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VIDYA-BHAVANA

PH.D. COURSE WORK SYLLABUS

PHILOSOPHY

2025 - 26

VISVA-BHARATI

SANTINIKETAN
WEST BENGAL, INDIA

GENERAL STRUCTURE OF THE SYLLABUS

Paper Code	Paper Name	Credit
COURSE - 1	Research Methodology and Techniques	4
COURSE - 2	Elective Course- Philosophy	4
COURSE - 3	Reviewing of Published Research Work & Presentation of Synopsis	4
COURSE - 4	Research Publication Ethics	2

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SYLLABUS FOR PH.D. COURSE WORK IN PHILOSOPHY**

COURSE – 1

COURSE CODE: COURSE - 1	COURSE TITLE: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY AND TECHNIQUES	
COURSE CREDIT: 4	TOTAL CONTACT HOURS: 104	TYPE OF COURSE: CORE
TOTAL ASSESSMENT MARKS: 100	INTERNAL MARKS: 20	END SEMESTER MARKS: 80

COURSE OBJECTIVES:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To make the students to know the need, scope and challenges of research 2. To introduce the students a systematic method of data collection and sampling method 3. To familiarize the students with modern techniques of data analysis and interpretation 4. To teach the students to prepare a systematic method of report writing and use of MS Word 5. To help the students to be familiar with different kind of citations and references

SL. No.	CONTENT OF COURSE
1.	Foundation of Research – Definition and Importance of Research; Types of Research and Methods of Research
2.	Review of Literature - Definition and Importance; Literature Search Procedure; Sources of Literature
3.	Planning of Research – Selection of a research Problem; Formulation of the Selected Problem; Formulating Research Question, Objectives and Hypothesis of Research
4.	Data Collection – Definition and Importance; Types of Data Collection; Method for Collecting Qualitative Data; Method for Collecting Quantitative Data
5.	Sampling Method – Sampling Methods; Sample Design; Sample Size
6.	Data Analysis and Interpretation - Types and Methods of Data Analysis; Qualitative and Quantitative Data Analysis; Techniques of Data Analysis; Data Interpretation
7.	Techniques of Report Writing – Preliminary Stage of Report Writing; Process of Report Writing; Finishing Works of Report Writing; Use of MS Word in Report Writing
8.	Citations and References – Chicago Style of Foot Note and End Note Citations; In-text Citation; Chicago and APA Styles of Bibliography; Webliography

SUGGESTED READINGS	
1.	Bhakar, Sher Singh. (Ed.). (2015). <i>A Hand Book on Writing Research Paper in Social Sciences</i> . Bharti Publications.
2.	Billups, Felice D. (2019). <i>Qualitative Data Collection Tools: Design, Development, and Applications</i> . Sage Publications, Inc.
3.	Bora, Pranjal. (2023). <i>A Concise Book on Research Methodology and Research and Publication Ethics</i> . Notion Press.
4.	Bordens, K. S. And Abbott, B. B. (2011). <i>Research Design and Methods - A Process Approach</i> . Mcgraw-Hill.
5.	Henn, M Mark. (2006). <i>A Short Introduction to Social Research</i> . Vistaar Publications.
6.	Jones, Herbert. (2020). <i>Data Analytics: An Essential Beginner's Guide to Data Mining, Data Collection, Big Data Analytics for Business, and Business Intelligence Concepts</i> . Bravex Publications.

7.	Kothari, C. R. (2014). <i>Research Methodology – Methods and Techniques</i> . New Age Publications.
8.	Krishnaswami, O. R. (2001). <i>Methodology of Research in Social Sciences</i> . Himalaya Publishing House.
9.	Kumar, Renjith. (2009). <i>Research Methodology: A Step-by-Step Guide for Research</i> . Pearson Education.
10.	Kundan, K. (2012). <i>Data Interpretation</i> . BSC Publishing Co. Pvt. Ltd.
11.	Mullar, Jake. (2014). <i>Writing in the Social Sciences: A Guide for Term Papers and Book Reviews</i> . Oxford University Press.

