

PONTIFICAL ORIENTAL INSTITUTE OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES

**STATUTES  
OF  
THE AUTONOMOUS INSTITUTE OF CYCLE I OF  
PHILOSOPHY  
AT  
PAURASTYA VIDYĀPĪṬHAM**



VADAVATHOOR  
KOTTAYAM  
KERALA, INDIA

Title: STATUTES OF THE AUTONOMOUS INSTITUTE OF  
CYCLE I OF PHILOSOPHY  
AT PAURASTYA VIDYĀPĪṬHAM  
(The Pontifical Oriental Institute of Religious Studies)  
Kottayam, 2023

Published by: The Synod of Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Major  
Archiepiscopal Church of Ernakulam-Angamaly

Copy right: The Synod of Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Major  
Archiepiscopal Church of Ernakulam-Angamaly

Printed at: WIGI Printers, Manganam, Kottayam

Copies available at: PAURASTYA VIDYĀPĪṬHAM  
Vadavathoor P.O.  
Kottayam 686 010  
Kerala, India

## **CONTENTS**

PREAMBLE .....	4
HISTORY OF THE INSTITUTE OF PHILOSOPHY .....	6
CLARIFICATION OF TERMS .....	8
Chapter One	
NAME, NATURE, AND PURPOSE .....	10
Chapter Two	
GOVERNMENT .....	12
Chapter Three	
TEACHERS.....	18
Chapter Four	
STUDENTS .....	21
Chapter Five	
DIDACTIC FACILITIES .....	22
Chapter Six	
EXAMINATIONS.....	23
Chapter Seven	
PROGRAMME OF STUDIES .....	26
Chapter Eight	
AMENDMENTS .....	28
APPENDIX .....	29

Prot. N. 912/2022



DICASTERIUM  
DE CULTURA ET EDUCATIONE  
DECRETUM

DICASTERIUM DE CULTURA ET DE EDUCATIONE, lectis perpensisque

**STATUTIS**

**Institutis Philosophici de Ciclo Primo**  
**apud Pontificium Institutum Orientalem Scientiarum Religionis**  
**v. «Paurastya Vidyapitham»**  
in civitate v. Vadavathoor, Kottayam situm

ad normam Constitutionis Apostolicæ *«Veritatis gaudium»* adnexarumque  
*«Ordinationum»* accurate recognitis et ex XXVIII Articulis constantibus cum  
Appendice, quæ in iisdem definiuntur ac statuuntur, pro munere hoc Decreto  
*ad quinquennium experimenti gratia* rata habet atque approbat,  
omnibusque ad quos pertinet, ut rite observentur, præcipit; *necnon servatis*  
*animadversionis huic decreto annexis*, contrariis quibuslibet minime  
obstantibus.

Datum Romæ, ex ædibus eiusdem Congregationis, die xii mensis Decembris,  
a. D. MMXXII, in festivitate Beatæ Mariæ Virginis de Guadalupe.

*Emilio T. Card. de Jandara*  
Præfectus

*James Louis Ryan*  
A Secretis

## PREAMBLE

The *Paurastya Vidyāpīṭham* (PVP), otherwise known as the Pontifical Oriental Institute of Religious Studies, is an autonomous Faculty of Ecclesiastical Sciences, erected at the St. Thomas Apostolic Seminary, Vadavathoor, Kottayam. The Institute of Philosophy is an Autonomous Institute of Cycle I of Philosophy that will function as part of the PVP, erected by the Dicastery for Culture and education on 12 December 2022. On the same date the Dicastery also approved its Statutes (Prot. N. 912/2020).

The present Statutes are formulated considering the Apostolic Constitution of Pope Francis, *Veritatis gaudium* (VG) of 8 December 2017 and its complementary norms, issued by the Congregation for Catholic Education (Dicastery for Culture and Education) on 27 December 2017.

In these Statutes, due attention is given to the requirements for Universities, Faculties, and Seminaries of Ecclesiastical Studies stated in the Documents of Vatican II, especially those related to priestly formation, ecclesiastical studies as well as Eastern Catholic Churches. Other documents referred are:

- 1) The Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches (1990).
- 2) Apostolic Constitution, *Veritatis gaudium* on Ecclesiastical Universities and Faculties, 27 December 2017.
- 3) Circular letter Prot. N. 198/2012, sent to the Chancellor of PVP on 25 June 2013.
- 4) Circular letter n.1 of the Dicastery for Culture and Education, 8 December 2018.
- 5) New Norms on Affiliation, Aggregation, and Incorporation, 8 December 2020.
- 6) Circular letter Prot. N. 819/2019; 912/2020, sent to the Chancellor of PVP on 30 March 2021

