



Indraprastha College for Women

University of Delhi

Work Plan for ODD SEMESTER – 2026

Course Name:	B.A.P
Paper Title:	Philosophy of Swami Vivekananda
Unique Paper Code:	2103200005
Semester:	V
Faculty:	Dr. Richa Kela
Year:	2026

Work Plan

Unit No.	Learning Objective	Lecture No.	Topics to be Covered
I	To introduce students to Swami Vivekananda, his intellectual formation, philosophical background and his intervention in modern discussions on Vedānta.	1	Introduction to Swami Vivekananda
		2	Introduction to Swami Vivekananda
		3	Introduction to Swami Vivekananda
		4	Chicago Addresses
		5	Chicago Addresses
		6	Chicago Addresses
		7	Philosophical Background
		8	Philosophical Background
		9	Philosophical

			Background
II	To examine Vivekananda's philosophy of religion and Dharma, with special emphasis on Universal Religion, religious harmony, Hinduism and Buddhism.	10	Universal Religion and Harmony
		11	Universal Religion and Harmony
		12	Universal Religion and Harmony
		13	Universal Religion and Harmony
		14	Universal Religion and Harmony
		15	Universal Religion and Harmony
		16	Hinduism and Buddhism
		17	Hinduism and Buddhism
		18	Hinduism and Buddhism
		19	Hinduism and Buddhism
		20	Hinduism and Buddhism
		21	Hinduism and Buddhism
III	To understand Vivekananda's social and political philosophy through Vedānta, equality and cultural nationalism, and to examine its implications for Indian society.	22	Vedānta and Equality
		23	Vedānta and Equality
		24	Vedānta and Equality
		25	Vedānta and Equality
		26	Vedānta and Equality
		27	Vedānta and Equality
		28	Cultural Nationalism
		29	Cultural Nationalism
		30	Cultural Nationalism
		31	Cultural Nationalism
		32	Cultural Nationalism
		33	Cultural Nationalism
IV	To critically examine the contemporary relevance of Vivekananda's thought, particularly his understanding of	34	Understanding Hindutva

	Hindutva and his discourse on women.		
		35	Understanding Hindutva
		36	Understanding Hindutva
		37	Understanding Hindutva
		38	Understanding Hindutva
		39	Understanding Hindutva
		40	Discourse on Women
		41	Discourse on Women
		42	Discourse on Women
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		45	Discourse on Women

Syllabus

Unit 1 Philosophical world of Vivekananda (9 Hours, 3 Weeks)

1. Introduction to Swami Vivekananda
2. Chicago Addresses
3. Philosophical Background

Unit 2 Philosophy of Religion and Dharma (12 Hours, 4 Weeks)

1. Universal Religion and Harmony
2. Hinduism and Buddhism

Unit 3 Social and Political Philosophy (12 Hours, 4 Weeks)

1. Vedānta and Equality
2. Cultural Nationalism

Unit 4 Contemporary Relevance of Vivekananda (12 Hours, 4 Weeks)

1. Understanding Hindutva
2. Discourse on Women

Essential/Recommended Readings

Medhananda, Swami (2022). Introduction, Swami Vivekananda's Vedāntic Cosmopolitanism. Oxford University Press, pp. 1–16.

Vivekananda, Swami. "Addresses at the Parliament of Religion," in Complete Works of Swami Vivekananda, Vol. 1, Kolkata: Advaita Ashrama, pp. 1–22.

Vivekananda, Swami. "The Vedanta Philosophy" Lecture at Harvard University, on March 25, 1896, in Complete Works of Swami Vivekananda, Vol. 1, Kolkata: Advaita Ashrama.

Vivekananda, Swami. "The Way to Realisation of Universal Religion" and "The Ideal of Universal Religion," in Complete Works of Swami Vivekananda, Vol. 2, Kolkata: Advaita Ashrama.

Vivekananda, Swami. "Buddhistic India," in Complete Works of Swami Vivekananda, Vol. 3, Kolkata: Advaita Ashrama.

Vivekananda, Swami. Practical Vedanta, Part I and II, in Complete Works of Swami Vivekananda, Vol. 2, Kolkata: Advaita Ashrama.

Vivekananda, Swami. "My India: The India Eternal," Kolkata: Ramakrishna Mission Publication, 1993, pp. 5–35.

Vivekananda, Swami. Essentials of Hinduism, Mayavati, Advaita Ashrama, 1937, pp. 7–28.

Vivekananda, Swami. Women of India, Chennai: Ramakrishna Math, 2013 (Selected Pages).

Suggestive readings

Medhananda, Swami (2022). Swami Vivekananda's Vedāntic Cosmopolitanism. Oxford University Press.

Raghuramaraju, A. (1998). Debates in Indian Philosophy: Classical, Colonial, and Contemporary. Delhi: Oxford University Press India.

Paper Components

Credits	Lecture (L)	Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
4	3	1	Nil

Assessment Scheme

S.No.	Component / Marking Scheme	Total Marks
1	Internal Assessment • Assignment/Quiz/Project/Presentation • Class Test • Attendance	25 10 10 5
2	Continuous Assessment (Tutorial)	N.A.
3	Practical • Continuous Assessment • End Term Written/Practical Exam • Viva	N.A.
4	End Semester Examination	75