through quality education for better life, better nation and knowledge-based society. The aims of the program are to develop the ability of the students to enquire into the key problems relating to the universe and the lives therein, to define issues precisely and criticize them, to learn how to construct and formulate arguments, to develop open-mindedness towards ideas other than one's own, and to write and speak with precision and coherence.

3. Objectives of the Program

The objectives of the program are:

- to make students skilled with conceptual knowledge in Philosophy, questioning mind and critical thinking;
- to fashion students with rational thinking, positive mindset, moral spirit and team-building skills;
- to develop linguistic capability among the students;
- to make students able to apply the achieved knowledge effectively in real life situations;
- to prepare students to face the challenges of the twenty-first century.

4. Program Learning Outcomes

After completing the B.A. Honours programme in philosophy students will be able to:

1. Comprehend the core questions in the main branches of philosophical inquiry (epistemology, metaphysics, logic, ethics, aesthetics, and political philosophy) and sustain critical reflection on, and discussion of those questions;
2. Demonstrate the conceptual ability and communication skills needed for intensive examination of questions concerning what is truth, what is good, and what is beauty;

3. Demonstrate acquaintance with the canonical works of both antiquity and modernity as well as the basic issues and texts of contemporary philosophy;
4. Formulate and evaluate philosophical positions critically and systematically;
5. Defend their own views with strong arguments but also remain open to disagreement and critique;
6. Demonstrate the ability to think critically and demonstrate clarity of conceptualization.
7. Display curiosity about, and interest and engagement in the world in which they live;
8. Construct well-reasoned and well-integrated essays based on philosophical research.
9. Demonstrate dialectical ability to identify strengths and weaknesses of an argument with devise appropriate and telling responses.
10. Generate fellow feelings among themselves through moral motivations of different ethical theories as well as religious teachings.

5. Graduate Profile

It is expected that the graduates of the Department of Philosophy, University of Rajshahi acquire the following skills:

- 1. Specialized knowledge in Philosophy:** The graduates will have basic and specialized knowledge in Philosophy.
- 2. Intellectual skills:** The graduates will be furnished with questioning attitude, capability to formulate arguments, and to identify the problems and opportunities.
- 3. Critical thinking and decision making skills:** The graduates will be able to analyze the ideas critically and to make the decisions properly and effectively.
- 4. Linguistic skills:** The graduates will be competent enough to write and speak with coherence and clarity.
- 5. Communication skills:** The graduates will be prudent in rational and coherent communication.
- 6. ICT skills:** The graduates will be skilled in basic ICT.
- 7. Adaptability:** It is to be supposed that the graduates will be adapted to the multicultural globalized environmental settings.
- 8. Analytic ability:** The graduates will have the ability to visualize, articulate, conceptualize and to solve the problems in practical life situation.
- 9. Moral sense:** The graduates will be enriched with high moral values in their personal, practical and professional life.

6. Curriculum Structure:

1st year : 850 Marks, 34 Credits		
1 st Semester	400 Marks	Credit: 16
2 nd Semester	450 Marks	Credit: 18
2nd year : 850 Marks, 34 Credits		
1 st Semester	400 Marks	Credit: 16
2 nd Semester	450 Marks	Credit: 18
3rd year : 950 Marks, 38 Credits		
1 st Semester	400 Marks	Credit: 16
2 nd Semester	550 Marks	Credit: 22
4th year : 1050 Marks, 42 Credits		
1 st Semester	500 Marks	Credit: 20
2 nd Semester	550 Marks	Credit: 22
Total Marks:	3700	Total Credits: 148

7. Allocation of Courses & Marks

1st Year Examination 2023

<u>1st Semester</u>		
<u>Courses</u>	<u>Title of the Courses</u>	<u>Marks</u>
PHIL 101	: Introduction to Philosophy	70+20+10
GED 102	: General Psychology	70+20+10
GED 103	: Bangladesh Studies	70+20+10
PHIL 104	: Social Philosophy	70+20+10
		Total marks = 400

<u>2nd Semester</u>		
<u>Courses</u>	<u>Title of the Courses</u>	<u>Marks</u>
PHIL 105	: History of Western Philosophy (Ancient and Medieval Period)	70+20+10
PHIL 106	: Normative Ethics	70+20+10
GED 107	: Fundamentals of English Language	70+20+10
GED 108	: Basic Concepts of Computer Science and Information & Communication Technology	70+20+10
	Viva voce	50
		Total marks = 450

2nd Year Examination 2024

1st Semester

<u>Courses</u>	<u>Title of the Courses</u>	<u>Marks</u>
PHIL 201	: History of Modern Western Philosophy (Descartes to Hegel)	70+20+10
PHIL 202	: Introduction to Logic	70+20+10
GED 203	: Political Science and Good Governance	70+20+10
PHIL 204	: Indian Philosophy	70+20+10

Total marks = 400

2nd Semester

<u>Courses</u>	<u>Title of the Courses</u>	<u>Marks</u>
PHIL 205	: Meta Ethics	70+20+10
PHIL 206	: Chinese and Japanese Philosophy	70+20+10
PHIL 207	: Muslim Philosophy	70+20+10
PHIL 208	: Bangladesh Philosophy	70+20+10
	Viva voce	50

Total marks = 450

3rd Year Examination 2025

1st Semester

<u>Courses</u>	<u>Title of the Courses</u>	<u>Marks</u>
PHIL 301	: Trends of Post-Hegelian Philosophy	70+20+10
PHIL 302	: Modern Logic	70+20+10
PHIL 303	: Political Philosophy	70+20+10
PHIL 304	: Practical Ethics	70+20+10
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		Total marks = 400

2nd Semester

<u>Courses</u>	<u>Title of the Courses</u>	<u>Marks</u>
PHIL 305	: Readings in Philosophical Classics (Plato, Hume & Kant)	70+20+10
PHIL 306	: Fundamentals of Aesthetics	70+20+10
PHIL 307	: Critical Reasoning	70+20+10
PHIL 308	: Comparative Religion	70+20+10
GED 309	Economics	70+20+10
	Viva voce	50
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		Total marks = 550

4th Year Examination 2026

1st Semester

<u>Courses</u>	<u>Title of the Courses</u>	<u>Marks</u>
PHIL 401	: Fundamentals of Linguistic Analysis & Post Modern Philosophy	70+20+10
PHIL 402	: Epistemology	70+20+10
GED 403	: Globalism and Current Global Issues	70+20+10
PHIL 404	: Applied Philosophy	70+20+10
GED 405	: Statistics	70+20+10
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		Total marks = 500

2nd Semester

<u>Courses</u>	<u>Title of the Courses</u>	<u>Marks</u>
PHIL 406	: Philosophy of Education	70+20+10
PHIL 407	: Philosophy of Science and Technology	70+20+10
PHIL 408	: Symbolic Logic	70+20+10
GED 409	: Human Resource Management	70+20+10
PHIL 410	Research Methodology	70+20+10
	Viva voce	50
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		Total marks = 550