## HISTORY OF THE INSTITUTE OF PHILOSOPHY

The Congregation for Catholic Education (at present the Dicastery for Culture and Education), through the decree *Perinsigne Fidei Christianae* erected *Paurastya Vidyapitham* (PVP) as an autonomous Faculty of Theology at St. Thomas Apostolic Seminary, Vadavathoor on 3 July 1982. From the inception of the Seminary in 1962, the curriculum included a three-year programme of philosophical studies. The higher academic authority of PVP from 1982 made requests to the Congregation for Catholic Education to grant the PVP the faculty to award canonical degree of Baccalaureate in Philosophy (B. Ph) to students who successfully complete the three-year programme of Philosophy in the Seminary. The Congregation, having studied the programme of studies and the qualifications of the teachers, approved the three-year Philosophy course in the Seminary and granted PVP the power to confer the degree of 'Baccalaureate in Philosophy' (the Decree dated 15 August 1985, Prot. N. 679/75/49c). In a letter addressed to the Chancellor of PVP, the Prefect of the Congregation proposed to include the necessary details of this philosophical programme in the revised Statutes of the PVP (Port. N. 679/75). Accordingly, in 1994 and 2010, when PVP revised its Statutes, the details of the Philosophy course were included. In the Statutes approved by the Congregation in 2010, it is stated: "Until a Faculty of Philosophy is instituted, the existing Department of Philosophy will continue as a separate department under the Faculty of Theology" (article XII, 4.c). As per article XLV of this Statutes of PVP the degree of the Baccalaureate in Philosophy can be conferred to successful candidates on completion of the First Stage of the First Cycle of the Institutional Course. The Congregation for Catholic Education has granted the three-year curriculum of studies as the ordinary undergraduate pathway leading to the Baccalaureate in Philosophy on 25 June 2013. The approval for a two-year Philosophy programme was granted to the students, who have graduate or post-graduate degrees from state recognized universities, based on the accreditation of the language subjects that are fulfilled during minor seminary studies (Prot.N.198/2012). Since the Apostolic

Constitution *Veritatis gaudium* does not provide provisions for a stand-alone Cycle I Programme in Philosophy within a Faculty of Theology, the Dicastery for Culture and Education considered the possibility of erecting an Autonomous Institute of Philosophy at PVP granting only the First Cycle degree, without being affiliated to a Faculty (Prot. N. 819/2019; 912/2020). Hence the Autonomous Institute of Cycle I of Philosophy was erected on 12 December 2022 by the Dicastery for Culture and Education (Prot. N. 912/2020) and was inaugurated on 7 February 2023.

## CLARIFICATION OF TERMS

- 1) 'Assistant Professor' means a teacher permanently attached to a Faculty and equivalent to the Extraordinary Professor as per the *Veritatis gaudium* Norms of Application (VG Norms of Application, article 18 § 1).
- 2) 'Basic Course Student' means a student who is not aspiring for an academic degree but admitted for courses according to article 23. 3 of the PVP Statutes (VG Norms of Application, article 27).
- 3) 'Degree' means degree awarded to the students of Institute that has canonical value.
- 4) 'Degree Course Students' means those students who are enrolled in the Cycle I of Philosophy in view of obtaining an academic degree issued by PVP (VG Norms of Application, article 26).
- 5) 'Faculty' means the Faculty of Theology at PVP.
- 6) 'Institute' means 'Autonomous Institute of Cycle I of Philosophy' granting only the First Cycle of degree, without being affiliated to a Faculty (Prot. N. 819/2019; 912/2020).
- 7) 'Institute Council' means Institute Council of Philosophy.
- 8) 'President' means the President of the PVP.
- 9) 'Professor' means a teacher equivalent to Ordinary Professors as per VG Norms of Application, article 18 § 1.
- 10) 'PVP' means Paurastya Vidyāpīṭham, otherwise known as the Pontifical Oriental Institute of Religious Studies.
- 11) 'Seminary' means St. Thomas Apostolic Seminary, Vadavathoor, Kottayam.
- 12) 'Senate' means the Senate of the PVP, which is a consultative body in determining the general policies of the PVP.



- 13) 'Staff Council' means the Staff Council of the PVP consisting of the Professors and Assistant Professors.
- 14) 'Syndicate' means the Syndicate of the PVP, which is the body to take decisions for the ordinary administration of the PVP.
- 15) 'Synod' means the Synod of Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Major Archiepiscopal Church. In the cases in which the Permanent Synod is understood, this will always be stated explicitly.
- 16) 'Synodal Commission' means the Commission elected by the Synod from among its members consisting of a Chairman and two members appointed by the Major Archbishop for the administration of the PVP.
- 17) 'VG' means the *Veritatis gaudium*, the Apostolic Constitution of Pope Francis on Ecclesiastical Universities and Faculties (2017).
- 18) 'VG Norms of Application' means the Norms of Application of the Dicastery for Culture and Education for the Correct Implementation of the Apostolic Constitution, *Veritatis gaudium*.
- 19) 'Apostolic See' means The Supreme Pontiff or the Dicasteries of the Roman Curia, particularly the Dicastery for Eastern Churches and the Dicastery for Culture and Education (CCEO c. 48).

## **Chapter One**

### **NAME, NATURE, AND PURPOSE**

The Institute of Philosophy at the PVP will follow the general norms of PVP for all matters unless otherwise specified in these Statutes.

#### **Article 1. Name**

The name shall be ‘The Institute of Philosophy’, hereafter referred to as ‘the Institute’. Its seat is at the PVP.

