

Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh University, Aligarh (U.P.)

Structure of Syllabus for Pre-Ph.D. Course Work

According to New Education Policy 2020

Programme : Pre-Ph.D. Course Work, Subject : Sociology

Session 2025-26

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According to Ph.D. Ordinance 2024

Syllabus for Pre-Ph.D. Course in Sociology (2025-26)

Sub.	Title of the Course	Credit	Maximum Marks		Total
			Theory	Internal Assessment	
SOC	Research Methodology	4	75	25	100
SOC	Subject Specific Course	4	75	25	100



Course -- PH.D.Coursework

Subject -- Sociology

Paper -- II

Paper title -- Research Methodology

Credits: 4

Max Marks: 100

Course Outcome- Scholars will be able to:

- Develop comprehensive understanding of research process and Research methods.
- Use tools and techniques of Data collection
- Analyse data using statistical techniques.
- Develop skills in academic writing and presentation.

Unit I: Foundation of Research--

- Meaning and objectives of Research
- Types of research and methods of Research
- Criteria of a good Research
- Qualitative and Quantitative Research
- Problems encountered by researchers in India.

Unit II: Planning of Research--

- Selection of Research problem and techniques involved in defining it.
- Need and significance of reviewing literature
- Developing a Research proposal and preparation of synopsis
- Research process and Research Design - Types of Research design
- Hypothesis formation and Testing of Hypothesis
- Research variables

Unit III: Sampling and Methods of Data Collection--

- Census and sampling method
- Universe of study, sample design, and pilot study
- Types of sampling methods and criteria for selecting a technique for sampling
- Sources of data: Primary and Secondary
- Tools and techniques: Observation, schedule, questionnaire, case study, interview, and content analysis and use of digital database.
- Survey Method

Unit IV: Data Analysis and Presentation--

- Classification and tabulation of data
 - Statistical Analysis: Measures of Central tendency and Correlational Analysis, Test of significance,
 - Scaling techniques and graphic presentation of data
 - PowerPoint presentation
 - Thesis and research paper writing: Referencing style and Preparation of Bibliography
 - Use of computers in Social Science research (specifically SPSS)
- Suggested readings--

Books Recommended

- Ahuja, Ram (2001), Reserch Methods, Delhi: Rawat Publications.
- Bailey, Kenneth D. (1982), Method of Social Research, New York: The Free Press, Second Edition.
- Blalock, Hubert M. (1970), Social Statistics. New York: Tata Mc-Graw-Hill.
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- Gupta, S.P. (2002), Statistical Methods, New Delhi: Sultan Chand and Sons Publication.
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- Seltiz, Claire et al (1959), Research Methods in Social Relation, New York: Henry Holt and Co.
- Srinivas, M.N. and A.M. Shah (1979), Fieldworker and The Field, New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
- Thakur, Devender (2003), Research Methodology in Social Science, New Delhi: Deep and Deep Publications Pvt. Ltd.
- Wilkinson, T.S. and Bhandarkar, P.L. (1984) Methodology & Techniques of Social Research, Bombay, Himalaya Publishing House.
- Young, P.V. (1988), Scientific Social Surveys and Research, New Delhi Prentice Hall.

Paper- III

Paper --Subjective Specific Course – Sociology

Credit: 4

Max Marks: 100

Course Outcomes: The scholar will be able to:

- develop advanced understanding of sociological theories relevant to research.
- familiarize with contemporary issues and emerging areas of research in sociology.
- critically engage scholars with the philosophical approaches while doing research.

I- Philosophical Roots and Approaches-

- Epistemological Issues: Types of knowledge. Philosophy of Social Science: Enlightenment, reason and science
- Cartesian Philosophy: Structure of scientific revolution (Kuhn). Positivism and its Critiques
- Karl Mannheim, Karl Popper, C. Wright Mills.
- Ethnomethodology, Phenomenology. Hermeneutics,
- Social Construction of Reality: Peter Berger and Luckmann

II- Contemporary Sociological Perspectives:

- Structural Functionalism.
- Interactionist perspective.
- Conflict and Critical Theory
- Feminist perspective
- Postmodern Perspective.

III- Indian Sociological Traditions

- Indological Perspective.
- Structural Functional Perspective
- Marxist Perspective
- Subaltern Perspective

IV- Contemporary Issues and Emerging Areas in Sociology

- Gender and Society
 - Social Problems, and Environmental issues
 - Sociology of Health
 - Urbanization & Migration.
 - Globalization and social development .
 - Study of Weaker Sections
 - Study of Rural Society.
- Suggested readings-

Books Recommended

- Abraham (2001), M. Francis : Modern Sociology Theory, An Introduction, Kolkata, Oxford University Press.
- Cohen, Percy S. (1968) : Modern Social Theory, New York, Basic Books
(1994) The Polity Reader in Social Theory, Cambridge, Polity Press.
- Desai, Neera and Maithryi Krishna Raj (1987) : Women and Society in India, Delhi Ajanta Publication.
- Desai, Neera and Thakkar Usha (2001) : Women in Indian Society, New Delhi, National Book Trust.
- Desai, A.R. (1979) : Peasant Struggle in India, Bombay : Oxford University Press.
- Giddens, Anthony (1996) : Capitalism & Modern Social Theory
Cambridge, Cambridge, University Press.
- Rao, M.S. (2000) : Social Movement in India, Delhi, Manohar Publication.
- Redfield, Robert (1956) : Peasant Society and Culture, Chicago : Chicago University Press.
- Shah, Ghanshyam et.al. (2006) : Untouchability in Rural India, Delhi : Sage Publication.
- Sharma, K.L. (1997) : Rural Society in India, New Delhi : Rawat Publication.
- Thorner, D and Alice Thorner (1962) : Land and Labour in India, Bombay : Asia Publishing House.