

# ALIGARH MUSLIM UNIVERSITY, ALIGARH

## FACULTY OF ARTS

### SYLLABUS FOR

### M.A. (Philosophy)

#### INDIAN PHILOSOPHY:

Philosophy of the **Vedas**: Concept of Rta, Law of Karma, Concept of Dharma; Varnashrama-dharma; Purusartha; **Upanisads**: Concept of Brahman and Atman; **Bhagavad Gita**: Nishkamakarma and Sthitpragya, **Carvaka**: Epistemology, Metaphysics, Ethics, **Jainism**: Anekāntavāda, Syadavada; **Buddhism**: Four-Noble Truth, Eight-fold Path, Anatmavada; **Sankhya**: Theory of Causation, Prakrti and Purusha; **Yoga**: Eight-Fold Yoga, **Nyaya**: Pramanas, **Vaishesika**: Padartha (categories); **Mimamsa**: Theory of Knowledge; **Shankara**: Brahman, Maya **Ramanuja**: Isvara, Critique of Maya; **Madhva**: Dvaitavada, **Nimbarka**: Dvaitadvaita, **Vallabha**: Rejection of Māyāvāda, **Kauṭilya**: Sovereignty; Seven Pillars of State-Craft; **Vivekananda**: Universal Religion; **Tagore**: Humanism, **Gandhi**: Ahimsa, Satyagraha, Sarvodaya; **Aurobindo**: Evolution and Involution; **Radhakrishnan**: Intuition and Intellect, **Ambedkar**: Social Justice, Constitutionalism; **Periyar**: Self-Respect Movement; **M.N. Roy**: Radical Humanism; **Iqbal**: Individual, Society and State; **J. Krishnamurti**: Freedom from the Known; **K. C. Bhattacharya**: Notion of Subjectivity.

#### ISLAMIC PHILOSOPHY:

**Sources of Islamic Philosophy**: The Qur'an and Sunnah (Tradition); **'Ilm al-Kalam**: Mu'tazilism; Ash'arism; Shi'ism; **Sufism**: Origin and Sources, **Ibn Arabi**: Wahdat al-Wujud, **Sheikh Ahmad Sirhindi**: Wahdat al-Shuhud, **Shah Wali Allah**: Wujud-Shuhud Reconciliation; **Ibn Sina**: Theory of Emanation; **Al-Ghazali**: Method of Doubt. Classification of Virtues and Vices; **Ibn Rushd**: Critique of Al-Ghazali, **Ibn Khaldun**: Philosophy of History; **Mulla Sadra**: Philosophy of Being; **Suhrawardi Maqtul**: Philosophy of Light; **Rumi**: Concept of Love; **Al-Farabi**: Ideal State; **Dara Shikoh**: Universal Religion; **Sir Syed**: Rationalism and Naturalism; **Iqbal**: Concept of Man and God, Intellect and Intuition; **Maulana Azad**: Inter-faith Understanding; **Seyyed Hossein Nasr**: Sufism; **Kabir and Jayasi**: Bhakti Movement; **Amina Wadud**: Quranic Hermeneutics.

#### WESTERN PHILOSOPHY:

Pre-Socratic Philosophy; Socratic Method; **Plato**: Theory of Ideas, Ideal State, Theory of Knowledge; **Aristotle**: Causality, Form and Matter; **Augustine**: Theory of Knowledge, Problem of Evil, **Aquinas**: Faith and Reason; **Descartes**: Method of Doubt, Innate Ideas, Interactionism; **Spinoza**: Substance, Attributes and Modes, Psycho-physical Parallelism; **Leibnitz**: Theory of Monads, Pre-established harmony; **Locke**: Primary and Secondary Qualities, Simple and Complex ideas; **Berkeley**: Esse est percipi; **Hume**: Causality; **Kant**: Forms of Sensibility, Categories of Understanding, Phenomena and Noumena; **Hegel**: Dialectical Method; **Marx**: Dialectical Materialism; **Nietzsche**: Will to Power; **Kierkegaard**: Stages of Life; **Sartre**: Freedom, **Heidegger**: Being in the world; **Jaspers**: Notion of Existenz; **Marcel**: Problem and Mystery; **Moore**: Defense of Common Sense, **Russell**: Logical Atomism; Theory of Description. **Wittgenstein**: Picture Theory, Language Games; **Logical Positivism**: Verification Theory of Meaning; **Ryle**: Category Mistake; **Austin**: Speech-Act Theory. **Quine**: Two Dogmas of Empiricism, **Bentham and Mill**: Utilitarianism; **Kant**: Categorical Imperative, Postulates of Morality; Theories of Truth; Proofs for the Existence of God; **Political Thought**: Theory of Divine Origin of State; **Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau**: Social Contract Theory, Equality; Liberty; Justice, **Rawls**: Distributive Justice; **Berlin**: Two concepts of Liberty; **Taylor**: Communitarianism, Multiculturalism; **Feminist Philosophy**: First and Second Wave; **Hermeneutics**: Origin and its development.

## **LOGIC AND RESEARCH METHODOLOGY:**

**Logic:** Statements and Statement Forms, Categorical Propositions, Traditional Square of Opposition; Categorical Syllogism; Further Immediate Inferences, **Symbolic Logic:** Definition of Special Symbols; **Research Methodology:** Definition, Nature, and Characteristics of Research; **Research Methods:** Quantitative and Qualitative, **Scientific Method:** Scope and Importance; **Philosophical Method:** Scope and Importance; Research Ethics; Plagiarism.