#### **Article 2. Nature**

The Institute will function as per the norms and guidelines stipulated in the Statutes of PVP. The PVP is an autonomous Institute having the right to confer academic degrees, by the authority of the Holy See, in various subjects which have canonical validity. Its functioning is ordered in accordance with the norms of the Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches (cc. 646-650), the directives laid down in *Veritatis gaudium* and the Norms and Application of the same Apostolic Constitution, and taking into account the varying local conditions and university system in the region. The Institute functions to confer the Baccalaureate in Philosophy (First Cycle) without being affiliated to any Faculty (Circular letter Prot. N. 819/2019; 912/2020, sent to the Chancellor of PVP on 30 March 2021; 12 December 2022). In academic matters, the directives of the Dicastery for Culture and Education issued from time to time will be followed.

### **Article 3. Purpose**

The purposes of the Institute are:

- 3.1. to promote and cultivate through scientific research, the patrimony of Christian wisdom both East and West with special emphasis on Aristotelean-Thomistic traditions as well as Asian cultural resources;
- 3.2 to train the students of the First Cycle to a solid and coherent synthesis of doctrine, examine and judge the different systems of Philosophy, and to a personal philosophical reflection (VG Norms of Application, article 64 § 2).
- 3.3 to empower the students in philosophical matters, to investigate the philosophical problems according to scientific methodology, basing itself on a heritage of permanently valid Philosophy (VG article 81 § 1);
- 3.4 to foster inter-religious dialogue, particularly with the religions of India, by promoting the Christian culture (VG article 81 § 1).

## **Chapter Two**

### **GOVERNMENT**

#### **Article 4. Higher Authority**

- 4.1 The Institute functions under the authority of the Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church and the Synod of Bishops and the Synodal Commission for the PVP (PVP Statutes article 4. 1-2).
- 4.2. The Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church is the Chancellor of the Institute. He can exercise his authority personally or through his delegate (PVP Statutes article 5. 1).
- 4.3. The Chairman of the Synodal Commission shall be the Vice-Chancellor of the Institute (PVP Statutes article 6. 1).
- 4.4. The academic authorities of the PVP, both personal and collegial, are *ipso iure* academic authorities of the Institute.
- 4.5. The President of PVP is the President of the Institute as well.
- 4.6. The President, the Director, and the Institute Council are the authorities proper to the Institute.
- 4.7. It is the competence of the Vice-Chancellor:
  - 4.7.1. to make sure that there is sufficient number of teachers as prescribed by the law;
  - 4.7.2. to make provision for replacing promptly those who have gone on leave of absence or ceased their service permanently as per the PVP Statutes (PVP Statutes article 19. 3-7);
  - 4.7.3. to sign in the first place the certificates of the students.

## **Article 5. President of the Institute**

- 5.1 The President of the PVP shall be the *ex-officio* President of the Institute.
- 5.2 His duties are:
  - 5.2.1 to propose to the Vice-Chancellor the names of more than one candidate for the office of the Director after consulting with the joint session of the Syndicate of PVP and the Institute Council (PVP Statutes article 9. 1. 6. 6);
  - 5.2.2 to send an annual report to the Dicastery for Culture and Education about the functioning of the Institute. This report shall deal with the current status of the Institute, programme of studies of the past year, changes in the list of teachers, the number of the students in the degree course, the library, and the financial status;
  - 5.2.3 to ensure that there is close collaboration between the PVP and the Institute;
  - 5.2.4 to request the Director to convene the Institute Council when he judges it necessary;
  - 5.2.5 to mediate with the teachers to settle the disputes among them and between the teachers and students.

## **Article 6. Director of the Institute (PVP Statutes article 9. 5)**

- 6.1. The Chancellor appoints the Director of the Institute from among the names proposed by the Vice-Chancellor. The President presents the names of more than one candidate to the Vice-Chancellor for the Director in consultation with the joint session of the Syndicate of PVP and the Institute Council. The appointment of the Director and its renewal requires confirmation from the Dicastery for Culture and Education (VG, article 18).

- 6.2. The Director is appointed for three years, which is renewable only once in succession, after having received the confirmation of the Dicastery for Culture and Education.
- 6.3. The Director shall have a doctorate in Philosophy and be qualified to be a permanent teacher with the grade of Professor or Assistant Professor at the PVP.
- 6.4. He shall see that the members of the teaching staff follow the approved norms and programme of studies in their courses.
- 6.5. He shall help the President in the preparation of the annual report to be sent to the Dicastery.
- 6.6. Together with the Vice-Chancellor, the President and the Registrar, he shall authenticate certificates of studies and diplomas issued by the PVP.
- 6.7. He shall, through the President of PVP, maintain relations with the Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor.
- 6.8. He shall keep the President duly informed of significant events and developments of the Institute.
- 6.9. In case of an emergency which, in his judgment, requires immediate action, he shall take necessary steps with the consent of the President, and in his absence with the consent of the Vice-President. The Director shall report to the President of the action taken as soon as possible.
- 6.10. When the Director is temporarily absent or impeded, the available senior-most of the permanent resident teachers of the Institute shall act in his place.
- 6.11. He admits students to the Institute and he shall be available for the academic guidance of the students.
- 6.12. He shall keep the office at the stated hours.
- 6.13. He shall be the ex-officio member of all the collegial bodies of the PVP, except the Faculty Council and the Councils of other Institutes.