COURSE - 2

COURSE CODE: COURSE - 2	COURSE TITLE: Elective Course- Philosophy	
COURSE CREDIT: 4 (FOUR)	TOTAL CONTACT HOURS:	TYPE OF COURSE: THEORY
TOTAL MARKS: 100	INTERNAL MARKS: 20	END SEMESTER MARKS: 80

The present course contains a total of sixteen (16) topics (of 1 credit each), out of which four (4) topics will be taught for each PhD coursework semester.

SL. No.	CONTENT OF COURSE	CONT. HRS.
1.	Philosophy of Class, Caste, and Race (any one module from s. no. 1 of the suggested readings)	
2.	Theodore Adorno: Culture Industry	
3.	Critique of Marxism: Popper and Sartre	
4.	Chisholm's Solution of Gettier Problem	
5.	Sriharsa on Defining Prama	
6.	Philosophy of Thirukkural – Aram/Pourl/Inbam	
7.	Feminist Thought and Issues: Definition and Expressions of Sex and Gender, Feminist Theories, Contemporary Contestation	
8.	Critical Rationalism: The Quandaries of Panrationalism, Distinction Between Justification and Criticism, Nonjustificational Criticism	
9.	Philosophy and Wellbeing	
10.	Theory of Justice: Popper and Amartya Sen	
11.	The Notion of <i>Adhyas</i> in Shankara Vedanta (Introduction to the Bramhasutra Bhasya): The Theories of Error, The Nature of Knowledge	
12.	Buddhist Metaphysical Issues	
13.	Moral Dilemmas in <i>Mahabharata</i>	
14.	Law and Morality	
15.	Indian Theories of Error	
16.	Feminist Research Methodology: Difference between Feminist Research and Traditional Research, Limitations of Social Science Research in Women's Issues, Feminist Standpoint, Ethnography, Queer.	

