A Comprehensive Course in Marxism

Background Readings:

Where Do Correct Ideas Come From? - Mao Tse-tung
On Practice - Mao Tse-tung
On Contradiction - Mao Tse-tung

(All of these are available in 'Five Essays on Philosophy' by Mao Tse-tung)

Part Played by Labour in Transition from Ape to Man - F.Engels
Socialism: Utopian and Scientific - F. Engels
Dialectical Materialism - Adoratsky
Dialectical Materialism - Maurice Cornforth
Communist Manifesto - Marx-Engels
Karl Marx - V.I.Lenin
Three Sources and Three Components... - V.I.Lenin
History of C.P.S.U. (B) - C.P.S.U. (B)

(First of all, complete the first background readings till the article of Lenin, 'Karl Marx'. After that, one can start the beginner level, and the rest of the readings of background section could be completed in between the Trimesters, according to the convenience of the reader. It is instrumental to read the last reading, that is 'History of the C.P.S.U. (B)' before the Third Trimester because, without that it would be difficult to understand the writings of Lenin and Stalin on the question of Party.)

Beginner Level

First Trimester:

Ludwig Feuerbach and the End of Classical German Philosophy - F.Engels
Militant Materialism - G.Plekhanov
Fundamentals of Political Economy (Volume-I) - Shanghai Textbook
Wage, Labour and Capital - Karl Marx
The State - V.I. Lenin
**Second Trimester:**

- Anti-Duhring - F. Engels
- Materialism and Empirio-Criticism - V.I. Lenin
- Wages, Price and Profit - K. Marx
- Imperialism: The Highest Stage of Capitalism - V.I. Lenin
- State and Revolution - V.I. Lenin
- Critique of the Gotha Programme - K. Marx
- Documents of the GPCR - Communist Party of China
- Class Struggles in France: 1848-50 - K. Marx

**Third Trimester:**

- Fundamental Problems of Marxism - G. Plekhanov
- On Practice - Mao Tse-tung
- On the Question of Dialectics - V.I. Lenin
- A Contribution to the Critique of Political Economy - K. Marx
- Proletarian Revolution and Renegade Kautsky - V.I. Lenin
- Fall of the Second International - V.I. Lenin
- What is to be Done? - V.I. Lenin
- Civil War in France - K. Marx

**Intermediate Level**

**Fourth Trimester:**

- On Contradiction - Mao Tse-tung
- Feuerbach. Opposition of the Materialistic and Idealistic Outlook- Marx-Engels
  (in Vol-3 of Selected Works)
- A Contribution to the Critique of Political Economy - K. Marx
- Documents of the Great Debate - C.C.P. and C.P.S.U. (B)
- Preface, 'Class Struggles in the USSR', Vol-1 - Charles Bettelheim
- Economic Problems of Socialism in the USSR - J. Stalin
One Step Forward Two Steps Back - V.I.Lenin
Eighteenth Brumaire of Louise Bonaparte - K.Marx

Fifth Trimester:
Poverty of Philosophy - K.Marx
Dialectics of Nature - F.Engels
Development of Capitalism in Russia - V.I.Lenin
On Proletarian Dictatorship - Marx-Engels-Lenin-Stalin
Cultural Revolution and Industrial Organization in China - Charles Bettelheim (Read particularly critically)
A Critique of Soviet Economics - Mao Tse-tung
The Organization and Structure of the Communist Party - V.I.Lenin
"Left"-wing Communism: An Infantile Disorder - V.I.Lenin
Revolution and Counter-Revolution in Germany - F.Engels

Sixth Trimester:
Economic and Philosophical Manuscripts of 1844 - K.Marx
On Imperialism and Imperialists - V.I.Lenin
Fundamentals of Political Economy (Vol-2) - Shanghai Textbook
On Soviet State Apparatus - V.I.Lenin
Party Work Among Masses - V.I.Lenin
The Basic Understanding of the Communist Party of China - C.C.P.
Peasant War in Germany - F.Engels

Advanced Level

Seventh Trimester:
German Ideology - Marx-Engels
Capital (Vol-I) [from Chapter 1-3] - K.Marx
A Characterization of Economic Romanticism - V.I.Lenin
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**Very Advanced Level**

**Eleventh Trimester:**
After this, one can surf in the sea of Marxist theory as they wish. Our suggestions would be to finish the rest of the Capital, that is, the remaining two volumes, first of all. In philosophy, writings of Althusser, Lukacs and Gramsci can be suggested. In political economy, the debate around the question of Socialist transition between Sweezy, Bettelheim and the debate on the nature of Soviet State and Society between the R. Lotta, Al Szymanski, Sweezy, etc. Apart from that everything can be read! Moreover, even when one has reached the Very Advanced or Advanced level, the classics of Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin and Mao must be read again and again. This is a syllabus in Marxist philosophy, political economy and the question of state, socialism and class struggle. However, there is whole lot of writings of especially Lenin, Stalin and Mao on Marxist politics, military science, etc. that must be read. Moreover, writings of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Mao on Art and Culture. Then, there are writings on science by Marx, Engels, Plekhanov, Lenin, etc and other Marxists.

But one must go through this serial, so that they become a consistent Marxist rather than "Marxologist"!