- 6.14. The Director must convoke and preside over the meeting of the Institute Council.
- 6.15. He shall mediate with the students to settle the disputes among them.
- 6.16. He suspends and dismisses students with the approval of the President and in keeping with the Statutes of the PVP (PVP Statutes article 26).
- 6.17. In the ordinary administration of the Institute, after consulting the President, the Director shall decide on those matters which are not reserved to others explicitly or because of office.
- 6.18. The Director does the correspondence on behalf of the Institute.

#### **Article 7. The Institute Council**

- 7.1. The following are the members of the Institute Council:
  - 7.1.1. The Director of the Institute;
  - 7.1.2. The Registrar of the PVP;
  - 7.1.3. All the permanent teachers of the Institute;
  - 7.1.4. Two teachers on probation elected for one year from among themselves;
  - 7.1.5. One representative of the students elected for one year.
- 7.2. The right to vote is reserved for the members of the Institute Council.
- 7.3. A member shall be elected with an absolute majority of the members present for a period of three years to the Syndicate of Philosophy (PVP Statutes article 10.2.1.2.).
- 7.4. The Director convokes and presides over the meetings of the Institute Council.
- 7.5. The President may be invited for the meeting, if needed.
- 7.6. In extraordinary situations, the Chancellor or the Vice-Chancellor can convene and preside over the meeting.

- 7.7. It is the competence of the Institute Council to propose amendments to the Statutes and Byelaws and changes in the syllabus (PVP Statutes article 53. 2).
- 7.8. The consent of the Institute Council is needed:
  - 7.8.1. to organize congresses, lectures, or symposia;
  - 7.8.2. to start Diploma Courses other than the one specified in these Statutes;
  - 7.8.3. to start publication of journals, periodicals, and series proper to the Institute;
  - 7.8.4. to introduce new optional courses and new seminars (PVP Statutes article 10. 2. 2. 4-6);
- 7.9. The Institute Council is to be consulted:
  - 7.9.1. to propose new members to the staff and to promote them ;
  - 7.9.2. to recommend the acquisition of extraordinarily expensive books in the area of Philosophy for the library;
  - 7.9.3. to propose candidates to be appointed as the Director;
  - 7.9.4. to appoint the coordinator of the publications.
- 7.10. The Director may invite experts to the meetings of the Institute Council as and when needed with the prior consent of the President.
- 7.11. The Institute Council shall be convened at least once in each semester, and when one-third of the Council members request it in writing or when the Director deems it necessary.
- 7.12. The Institute Council has the quorum if more than half of its members are present in the meeting.



**Article 8. Officials of the Institute**

- 8.1. The officials, namely, Registrar, Controller of Examinations, Librarian, and Finance Officer of the PVP, shall be the same for the Institute. They shall function according to the norms of the Statutes of the PVP articles 11, 12, 13, 14.
- 8.2. The Registrar shall keep a folder for each student in the archives of the Institute, in which are kept copies of the documents that the student submitted at the time of admission. These include the mark lists of all the courses he attended and all other documents and remarks about him. Similarly, in the archives of the Institute, the Registrar shall keep a folder for each teacher. The copies of all the documents that the teacher submitted at the time of appointment, a list of his publications updated yearly, and all other documents and remarks about him are to be kept in it.
- 8.3. The Librarian shall endeavour to develop the particular section of Philosophy, especially with source materials, new books, and periodicals.
- 8.4. There shall be a person responsible for coordinating the publications of the Institute, appointed by the Director after having consulted the Institute Council.

## **Chapter Three**

### **TEACHERS**

#### **Article 9. Qualification, Appointment, Promotion, and Cessation**

- 9.1 The qualification, appointment, promotion, duties, categories of teachers, and all other matters about the teachers of the Institute shall be as per the norms in chapter three of the Statutes of the PVP.
- 9.2 The Institute shall always have a minimum number of five permanent teachers (VG Norms of Application article 67 § 1).
- 9.3 Permanent teachers are assistant professors and professors who dedicate full-time to teaching and research in the field of Philosophy (VG article 23, VG Norms of Application article 57, PVP Statutes article 18. 2).
- 9.4 Assistant professors are equal to Extraordinary Professors, and Professors are equivalent to Ordinary Professors as in VG Norms of Application article 18 § 1.
- 9.5 The qualities required for the appointment of permanent teachers must also be applied, in a proportionate measure, for appointing non-permanent teachers (VG article 25 § 2).
- 9.6 To co-opt non-Catholic teachers, the Institute needs the permission of the Chancellor (VG Norms of Application article 20 § 1-2).
- 9.7. Procedure for Appointment:
  - 9.7.1. Procedure required for appointing a teacher on probation:

All new appointments in the first instance shall be probationary with the duration of not less than three years without prejudice to Article 19.1.2. of PVP Statutes. The Vice-Chancellor appoints the teachers on probation in consultation with the other members of the Commission. It is recommended that the Hierarchs of the Syro-Malabar Eparchies as well as the Syndicate and the Institute Council be asked by the Vice-Chancellor for a list of prospective candidates for appointment and the

appointment be made preferably from this list, attentive to the requirements listed in Article 18.4.1-4 of PVP Statutes as well as the need for teachers truly qualified in the areas of specialization in Philosophy. The teachers must receive permission to teach from the Chancellor or his delegate (VG article 27§1).

