

Syllabus for M.Phil/Ph.D Course Work
Jadunath Sarkar School of Social Sciences
Assam University, Silchar

Course No : 501

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

(School Level Course)

Full Marks-100

(04 Credits)

- UNIT –I Methods of acquiring knowledge : Traditional, Empirical, Rational, Interpretative, Dialectical and Scientific
- UNIT –II Devices of acquiring knowledge : Assumption, Construct, Law, Theory, Hypothesis, Proposition, Axiom and Postulate
- UNIT-III Types of Research : Basic/Pure research, Applied Research, Action Research, Qualitative and Quantitative research.
- UNIT-IV Research Proposal : Selection of research problem, Statement of research problem, Review of Literature, Formulation of research question, Rationale of study, Objective of Study, Hypothesis, Operational definition of terms, Data and methodology, Scope of research, Preparation of research Report.
- UNIT –V Computer application and Computer knowledge in Social Science Research : Basic concept of Computer, MS-Word application, EXCEL application, Creation of data file, Mathematical function, Logical function, Graph, SPSS application, Data analysis

Reading List.

Pauline V. Young & Calvin F. Schmid, '**Scientific Social Surveys and Research**'. Prentice Hall of India Private Limited, New Delhi, 1975

Chava Frankfort-Nachmias & David Nachmias, '**Research Methods in the Social Sciences**', Arnold, London, 1996.

Janet Buttolph Johnson & Richard A. Joslyn, '**Political Science Research Methods**'. Prentice Hall of India Private Limited, New Delhi, 1989.

C.R. Kothari, '**Research Methodology : Methods and Techniques**', New Age International (p) Limited, New Delhi, 2004

Sanjay Saxena, '**A First Course in Computers**', Vikas publishing House Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi, 2000.

Course No. 502
Historical Methodology

Full Marks : 100

1. Historical Writing : Textbook writing, Article , Monograph, Synthetic works writing, Doctoral research : Definition and distinctions, Define research, difference between research and other writings
2. Sources : Primary and Secondary, Sources of History, Methods of data collection: excavations, inscription, numismatics, manuscripts, literature and folk traditions, ethnographic, field work, archival, newspapers and magazines, films.
3. Use of Data : Traditional methods, Use of technology. Analysis of sources, Classification, Authentication, Verification, Corroboration, Interpretation.
4. Book Review, Literature Review, Proposal Writing
5. Thesis/ report writing ; Referencing, Foot note. End note, Referencing within the text Bibliography, Appendices, Indexing.

Course No. 503

Advances in History

Full Marks-100

- Unit I Concepts : Causation, Interpretation and Generalisation, History, Socioculture and Ideology
- Unit II Ancient History : Archaeology, State formation, Relationship between Museums and History
- Unit III Medieval History : Feudalism, The 18th century debate, Nature of State
- Unit IV Modern History : Imperialism, Colonialism, Nationalism, Communalism, Gender, Marginal Communities
- Unit V Contemporary History : Modern and Contemporary, Modernity and Post-modernity.

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Term Paper

A student admitted into Course Work programme needs to write term paper on a topic relating to the theme of his research under guidance of a teacher