

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
ASSAM UNIVERSITY
SILCHAR-788011, ASSAM, INDIA

INTEGRATED PRE-PHD (IPP) COURSE WORK
FOR
M PHIL AND PH D PROGRAMMES

DURATION: ONE SEMESTER

COURSE STRUCTURE

IPP 501: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY
(INTER-SCHOOL LEVEL COURSE)
IPP 502: PHILOSOPHY AND TECHNIQUES OF SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH
(INTER-DEPARTMENTAL LEVEL COURSE)
IPP 503: THEORETICAL ORIENTATIONS IN SOCIOLOGICAL ANALYSIS
(DEPARTMENTAL LEVEL COURSE)
IPP 504: TERM PAPER
(RESEARCH AREA SPECIFIC COURSE)

IIP 501: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY
(INTER-SCHOOL LEVEL COURSE)

Full Marks-100
Pass Marks- 55 for Ph D
50 for M Phil

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.

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, research question, operational definition of terms, data and methodology, scope of research, organisation of study

Unit V

Preparation of report: Step in report writing, characteristics of a good research report, use of research report

READING LIST

Research Methods in Social Sciences – P.K. Mazumder
Research Methods for Cultural Studies – Pickering, Edinburg
Scientific Social Surveys and Research –P.V. Young, Prentice Hall
Standard Encyclopedia of Philosophy

IPP 502: METHODS OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
(INTER DEPARTMENT LEVEL COURSE)

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Unit I

Social Science: Nature and general overview, Classical Positivism, Marx and Winch's thesis

Unit II

Social Research: Values and objectivity in Social Research: Relevance of Theory, History and Theory

Unit III

Social Science Explanation: Behaviouralism, Marxism, Weber's Thesis, Structuralism, Functionalism, Analysis of methods of Karl Popper and Thomas Kuhn

Unit IV

Social Science Research: Principles and Techniques, Selection and formulation of research problem, hypothesis, sources of data, archival research, collection and analysis of data, report writing, preparation of bibliography, applied social research

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, Create Data File, Data Analysis

READING LIST

1. Bottomore and Ruble: Karl Marx: Selected Writing in Sociology and Social Philosophy
2. Bose, Pradip Kumar : Research Methodology (ICSSR, New Delhi,1995)
3. Brodbeck, M. 'Models, Meaning and Theories' Symposium on Sociological Theories, C.W. Churchman and P. Ratoosh
4. Domley, David: Social Research Methods, New Delhi, Prentice Hall.
5. Goode W.J. & P.F. Hatt. Methods in Social Research, New York, Mc. Graw Hill 1952
6. Hempel, Carl: 'Problems of Concept and Theory Formation in Social Sciences' in Science, Language and Human Rights
7. Kothari, C.R. Research Methodology, New Delhi, Viswa Prakashan
8. Mukherjee, P.N. (ed.) Methodology in Social Research Dilemmas and Perspectives, New Delhi, Sage
9. Popper K.R. The Logic of Scientific Conjection and Refutations
10. Thomas Kahm : Structure of Scientific Revolution (University of Chicago Press, Chicago, 1970)
11. Rudner, R.S. Philosophy of Social Science
12. Weber Marx: The Methodology of Social Science
13. Winch, Peter: The Idea of a Social Science
14. Von Wright: Explanation and Understanding
15. Young P.V.: Scientific Social Survey and Research, New Delhi

IPP 503: THEORETICAL ORIENTATION IN SOCIOLOGICAL ANALYSIS
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Unit I

Marxist Sociology

Imperialism (V.I. Lenin), Structural Marxism (Louis Althusser), Origin, growth and dissolution of Marxism (Kolakowski)

Critical appraisal of Marxist Sociology (Ralf Dahrendorf and Karl R. Popper)

Frankfurt School and critical theory (Adorno, C.W. Mills, Herbert Marcuse)

Unit II

Sociology of Knowledge

Phenomenology and ethno-methodology (Husserl Alfred Shutz and Harold Garfinkel)

Social construction of reality (Peter L. Berger)

Unit III

Structuralism

Theory of Structuration (Levi Strauss, Anthony Giddens)

Post-Structuralism (M Foucault)

Unit IV

Recent Contribution in Sociological Theory

Theory of communicative action (Habermas)

Neo-functionalism (Jeffery C. Alexander)

Unit V

Recent Development in Sociological Theory

Debate on Post-Modernism

Debate on Globalisation

Debate on Information Society

READING LIST

Zetlin, Irving M. (1996) Rethinking Sociology: A Critique of Contemporary Theory, Jaipur Rawat Publications

Wallace, Ruth A and Wolf Alison (1986) Contemporary Sociological Theory, Prentice Hall Inc

Alexander, Jeffery C, (1985) Neo-functionalism, New Delhi: Sage Publication

Habermas, J,(1981) Theory of Communicative Action, Boston: Beacon

Bottomore, I.R. (1984) Frankfurt School, Routledge

Lash, Scott (1990) Sociology of Post-modernism, Routledge

Berger, Peter L and I.Lucknam (1967) Social Construction of Reality, New York: Doubleday

Ritzer (1995) Contemporary Sociological Theory, New Delhi: Ta 13 McGraw Hill

Popper, Karl R. (1945) Open Society and its Enemies, London: Routledge & Kegan Paul
Giddens, Anthony (1979) Central Problems in Social Theory, London, Macmillan
Bronner, S.E. and D.M. Kellner(1989) Critical Theory and Society : A Reader, New York, Routledge
O'Neil, John (1994) Poverty of Post-modernism, New York, Routledge
Dean, Mitchell (1994) Critical and Effective Histories, New York, Routledge
Bryant, Christopher and David Jary (1990) Gidden's Theory of Structuralism, Routledge

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A student admitted to Integrated Pre-Ph.D (IPP) programme needs to write a term paper on a topic relating to any of the following themes under guidance of a teacher

1. Sociology of Development
2. Women and Society
3. Environment and Society
4. Education and Society
5. Law and Social Change
6. Professions and Professionalism
7. Media, Society and Culture
8. Science, Technology and Society
9. Language, Art and Culture
10. Dalit Studies in India
11. Globalisation and Society
12. Sociology of Health