- 9.7.2. Procedure required for the promotion of a teacher on probation to the status of permanent teacher, i.e., assistant professor or professor:

The President with the consent of the Institute Council shall appoint a commission of two teachers of Philosophy to study carefully *curriculum vitae, studiorum et operum* of the one to be promoted. If he is found eligible, his promotion shall be discussed in the Institute council and other bodies as prescribed in the Statutes of the PVP article 19.2.5. The result of the study and discussions, together with all the relevant documents shall be sent to the Vice-Chancellor of PVP requesting him to recommend his promotion to the Chancellor. The Chancellor of the Institute shall promote him after having obtained the *nihil obstat* of the Dicastery for Culture and Education, if the promotion is to the status of professor (VG article 27.2; PVP Statutes article 19.2.5.)

- 9.8. The teachers shall involve in serious scientific research in the field of Philosophy and publish the result of their studies.
- 9.9. To carry out the proper tasks satisfactorily, the teachers must be free from other offices that are not compatible with their duty to do research and teach and stay relatively close to PVP (VG article 29).
- 9.10. Leave of absence to a teacher on probation, assistant professor, or professor can be granted by the President for a period of up to one month. A period longer than one month can be given by the Vice-Chancellor of the PVP on the recommendation of the President. However, any period longer than a year can be granted by the Vice-Chancellor only with the confirmation of the Chancellor. The President, having consulted the Director of Institute, grants or recommends the leave of absence.

- 9.11. For a permanent teacher to be withdrawn from the Institute by his Bishop or Major Superior, the norms of PVP Statutes article 19.3.5 is to be maintained.
- 9.12. It is in the competence of the Chancellor to take disciplinary measures against the Director in accordance with the PVP Statutes (article 19.3.7). He shall proceed on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor, who shall consult the President, the Syndicate of the PVP, and the Institute Council before recommending it. In the case of other members of the teaching staff, the norms of the Statutes of the PVP shall be followed (article 19.3.8.1).
- 9.13. Plagiarism in the publications of a teacher, once verified, leads to his removal from the Institute by the Chancellor.

## **Chapter Four**

### **STUDENTS**

#### **Article 10.**

The norms regarding the students in chapter five of the Statutes of the PVP also apply to the students of the Institute except in cases specified below.

#### **Article 11. Categories of Students**

- 11.1. Degree students: At present the Institute admits only the students who aspire to the academic degree of Baccalaureate in Philosophy (PVP Statutes article 22.1).
- 11.2. Basic course students: Those students not aspiring for an academic degree (PVP Statutes article 22.2).

#### **Article 12.**

The requirements for admission, attendance in the class, discipline, and enrolment of students in the first cycle will be as per articles 23.2.1 - 23.2.1.2; 24-26 of the PVP Statutes.

#### **Article 13. Academic Ethics**

The dissertation of a student in which plagiarism is verified should not be accepted for defence. He may be given another chance to remedy his mistake and write a new dissertation. If he has again plagiarised, he should be dismissed and should not be re-admitted for the degree course.

## **Chapter Five**

### **DIDACTIC FACILITIES**

#### **Article 14. Lecture Halls**

The Institute must have lecture halls which are truly functional and worthy and suited to the teaching of the philosophical disciplines and to the number of students (VG Norms of Application article 42).

#### **Article 15. Library**

- 15.1. The efficient management of the library is the responsibility of the authorities of PVP by periodically updating the collection of source books and journals that promote research works (PVP Statutes article 45.2).
- 15.2. Librarian shall endeavor to develop a special section for Philosophy, especially with source materials, new books and periodicals.

#### **Article 16. Publications**

The Institute shall maintain its scientific publication, named, *Homo Sapiens* as befitting to its nature and shall follow the norms specified in the Byelaws in this regard.

## **Chapter Six**

### **EXAMINATIONS**

#### **Article 17. Examination Sessions**

- 17.1. An examination or equivalent test will be held in every subject (VG article 43). The first examination session for the semester assignments will be held at the end of the respective semester, and for special courses at the end of the courses. There will be a second session of examination for the same courses, if necessary, at the beginning of the semester that follows immediately.
- 17.2. At the end of the course in Philosophy, a comprehensive examination will be held (VG article 43).

#### **Article 18. Method of Examination**

- 18.1. Examinations may be conducted in written or oral form.
- 18.2. The comprehensive examination at the end of the course will be both oral and written. The written examination will be on selected theses (VG Norms of Application article 58).
- 18.3. The comprehensive examination for Basic Ccourse students will be written as per the Byelaws on selected theses.

#### **Article 19. Admission to Examination**

For admission to an examination the candidates must have fulfilled the academic requirements prescribed by PVP Statutes article 36. For admission to the comprehensive final examination, candidates must have previously completed successfully all the academic requirements and tests prescribed by PVP Statutes article 34. 1-2, 35. 2-3.

**Article 20. Grading System**

The grading method will be as specified in the Byelaws of PVP.

**Article 21. Repetition of Examination**

- 21.1. Degree examinations may be repeated only once.
- 21.2. A second re-examination may take place only with the permission of the Syndicate.
- 21.3. Except by special permission of the Syndicate, re-examinations will be conducted only at the official sessions.