SUGGESTED READINGS

1.	<p>For Sl. No. 1:</p> <p>a) Hegel and Karl Marx: Dialectics Text: i) McLellan, David. (1970). <i>The Young Hegelians and Karl Marx</i>. London: Macmillan. ii) McLellan, David. (1986). <i>The Thought of Karl Marx.</i>, London: Macmillan.</p> <p>b) Babasaheb Ambedkar: Hindu Code Bill Debate – Statement on Resignation Text: i) Ambedkar, B. R. (2014). <i>Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Writings and Speeches</i> (Vol. XIV (2)). (V. Moon, Ed.) New Delhi: Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. ii) Ambedkar, B. R. (2020). <i>A Stake in the Nation: Selected Speeches</i>, New Delhi: Navayana.</p> <p>c) Babasaheb Ambedkar: Hindu Social Order – Free Social Order Text:</p>
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	<p>Ambedkar, B. R. (2014). <i>Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Writings and Speeches</i> (Vol. III). (V. Moon, Ed.) New Delhi: Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.</p> <p>d) E. V. R. Periyar: Self Respect – Self Respect Marriage Text: i) E.V.Ramasamy, P. (2016). <i>Collected Works of Periyar E. V. Ramasamy</i>. (K. Veeramani, Ed.) Chennai: The Periya Self Respect Institution ii) Geetha, V. (2015). <i>Self-Respect Marriage</i>. New Delhi: Critical Quest</p> <p>e) Jotirao Phule: Slavery and Caste Text: Phule, Jotirao Govindrao (1991). <i>Slavery</i>. (P. G. Patil, Tr.) Bombay: Education Department, Government of Maharashtra</p> <p>f) Iyothee Thassar: Tamil Buddhism and Casteless Society Text: Aloysius, G. (2010). <i>Iyothee Thassar and Tamizhan</i>. New Delhi: Critical Quest.</p> <p>g) Angela Y. Davis: Women, Race and Class Text: Davis, Angela Y. (2011). <i>Women, Race and Class</i>. New Delhi: Navayana.</p>
2.	<p>For Sl. No. 2:</p> <p>i) Adorno, Theodor. (2002). <i>The Culture Industry: Enlightenment as Mass Deception</i>, in Max Horkheimer and Theodor W. Adorno, Edmund Jephcott (Tr.), <i>Dialectic of Enlightenment</i>, , Stanford: Stanford University Press.</p> <p>ii) ---. (2001). <i>Culture Industry Reconsidered</i>. In Theodor W. Adorno, J.M. Bernstein (Ed.), <i>The Culture Industry – Selected Essays on Mass Culture</i>. London: Routledge.</p>
3.	<p>For Sl. No. 3:</p> <p>i) Popper, K.R. (1944/1994). <i>The Poverty of Historicism</i>, UK: Routledge. (Selections)</p> <p>ii) Sartre, J.P. (1963). <i>The Problem of Method</i>, translated from the French with an introduction by Hazel E. Barnes, London: Methuen. (Selections)</p>
4.	<p>For Sl. No. 4:</p> <p>i) Chisholm, R. (1977/1994). <i>Theory of Knowledge</i>, 3rd Edition, Printice-Hall: India. (Selections)</p>
5.	<p>For Sl. No. 5:</p> <p>i) Jha, Navikanta (ed.) (1970). <i>Khandanakhandakhadya</i> of Sriharsa with the <i>Sankari commentary</i> by Mm Sankara Misra, and <i>Tattvabodhini Hindi Commentary</i> of Swami Hanumandasji Satsastri (Varanasi: The Chowkhamba Series).</p>
6.	<p>For Sl. No. 6:</p> <p>i) Gopalan, S. (1935). <i>The Social Philosophy of Tirukkural</i>. Affiliated East-West Press Pvt. Ltd;</p> <p>ii) Krishnaswami, O. R. (2004). <i>The Wisdom of Thirukkural: A Guide to living</i>. Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan;</p> <p>iii) Perumal, V. (1989). <i>Educational Philosophy of Thiruvalluvar</i>. Panpagam;</p> <p>iv) Drew, W. H. and Lazarus, J. (2007). <i>Thirukkural</i>, trans. Asian Educational Services.</p>
7.	<p>For Sl. No. 7:</p> <p>i) Rahman, J. <i>Gender and Sexuality</i>, New York: Polity;</p> <p>ii) Shaw, S. & Lee, J. (2014) <i>Women's Voices, Feminist Vision: Classic and Contemporary Readings</i> (6th ed.). New York: McGraw Hill;</p> <p>iii) Tongson, (1999) <i>Introduction to Relocations: Queer Suburban Imaginaries</i> Warner, "The Ethics of Sexual Shame," from <i>The Trouble with Normal</i>;</p> <p>iv) Vanita, R. (2001) <i>Queering India</i>;</p> <p>v) Walby, S. (1997) <i>Gender Transformation</i>, Psychology Press;</p> <p>vi) Stone, Alison. (2007), <i>An Introduction to Feminist Philosophy</i>, Polity Press;</p> <p>vii) Desai N and Krishnaraj, M. (1987), <i>Women and Society in India</i>, Ajantha Publications, New Delhi;</p>

