

B.Sc. (Physical Sciences/Mathematical Sciences) Semester-IV
with Mathematics as one of the Core Discipline
Category-III

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE – 4 (Discipline A-4): ABSTRACT ALGEBRA

CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
Abstract Algebra	4	3	1	0	Class XII pass with Mathematics	NIL

Learning Objectives: The primary objective of the course is to introduce:

- Modular arithmetic, fundamental theory of groups, rings, integral domains, and fields.
- Symmetry group of a plane figure, and basic concepts of cyclic groups.
- Cosets of a group and its properties, Lagrange’s theorem, and quotient groups.

Learning Outcomes: This course will enable the students to:

- Appreciate ample types of groups present around us which explains our surrounding better, and classify them as abelian, cyclic and permutation groups.
- Explain the significance of the notion of cosets, normal subgroups and homomorphisms.
- Understand the fundamental concepts of rings, subrings, fields, ideals, and factor rings.

SYLLABUS OF DISCIPLINE A-4

UNIT-I: Introduction to Groups (12 hours)

Modular arithmetic; Definition and examples of groups, Elementary properties of groups, Order of a group and order of an element of a group; Subgroups and its examples, Subgroup tests; Center of a group and centralizer of an element of a group.

UNIT-II: Cyclic Groups, Permutation Groups and Lagrange’s Theorem (18 hours)

Cyclic groups and its properties, Generators of a cyclic group; Group of symmetries; Permutation groups, Cyclic decomposition of permutations and its properties, Even and odd

permutations and the alternating group; Cosets and Lagrange's theorem; Definition and examples of normal subgroups, Quotient groups; Group homomorphisms and properties.

UNIT-III: Rings, Integral Domains and Fields (15 hours)

Definition, examples and properties of rings, subrings, integral domains, fields, ideals and factor rings; Characteristic of a ring; Ring homomorphisms and properties.

Essential Reading

1. Gallian, Joseph. A. (2017). Contemporary Abstract Algebra (9th ed.). Cengage Learning India Private Limited, Delhi. Indian Reprint (2021).

Suggestive Reading

- Beachy, John A., & Blair, William D. (2006). Abstract Algebra (3rd ed.). Waveland Press.