**Article 22. Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates**

The following academic degree may be conferred by PVP:

- 22.1. Candidates who successfully complete the requirements of the philosophical programme, after having submitted the written assignments and after having passed the final comprehensive examination, will be awarded the degree of Baccalaureate in Philosophy (B.Ph.).
- 22.2. Basic course students who successfully complete the required philosophical programme receive diplomas as per norms of these Statutes and the prescription in the byelaws.

**Article 23. Convocation and Ranks**

- 23.1. The convocation ceremony shall be conducted yearly as per norms given in the Byelaws of the PVP.
- 23.2. Names of the students who fail to appear for whatever reason for the regular session of the examination conducted under the auspices of the Institute or to submit the assignments of whatever nature during the prescribed time shall not be considered in the rank list.



- 23.3. Complaints of any nature regarding examination, awarding of ranks, and other matters, must be given in writing to the President within five days from the official announcement of the results. The President shall give in turn a written explanation if judged necessary.

## **Chapter Seven**

### **PROGRAMME OF STUDIES**

#### **Article 24.**

The philosophical subjects should be presented in such a way that the student is given a harmonious view embracing man, the world, and God. Though the teaching should be based on the valid perennial patrimony of Christian Philosophy, the insights of modern Philosophy, the progress of natural and human sciences, and the idea and problems offered by the traditional Indian thought should be taken into account.

#### **Article 25. Curriculum of Studies**

The programme of studies of Philosophy at the PVP includes, three-year curriculum of studies as the ordinary undergraduate pathway leading to Baccalaureate in Philosophy and two-year curriculum of studies for students who have graduate and post-graduate degrees from the state recognized universities.<sup>1</sup>

25.1. The first cycle, basics, in which three years or six semesters of an organic exposition of the various parts of Philosophy is imparted which includes treating the world, man, and God. It also includes the history of Philosophy, together with an introduction to the method of scientific research (VG article 82). The three-year curriculum of studies has 180 credits, which are divided in three years or six semesters.

25.2. The two-year curriculum of studies has 140 credits of philosophical subjects and 40 credits of the university level accredited subjects which are obtained from Minor Seminaries of the Syro Malabar Church or from Higher Education Institutions recognized by local civil authorities (cf. Letter of the Congregation for Catholic Education, dated 25 June 2013,

---

1. The Curriculum of Studies approved by the Congregation for Catholic Education on 25 June 2013 (Prot. N. 198/2012).

Prot. N. 198/2012). The university level accredited subjects are languages and the Psychology subjects.

**Article 26.**

The first cycle ends with the degree of Baccalaureate in Philosophy (VG article 83).

**Article 27.**

All the norms regarding the programme of studies of Philosophy, division of courses, general principles of presentation, different methods, directives of syllabus, examinations, grading system, and promotion are in accordance with the Statutes of PVP articles 27-40.

## **Chapter Eight**

### **AMENDMENTS**

#### **Article 28. Amendments**

- 28.1. The norms of of PVP Statutes article 53 are to be followed in the amendments of these Statutes.
- 28.2. The Institute Council may propose amendments to these Statutes to the President of PVP. The President shall discuss them in the Syndicate of the PVP and, with the observations of the Syndicate, send them to the Synod through Vice-Chancellor, for its approval. Then, with the approval of the Synod, they shall be sent to the Dicastery for Culture and Education for the final approval.

## APPENDIX

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEGREE OF  
BACCALAUREATE IN PHILOSOPHY AT PVP  
APPROVED BY THE CONGREGATION FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION  
ON 25 JUNE 2013, PROT. N. 198/2012

### A) OBLIGATORY BASIC SUBJECTS

Course No.	Subjects	Credits	Total Credits
OBS 101	Introduction to Philosophy	2	2
OBS 102	<i>Fides et ratio</i>	2	4
OBS 103	Symbolic Logic	3	7
OBS 104	Logic: Deduction	5	12
OBS 105	Logic: Induction	3	15
OBS 106	Philosophy of Knowledge	7	22
OBS 107	Metaphysics	7	29
OBS 108	Theodicy	7	36
OBS 109	Philosophy of Religion	3	39
OBS 110	Philosophy of Human Person	7	46
OBS 111	Moral Philosophy	7	53
OBS 112	Political Philosophy	5	58
OBS 113 A	Philosophy of Nature	3	61
OBS 113 B	Philosophy of (Scientific) Cosmology	4	65

OBS 114	History of Ancient Greek Philosophy	5	70
OBS 115	History of Medieval Western Philosophy	5	75
OBS 116	History of Modern Western Philosophy	5	80
OBS 117	History of Contemporary Western Philosophy	5	85
OBS 118	Modern Trends in Philosophy	2	87
OBS 119	Introduction to Indian Philosophy	2	89
OBS 120	History of Indian Philosophy	4	93
OBS 121	Systems of Indian Philosophy	4	97
OBS 122	Modern Indian Thought	4	101
OBS 123	Contemporary Indian Thought	4	105
OBS 124	Seminar	5	110
<b>Total Credits for Obligatory Basic Subjects:</b>			<b>110</b>

#### **B) SUPPLEMENTARY OBLIGATORY SUBJECTS**

COURSE NO.	Subjects	CREDITS	TOTAL CREDITS
SOS 201	Introduction to Scientific Methodology	1	111
SOS 202	English I: Communication Skills in English	3	114
SOS 203	English II: Reading Literature in English	3	117
SOS 204	English III: Critical Thinking, Academic Writing and Presentation	3	120