	viii) Tong, R. (2009) <i>Feminist Thought: A More Comprehensive Introduction</i> . United States of America: Westview Press.
8.	For Sl. No. 8: i) Bartley, W. W. (1984). <i>The Retreat to Commitment</i> . La Salle: Open Court Publishing Company; ii) Bartley, W. W. (1982). "Critical Study: The Philosophy of Karl Popper, Part III: Rationality, Criticism, and Logic" <i>Philosophia</i> , 11, 121–221; iii) Miller, D. W. (2008). "Overcoming the Justificationist Addiction", <i>Studia Philosophica Wratislaviensia</i> , 3 (1), pp. 9–18; iv) Popper, K.R. (1960). "On the Sources of Knowledge and of Ignorance", <i>Proceedings of the British Academy</i> , 33-71; v) Popper, K.R. (1985). <i>Realism and the Aim of Science</i> , Routledge (Taylor & Francis Group).
9.	For Sl. No. 9: i) Nussbaum, M. C. and Sen, A. (eds) (1993). <i>The Quality of Life</i> , Oxford: Clarendon Press (selections) ii) Sen, A. (1987). <i>On Ethics and Economics</i> , Oxford and New York: Basil Blackwell. (selections)
10.	For Sl. No. 10: i) Popper, K.R. (1944/1994). <i>The Poverty of Historicism</i> , UK: Routledge. (Selections) ii) Popper, K.R. (1945/1995). <i>The Open Society and Its Enemies</i> , Volume I & II, Routledge. (Selections) iii) Sen, A. (2010). <i>The Idea of Justice</i> , Penguin Books: London. (Selections)
11.	For Sl. No. 11: i) The Brahmasūtra Bhāṣya of Śaṅkarācārya (Latest Edition), Translation: Swami Gambhirananda, Advaita Ashrama, Kolkata
12.	For Sl. No. 12: i) Katsura, S. and Siderites, M. (2013). <i>Nagarjuna Middle Way – Mulamadhyamakakārikā</i> . Wisdom Publication. ii) Garfield, J. (1995). <i>Fundamental Wisdom of the Middle Way</i> , OUP. iii) Siderits, Marks. (2007). <i>Buddhism as Philosophy</i> . Ashgate Publishing Limited. iv) Mukherjee, Satkari, (1935). <i>The Buddhist Philosophy of Universal Flux</i> . University of Calcutta. v) Ronkin, Noa, (2005). <i>Early Buddhist Metaphysics</i> . Routledge. vi) Siderites, M. (2003). <i>Personal Identity and Buddhist Philosophy</i> . Ashagata Publishing Company
13.	For Sl. No. 13: i) Matilal, B. K. (Ed.). (1989). <i>Moral Dilemmas in the Mahābhārata</i> . Motilal Banarasidass. ii) Ganeri, J. (Ed). (2002). <i>Ethics and Epics: Collected Essays of Bimal Krishna Matilal</i> . Oxford.
14.	For Sl. No. 14: i) Edlin, Douglas E. (2016). <i>Common Law Judging – Subjectivity, Impartiality and the Making of Law</i> . University of Michigan Press. ii) Murphy, Liam. (2014). <i>What Makes Law</i> . Cambridge University Press.
15.	For Sl. No. 15: i) Gautam, <i>Nyāyasūtra</i> with <i>Vātsyāyana Bhāṣya</i> (selections); ii) Bhaṭṭa Jayanta, <i>Nyāyamañjarī</i> (selections); iii) Dharmarajādharindra, <i>Vedānta Paribhāṣā</i> (selections).; iv) Rao, Srinivasa, (1998). <i>Perceptual Error: The Indian Theories</i> , University of Hawai 'I Press'; v) Kar Bijayananda, (September 1980), <i>The theories of error in Indian Philosophy</i> , BRILL.
16.	For Sl. No. 16: (Selections from the following) i) Babbie, E. (1979). <i>The Practice for Social Research</i> . Bombay: Himalaya Publishing House. ii) Eichler, M. (1991). <i>Non-Sexist Research Methods: A Practical Guideline</i> . Routledge Chapman & Hall.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iii) Harding, S. (1987). <i>Feminism and Methodology: Social Science Issues "ed"</i>. Indiana UP: Bloomington. iv) Hatt, G. a. (1952). <i>Methods in Social Research</i> . Bombay: MacGraw Hill. v) Holland, C. R. (2003). <i>Feminist Methodology, Challenges and Choices</i>. New Delhi: Sage Publications. vi) Kothari, C. (1995). <i>Research Methodology: Methods and Techniques</i>. New Delhi: Willey Fastern LTD. vii) Krishanaraj, M. (1985). <i>Evolving New Methodologies in Research on Women's Studies</i> . Bombay: SNDT Women's University. viii) Mohanty, C. T. (2003). <i>Feminism without Borders: Decolonizing Therory, Practicing Solidarity</i> . Durham; London:Duke University Press. ix) Roberts, H. (1984). <i>Doing Feminist Research"ed"</i>. London: Rutledge and Kegan Paul.
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