

Department of Philosophy & IDS

Introduction

The Department cherishes the rare distinction of being not only the oldest Postgraduate Department of GC University, Lahore, but also of being the Alma Mater of Dr. Allama Muhammad Iqbal, the poet philosopher of Pakistan. Since its inception in 1868, eminent thinkers and teachers like Thomas Arnold, Dr. Muhammad Iqbal, S. G. Brett, L.P. Saunders, G. N. Chatterji, Qazi M. Aslam, Hamid-ud-Din and M. Saeed Sheikh had contributed to its academic development.

During its long history, the Department has continued to be one of the most important centers of philosophical learning in South Asia, especially noted for the promotion of the spirit of free inquiry and critical thinking. The Department has made significant contribution to the promotion of liberal values in the University.

Keeping in view the demands of changing times the Department has been renamed as "Philosophy and Interdisciplinary Studies"; since it vows to develop an interdisciplinary space for Philosophy in the academic arena through innovative and interactive teaching. The Department strives to create an academic environment which could promote learning to philosophize and actuate intellectual skills to employ contemporary philosophical models for the cultural re-orientation of Philosophy in Pakistani society.

Since 2016, Sociology is now working under the umbrella of Department of Philosophy & IDS

Academic Programmes

The Department is offering following two programmes:

- BA (Hons.) Philosophy
- Interdisciplinary Courses (12 in Semester I of B.A./B.Sc. Honours at the level of entire University)
- MPhil Philosophy

Many new courses and revised syllabi have been introduced at BA (Hons.) level in the light of contemporary vision of Philosophy, not only as theoretical wisdom but also as the most powerful interdisciplinary discourse and explanatory practice. Similarly the Department is offering a number of new interdisciplinary courses in BA/BSc (Hons.) Programme to broaden their vision and inculcate philosophical insight in their respective areas of study.

The Department has the honour to introduce distinctive and exclusive courses in M.Phil, being offered by no other institution of higher learning in Pakistan. The Department intends to launch its PhD Programme in near future.

Research Groups / Research Strengths

The Department of Philosophy, Sociology and Interdisciplinary Studies has a strong practice of quality research since its inception in 1868. The Department is proud of its luminaries and celebrities. Even today the Department is carrying forward this practice with vigour and rigour. Currently following groups are busy with the relevant research activities:

- Continental Philosophy;
- Post-Modernism;
- Bio-medical Ethics;
- Analytical Tradition.

The Department has requisite human and material resources to conduct and guide quality research. The research papers of the faculty are finding place in the reputed national and international journals. The MPhil theses of the students have gained high applause and acclaim from the external evaluators.

Facilities

The Department possesses all the modern requisites of quality teaching and research. However, its real strength lies in the rich collection of latest books and journals available at the Central and Postgraduate Libraries.

Special Features

The Department has following special features:

Brett Philosophical Society

The oldest Society of the University provides the students and the staff with a platform for active and regular philosophical dialogue on contemporary issues.

Research Journal

Quest, the research journal of the Department of Philosophy, Sociology and Interdisciplinary Studies regularly publishes the research articles of renowned national and international scholars.

Academic Links

Following international links are in process and at various stages of maturity.

International

- Calcutta University, Kolkata, India;
- Millia University, New Delhi, India;
- Aligarh Muslim University, India;
- Dhaka University, Bangladesh;
- Sheffield University, UK;
- Victoria University, Melbourne, Australia.

National

- Awaz Foundation;
- Centre for Social Justice;
- National Commission for Justice and Peace;
- Loyolla Hall Jesuit Research Centre, Lahore.

Career Scope/Opportunities

Due to their training in logic and conceptual analysis, our degree holders in Philosophy perform exceptionally well in the sectors of civil service and the interdisciplinary job market of NGOs and Print & Electronic Media, etc. Teaching is also an open choice of which the horizons are widening. The inception of B.A. Honours Sociology will further broaden this job horizon.