SOS 205	English IV: Musings on Vital Issues	3	123
SOS 206	English V: Reflections on Indian Polity, Secularism & Sustainable Environment	3	126
SOS 207	English VI: Evolution of Philosophy of Science – Literary Perspective	3	129
SOS 208	Malayalam I: Stories and Novels	3	132
SOS 209	Malayalam II: Poetry	3	135
SOS 210	Malayalam III: Drama	3	138
SOS 211	Malayalam IV: Prose and Writing Skills	3	141
SOS 212	Hindi Language	1	142
SOS 213	Sanskrit Language	2	144
SOS 214	Syriac Language	2	146
SOS 215	Latin Language	2	148
SOS 216	Book Reviews	1	150
SOS 217	Symposia & Extension Lectures	1	151
SOS 218	Scientific Research Paper	10	161
<b>Total Credits for Supplementary Obligatory Subjects</b>			<b>50</b>

### C) OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL SUBJECTS

COURSE NUMBER	SUBJECTS	CREDITS	TOTAL CREDITS
OAS 301	Philosophy of Science	2	162
OAS 302	Scientific Phenomenology	2	164
OAS 303	Eco-Philosophy	2	166
OAS 304	Renaissance Philosophy of Kerala	1	167
OAS 305	Philosophy of Arts	2	169
OAS 306	Philosophy of Culture	1	170
OAS 307	General Psychology	2	172
OAS 308	Abnormal Psychology	1	173
OAS 309	Gospel Values	1	174
OAS 310	Gandhian Thought	1	175
OAS 311	Marxism	1	176
OAS 312	Elective Subjects	4	180
<b>Total Credits for Optional Additional Subjects</b>			<b>20</b>
<b>Total Number of Credits:</b>			<b>180</b>



SEMESTER CURRICULUM FOR THREE-YEAR PHILOSOPHY  
AS THE ORDINARY UNDERGRADUATE PATHWAY LEADING TO  
BACCALAUREATE IN PHILOSOPHY

**A. FIRST YEAR OF PHILOSOPHY**

FIRST SEMESTER		
COURSE NUMBER	SUBJECTS	CREDITS
OBS 101	Introduction to Philosophy	2
OBS 102	<i>Fides et Ratio</i>	2
OBS 103	Symbolic Logic	3
OBS 114	History of Ancient Greek Philosophy	5
OBS 119	Introduction to Indian Philosophy	2
SOS 201	Introduction to Scientific Methodology	1
SOS 202	English I: Communication Skills	3
SOS 203	English II: Reading English Literature	3
SOS 208	Malayalam I: Stories and Novels	3
SOS 214	Syriac Language	2
OAS 305	Philosophy of Arts	2
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>28</b>

SECOND SEMESTER		
COURSE NUMBER	SUBJECTS	CREDITS
OBS 104	Logic: Deduction	5
OBS 113 A	Philosophy of Nature	3
OBS 115	History of Medieval Western Philosophy	5
OBS 120	History of Indian Philosophy	4
SOS 203	English III: Critical Thinking and Academic Writing	3
SOS 204	English IV: Musings on Vital Issues	3
SOS 209	Malayalam II: Poetry	3
SOS 215	Latin Language	2
SOS 216	Book Reviews	1
OAS 301	Philosophy of Science	2
OAS 311	Marxism	1
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>32</b>

## B. SECOND YEAR OF PHILOSOPHY

THIRD SEMESTER		
COURSE NUMBER	SUBJECTS	CREDITS
OBS 105	Logic: Induction	3
OBS 106	Philosophy of Knowledge	7
OBS 116	History of Modern Western Philosophy	5
OBS 121	Systems of Indian Philosophy	4

OBS 124	Seminar	2
SOS 206	English V: Reflections on Indian Polity	3
SOS 210	Malayalam III: Drama	3
SOS 214	Sanskrit Language	2
OAS 302	Scientific Phenomenology	2
OAS 306	Philosophy of Culture	1
OAS 322	Elective Subjects I	1
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>33</b>

FOURTH SEMESTER		
COURSE NUMBER	SUBJECTS	CREDITS
OBS 109	Philosophy of Religion	3
OBS 117	History of Contemporary Western Philosophy	5
OBS 118	Modern Trends in Western Philosophy	2
OBS 122	Modern Indian Thought	4
OBS 124	Seminar	5
SOS 207	English VI: Evolution of Philosophy of Science	3
SOS 211	Malayalam IV: Writing Skills	3
SOS 212	Hindi Language	1
OAS 194	Philosophy of Informatics	2
OAS 312	Elective Subjects II	1
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>29</b>

### C. THIRD YEAR OF PHILOSOPHY

FIFTH SEMESTER		
COURSE NO.	SUBJECTS	CREDITS
OBS 107	Metaphysics	7
OBS 111	Moral Philosophy	7
OBS 113 B	Philosophy of (Scientific) Cosmology	4
OBS 123	Contemporary Indian Thought	4
OAS 303	Eco-Philosophy	2
OAS 307	General Psychology	2
OAS 308	Abnormal Psychology	1
OAS 310	Gandhian Thought	1
OAS 312	Elective Subjects III	1
SOS 218	Scientific Research Paper	5
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>34</b>

