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Memo No. CL/ 245 /2024-25/(RPE)   **Date. 01 July 2024**

Notice

Special Class Paper – IV (Research and Publication Ethics) for the year 2024.

This is to notify for all concerned that, the special class for the Research & Publication Ethics (RPE) – Paper – IV, as general paper for the entitled admitted candidates of PhD course work during the session 2023-24, is scheduled to be held on blended mode during **11-12 July 2024, from 2.30pm to 5.30pm on hybrid mode.**

Candidates willing to attend the class physically are requested to come at the Conference Hall, Central Library and those who willing to join from remote location may join through the given Zoom Meeting link with strong network connectivity.

Join Zoom Meeting
https://zoom.us/j/91967215316?pwd=bWLYKaQsGNGlCUIZ9a4eazPpZFsq65.1

Meeting ID: 919 6721 5316, **Pass code:** 111207

This may please be noted that attendance for attaining examination will be based on the university general examination rules. Candidates those are joining through online are requested to join with their full name (as mentioned during form fill-up for admission) latest by 10 minutes from the starting and will further check for continuous staying at 5.50pm onwards to capture the attendance rightly.

Those are having low attendance; they have the scope to make-up through these special classes.

Question pattern, full marks, marks distribution for examination, everything will be discussed during the class.

All the Principals, HODs are requested to communicate the message among the intending candidates and make them enable to attend the classes as noted above.

The notice with syllabus is annexed in the next page.

Course Co-ordinator and
Librarian, Visva-Bharati

Course title: **Research and Publication ethics (RPE)**
Course Code – **CPE-RPE**
For the session **– 2023-24**
Proposed Routine (may be changed in reality to comply with the situation)

Date	Name of the Teachers with time	
11/07/2024 (Thursday)	TKD (2.30pm-4.30pm)	NCS (4.30pm – 5.30pm)
12/07/2024 (Friday)	TKD (2.30pm-4.30pm)	NCS (4.30pm – 5.30pm)

TKD – Dr. Tapas Kumar Das, Deputy Librarian and In-charge, Kala Bhavana Library. (Topics - Best practices / standards setting initiatives and guidelines: COPE, WAME; SHERPA/RoMEO online resource to check: publishers copyright & self-archiving policies; Software tool to identify predatory publications developed by SPPU; and Journal finder / journal suggestion tools viz. JANE, Elsevier Journal Finder, Springer Journal Suggester, etc.). **RPE:03 – 2 and 04: 2 – 4.**

NCS – Dr. Nimai Chand Saha, Librarian, Visva-Bharati. (Topics – Over all discussion and Interaction based on the earlier classes

UGC regulations and University guidelines, available through the link -
(https://visvabharati.ac.in/files/965231221_UniversityPlagiarismPolicy231221.pdf).

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Librarian, Visva-Bharati

Note: Regarding submission of Assignment for Internal Assessment;

Cover Page: This page having a heading "Research Proposal submitted for Internal marks for the Paper – IV (Research Publication Ethics) for PhD Course Work for the session 2023-24" and then this may contains, proposed Title of the Research Proposal, Name of the candidate, Department, Bhavana, Exam Roll No. and or Registration No. and or Student ID Number (as convenient and available) and date of submission.

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D.O.No.F.1-1/2018(Journal/CARE)   December, 2019

Respected Sir/Madam,

University Grants Commission in its 543rd meeting held on 9th August, 2019 approved two Credit Courses for awareness about publication ethics and publication misconducts entitled **"Research and Publication Ethics (RPE)"** to be made compulsory for all Ph.D. students for pre-registration course work (**attached as Annexure**).

In view of the above, you are requested to ensure that the above two Credit courses may be made compulsory for all Ph.D. students for pre-registration course work undertaken in your University from the forthcoming academic session.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Rajnish Jain)

TO THE VICE-CHANCELLORS OF ALL UNIVERSITIES

Course Title:

- **Research and Publication Ethics (RPE)**-Course for awareness about the publication ethics and publication misconducts.

Course Level:

- 2 Credit course (30 hrs.)

Eligibility:

- M.Phil., Ph.D. students and interested faculty members (It will be made available to post graduate students at later date)

Fees:

- As per University Rules

Faculty:

- Interdisciplinary Studies

Qualifications of faculty members of the course:

- Ph.D. in relevant subject areas having more than 10 years' of teaching experience

About the course

Course Code: CPE- RPE

Overview
- This course has total 6 units focusing on basics of philosophy of science and ethics, research integrity, publication ethics. Hands-on-sessions are designed to identify research misconduct and predatory publications. Indexing and citation databases, open access publications, research metrics (citations, h-index, Impact Factor, etc.) and plagiarism tools will be introduced in this course.

Pedagogy:

- Class room teaching, guest lectures, group discussions, and practical sessions.

Evaluation

- Continuous assessment will be done through tutorials, assignments, quizzes, and group discussions. Weightage will be given for active participation. Final written examination will be conducted at the end of the course.

Course structure

- The course comprises of six modules listed in table below. Each module has 4-5 units.

Modules	Unit title	Teaching hours
Theory		
RPE 01	Philosophy and Ethics	4
RPE 02	Scientific Conduct	4
RPE 03	Publication Ethics	7
Practice		
RPE 04	Open Access Publishing	4
RPE 05	Publication Misconduct	4
RPE 06	Databases and Research Metrics	7
	Total	30

Syllabus in detail

THEORY

- ### RPE 01: PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS (3 hrs.)

    1. Introduction to philosophy: definition, nature and scope, concept, branches
    2. Ethics: definition, moral philosophy, nature of moral judgements and reactions

- ### RPE 02: SCIENTIFICCONDUCT (5hrs.)

    1. Ethics with respect to science and research
    2. Intellectual honesty and research integrity
    3. Scientific misconducts: Falsification, Fabrication, and Plagiarism (FFP)
    4. Redundant publications: duplicate and overlapping publications, salami slicing
    5. Selective reporting and misrepresentation of data

- ### RPE 03: PUBLICATION ETHICS (7 hrs.)

    1. Publication ethics: definition, introduction and importance
    2. Best practices / standards setting initiatives and guidelines: COPE, WAME, etc.
    3. Conflicts of interest
    4. Publication misconduct: definition, concept, problems that lead to unethical behavior and vice versa, types
    5. Violation of publication ethics, authorship and contributorship
    6. Identification of publication misconduct, complaints and appeals
    7. Predatory publishers and journals

PRACTICE

- ### RPE 04: OPEN ACCESS PUBLISHING(4 hrs.)

    1. Open access publications and initiatives

2. SHERPA/RoMEO online resource to check publisher copyright & self-archiving policies
3. Software tool to identify predatory publications developed by SPPU
4. Journal finder / journal suggestion tools viz. JANE, Elsevier Journal Finder, Springer Journal Suggester, etc.

- ## RPE 05: PUBLICATION MISCONDUCT (4hrs.)

  ### A. Group Discussions (2 hrs.)

    1. Subject specific ethical issues, FFP, authorship
    2. Conflicts of interest
    3. Complaints and appeals: examples and fraud from India and abroad

  ### B. Software tools (2 hrs.)

  Use of plagiarism software like Turnitin, Urkund and other open source software tools

- ## RPE 06: DATABASES AND RESEARCH METRICS (7hrs.)

  ### A. Databases (4 hrs.)
    1. Indexing databases
    2. Citation databases: Web of Science, Scopus, etc.

  ### B. Research Metrics (3 hrs.)
    1. Impact Factor of journal as per Journal Citation Report, SNIP, SJR, IPP, Cite Score
    2. Metrics: h-index, g index, i10 index, altmetrics

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