BA (Hons)		
Year- I (Semester- I)		
Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
PHIL-1101	Introduction to Philosophy	3
Semester-II		
Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
PHIL-1201	Problems of Philosophy	3
Year-2		
Semester-III		
Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
PHIL-2201	History of Greek Philosophy	3
Semester-IV		
Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
PHIL-2101	Philosophy and the Contemporary World	3
PHIL-2202	Theoretical Ethics	3
Year-3		
Semester-V		
Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
PHIL-3101	Modern Western Philosophy-I	3
PHIL-3102	Logic-I	3
PHIL-3103	Classical Muslim Philosophy-I	3
PHIL-3104	Applied Ethics	3
Elective Courses		
Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
PHIL-3105	Philosophy of Education	3
PHIL-3106	Epistemology and Metaphysics	3
PHIL-3107	Philosophy of Social Science	3
PHIL-3108	Philosophy of Art	3
PHIL-3109	Medieval Philosophy	3
Semester-VI		
Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
PHIL-3201	Modern Western Philosophy-II	3
PHIL-3202	Logic-II	3
PHIL-3203	Classical Muslim Philosophy-II	3
PHIL-3206	Induction and Science	3
Elective Courses		
Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
PHIL-3205	Philosophy of History	3
PHIL-3207	Iqbal: Textual Study of Reconstruction of Religious Thought in Islam	3
PHIL-3208	Political Philosophy	3
PHIL-3209	Philosophy of Existential Literature	3
Year-4		
Semester-VII		
Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
PHIL-4101	Continental Philosophy: Phenomenology and Existentialism	3
PHIL-4102	Marxism	3
PHIL-4103	Analytical Philosophy	3
PHIL-4110	Contemporary Muslim Thought	3
PHIL-4299	Research Work/Thesis	3

Elective Courses		
Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
PHIL-4105	Philosophy of Religion	3
PHIL-4106	Philosophy of Law	3
PHIL-4108	Philosophy of Language	3
PHIL-4109	Philosophy and Faminism	3
Semester-VIII		
Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
PHIL-4201	Continental Philosophy: From Structuralism to Post-Modernism	3
PHIL-4202	Twentieth Century American Philosophy	3
PHIL-4203	Critical Theory	3
PHIL-4222	Contemporary Exposition of Sufi Doctrine	3
PHIL-4299	Research Work / Thesis	3
Any One of the following		
Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
PHIL-4205	Philosophy of Literature	3
PHIL-4206	Post-Colonial Theory	3
PHIL-4207	Special Philosopher: Sir Syed Ahmed Khan	3
PHIL-4209	Special Philosopher: Bertrand Russell	3
PHIL-4210	Special Philosopher: Ludwig Wittgenstein	3
PHIL-4211	Special Philosopher: Hegel	3
PHIL-4212	Special Philosopher: Heidegger	3
PHIL-4213	Business Ethics	3
PHIL-4214	Introduction to Philosophy of Mind	3
PHIL-4215	Philosophy of Computing and Information	3
PHIL-4216	Special Philosopher: Alain Badiou	3
PHIL-4217	Special Philosopher: Slavoj Zizek	3
PHIL-4218	Special Philosopher: Immanuel Kant	3
PHIL-4219	Special Philosopher: Plato	3
PHI- 4220	Special Philosopher: Aristotle	3
PHIL-4221	Special Philosopher: Nietzsche	3
Allied Courses		
Year- I (Semester-I)		
Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
PHIL-1101	Introduction to Philosophy	3
Semester-II		
Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
PHIL-1201	Problems of Philosophy	3
Year-2		
Semester-III		
Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
PHIL-2201	History of Greek Philosophy	3
Semester-IV		
Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
PHIL-2101	Philosophy and the Contemporary World	3

IDC		
Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
IDC-1101	History of Civilization	3
IDC-1102	History of Science	3
IDC-1103	Classics of World Literature	3
IDC-1104	Logic and Critical Thinking	3
IDC-1105	Education, Culture and Society	3
IDC-1106	Lahore: History and Architecture	3
IDC-1107	Major Religions of the World	3
IDC-1108	Introduction to Environmental Sciences	3
IDC-1109	Health and Sports	3
IDC-1110	Introduction to Cultural Geography	3
IDC-1111	Information Science	3
IDC-1112	Film, Media and Society	3

MPhil Programme (Philosophy)		
Year-I		
Semester-I (Any four of the following)		
Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
PHIL-7101	Indian Philosophy	3
PHIL-7102	Philosophy of Science	3
PHIL-7103	Philosophy of Literature	3
PHIL-7104	Post Colonial Theory	3
PHIL-7107	Hermeneutics	3
Semester-II (Any four of the following)		
Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
PHIL-7203	Bio Medical Ethics	3
PHIL-7205	Social Epistemology	3
PHIL-7206	Meta-Philosophy	3
PHIL-7207	Philosophical Anthropology	3
PHIL-7208	Live issues of the contemporary Muslim Philosophy	3
PHIL-7209	Contemporary Muslim/ Arab Philosophers	3
Year-2		
Semester-III & IV		
Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
PHIL-7499	Thesis	12

Faculty

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