SIXTH SEMESTER		
COURSE NO.	SUBJECTS	CREDITS
OBS 108	Theodicy	7
OBS 110	Philosophy of Human Person	7
OBS 112	Political Philosophy	5
SOS 218	Scientific Research Paper	5
SOS 317	Symposia and Extension Lectures	1
OAS 304	Renaissance Philosophy of Kerala	1
OAS 309	Gospel Values	1
OAS 312	Elective Subjects IV	1
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>28</b>

The three-year curriculum consists of 180 credits which are divided among six semesters and each semester contains 30 credits of subjects. They are distributed as OBS (120 credits), SOS (40 credits) and OAS (20 credits). Thus, OBS constitutes 66.6% of the total subjects (VG Norms of Application article 66 § 1a), SOS constitutes 24. 7% and OAS constitutes 08. 7%.

SEMESTER CURRICULUM FOR TWO-YEAR PHILOSOPHY FOR  
THE GRADUATE AND POST-GRADUATE STUDENTS LEADING TO  
BACCALAUREATE IN PHILOSOPHY

**A. ACCREDITED SUBJECTS**

COURSE NUMBERS	SUBJECTS	INSTITUTION OF LEARNING	CREDITS
SOS 202 – 207	English Language	State-recognized University	18
SOS 208 – 211	Malayalam Language	State-recognized University	12
SOS 212	Hindi Language	Minor Seminary	1
SOS 213	Sanskrit Language	Minor Seminary	2
SOS 214	Syriac Language	Minor Seminary	2
SOS 215	Latin Language	Minor Seminary	2
OAS 307 – 308	Psychology	Minor Seminary	3
<b>Total Credits</b>			<b>40</b>

**B. FIRST YEAR OF PHILOSOPHY FOR GRADUATES**

FIRST SEMESTER		
COURSE NUMBER	SUBJECTS	CREDITS
OBS 101	Introduction to Philosophy	2
OBS 103	Symbolic Logic	3
OBS 109	Philosophy of Religion	3
OBS 113 A	Philosophy of Nature	3
OBS 114	History of Ancient Greek Philosophy	5
OBS 119	Introduction to Indian Philosophy	2

OBS 120	History of Indian Philosophy	4
OBS 124	Seminar	2
SOS 201	Introduction to Scientific Methodology	1
OAS 303	Eco-Philosophy	2
OAS 304	Renaissance Philosophy of Kerala	1
OAS 305	Philosophy of Arts	2
OAS 312	Elective Subjects I	1
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>31</b>

SECOND SEMESTER		
COURSE NUMBER	SUBJECTS	CREDITS
OBS 102	<i>Fides et Ratio</i>	2
OBS 104	Logic: Deduction	5
OBS 106	Philosophy of Knowledge	7
OBS 115	History of Medieval Western Philosophy	5
OBS 116	History of Modern Western Philosophy	5
OBS 121	Systems of Indian Philosophy	4
OBS 124	Seminar	3
OAS 310	Gandhian Thought	1
OAS 311	Marxism	1
OAS 312	Elective Subjects II	1
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>34</b>

### C. SECOND YEAR OF PHILOSOPHY FOR GRADUATES

THIRD SEMESTER		
COURSE NUMBER	SUBJECTS	CREDITS
OBS 105	Logic: Induction	3
OBS 107	Metaphysic	7
OBS 111	Moral Philosophy	7
OBS 117	History of Contemporary Western Philosophy	5
OBS 118	Modern Trends in Western Philosophy	2
OBS 121	Modern Indian Thought	4
OAS 301	Philosophy of Science	2
OAS 302	Scientific Phenomenology	2
OAS 322	Elective Subjects III	1
SOS 218	Scientific Research Paper	5
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>38</b>

FOURTH SEMESTER		
COURSE NUMBER	SUBJECTS	CREDITS
OBS 108	Theodicy	7
OBS 110	Philosophy of Human Person	7
OBS 112	Political Philosophy	5
OBS 113 B	Philosophy of (Scientific) Cosmology	4
OBS 123	Contemporary Indian Thought	4
SOS 216	Book Reviews	1
SOS 217	Symposia and Extension Lectures	1



SOS 218	Scientific Research Paper	5
OAS 305	Philosophy of Culture	1
OAS 309	Gospel Values	1
OAS 312	Elective Subjects IV	1
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>37</b>

The two-year programme, or four semesters for the graduate and the post-graduate students consists of 140 credits of subjects which are divided into Obligatory Basic Subjects, OBS (120 credits) and Optional Additional Subjects, OAS (20 credits). In addition to these 140 credits, there are 40 credits Supplementary Obligatory Subjects, SOS are accredited from the Degree programme of the State recognized universities (which are comparable to the Cycle I level of Ecclesiastical Higher Education system of the Holy See; cfr letter Prot. N. 198/2012) and from the Minor Seminary curriculum of the Syro Malabar Church, in accordance with VG Norms of Application article 66 §1. Thus, OBS constitutes 66.6% of the total subjects (VG Norms of Application article 66 § 1a), OAS constitutes 08.7% and SOS constitutes 24.7%.