Pre-Ph. D. Course Work
Syllabus
(2015 onwards)

Department of
Modern Indian Languages and Literary Studies
Faculty of Arts, University of Delhi
Delhi - 110007
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Preamble

The Department of Modern Indian Languages and Literary Studies, University of Delhi, offers Ph. D. Programmes in Indian Languages, Literatures, Comparative Indian Literature being its major investigation area and Culture, including the ethnic culture of India. Hence the programme is inter-disciplinary in nature and carried in a comparative perspective. Keeping the importance of research in present scenario and to enhance the quality of research the syllabus for the Course Work, named as the Pre-Ph. D. Course Work, as a pre-requisite to continue with the programme in the department, has been redesigned. The programme aims at facilitating research students joining the programme from the current academic year (2015-16) in many ways, which are essential in any kind of quality research. The course further aims at familiarizing the perspectives, pedagogy and their implications in various areas of investigations.

As per the university ordinance and new guidelines, the research scholars who are provisionally registered under the Ph. D. Programme will have to undergo a Pre-Ph. D Coursework.

Admission to the Programme: As per Delhi University Ordinance

Number of Seats: As per the vacancy every year

The course aims at developing the following skills:

- investigation
- evaluation
- reasoning
- comprehension
- analysis
- writing
- editing, proof reading and designing

Programme Structure

The Pre-Ph.D course work shall comprise of Two Semesters (i.e. one Year) in which there shall be four compulsory papers:
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a. Medium of instruction: **English** except Paper- IV where the student can exercise the choice between English and an Indian language, taught in the department, on which he/she plans to work and write thesis.

b. Each paper will be of **6 hours** instruction/studies per week.

c. The student shall be evaluated at the end of each semester. Total marks for Semester I is 200 (Paper I- 100 marks, Paper II- 100 marks) and Semester II is 200 (Paper III-100 marks and Paper IV-100 marks). **Pass marks is 50% in each paper.** If a student is not able to complete a course with 50% marks, the student shall be allowed to reappear only once in the examination in the subsequent academic year (As per the ordinance).

d. The respective supervisors during Semester II will conduct the course in the concerned area of research. The supervisor will submit a detailed plan and evaluation scheme to the DRC for approval.
e. The respective faculty, teaching the Pre-Ph. D. Course and the concerned supervisor, will provide the reading list that will vary as per the topic of research.

f. It is mandatory that each research scholar will do a paper presentation pertaining to his/her research in Semesters I and II (Total 2 paper presentations needed).

g. The final research proposals will be presented before the DRC within the stipulated period as prescribed by the ordinance.

h. Participation in Pre-Ph. D. presentation seminar, Pre-Ph. D. submission presentation, Ph. D. Viva Voce Exam and Seminars conducted by the Department is mandatory.

i. The minimum attendance required during the Course work period is 80% of the total classes.

SEMESTER I
Paper I: Research Methodology Marks: 100
Pre-Writing Stage

Unit I: Concept of Research:
Why, What and How?
Types and approaches
Ethics in Research and Plagiarism

Unit II: Types and Methods of Research
Different Patterns of Research: Inductive & Deductive, Comparison & Contrast, Spatial, Chronological, Cause & Effect etc.
Quantitative and Qualitative approach
Collection of Information and evaluation

Unit III: Material Collection and Analysis
Objectives and Classification
Primary and Secondary sources
Different Resources: Library, Field and Other sources
Collection of data from the Library sources
Field work and Field Methods
Designing an Interview
Note Taking

Unit IV: Analysis of Data and Use of Computer
Different approaches
Testing of Hypothesis
Techniques and Use of statistical packages
Use of Data: Summary, Paraphrasing and Quotations

Unit V: Writing Stage
Report Writing
The First Draft
Revisions
Language and Style
Use of Quotations
Method of Transcription
Special Elements: title page, table of contents, headings and sub-headings, footnotes, tables and figures, appendix, bibliography etc.
Plagiarism checking
Editing

Unit VI: Post Writing Stage
Elements of Thesis
  The Preliminary
  Title Page
  Table of Contents
  Approval Sheet
  Typing Instructions
  Proof Reading

Medium of instruction and examination: English
Reading:
Henn, Matt; Mark Weinstein and Nick Foard, A Short Introduction to Social Research, New Delhi: Vistaar Publications, 2006
MLA Style Sheet Latest Edition

Paper II: Research: Use of Computer and Other equipments Marks: 100

Unit I: Basic Knowledge of Computer

Unit II: Use of Computer in Research

Unit III: Use of technology and other equipments in Research
Unit IV: Data Analysis Softwares and Analysis Techniques
  Use of multimedia tools
  Use of MS Office
  Preparation of Power Point Presentations
  Use of Internet for Research Purpose
  Introduction to UGCinfolnet, INFLIBNET and ERNET etc.

Unit V: Practical Work
  (as required under the above units)

Medium of instruction/examination: English

Reading List:

  Black, Thomas. Understanding Social Science Research, New Delhi: Sage Publication India Ltd, 2001
  Coburn Peter and others. Practical guide to Computers in Education, California: Addison Wesley Publication Company, 1972

Semester II:

Paper III: Research Training

Unit I: Writing a Research Paper
  Choosing a Topic
  Preparing a Working Bibliography
  Outlining and need to write a Research Paper

Unit II: Practical Training under the Course/Paper I (wherever required)

Unit II: Investigation and Training in the Research area

  Study of Text(s)
  Evaluation of Literature
  Writing of Critical appreciations or Criticisms
  Practical Training: Summary, Paraphrasing, Transcription etc.
Use of available Computer Softwares and tools in concerned language

Medium of instruction and examination: **English** or **the language (taught in the department)** on which the student is working and writing the thesis.

**Reading list:**
*will be provided by the supervisor as per requirement of the topic and area of investigation.*

**Paper IV:**

Marks: 100

Every research student is required to do a course in his/her research area under the concerned supervisor and submit a Research Paper (press copy) after its presentation in a departmental seminar. Language of the research paper would be either **English** or **the language (taught in the department)** on which the student is working and writing the thesis.

**Specified areas of investigation:**

- Language and Literature taught in the Department
- Comparative Literature/Comparative Indian Literature
- Culture (including ethnic culture), Folklore (including the Tribal lore) of India

**Reading list:**
*will be provided by the supervisor as per requirement of the topic and area of investigation.*

The syllabus was approved by the DRC in its meeting held on 10th December 2015 and by the Board of Research Studies (Arts), University of Delhi in its meeting held on 18th December 2015.

**Note:** Please note that research students admitted into the Ph. D. programme of the department have to undergo the Pre-Ph. D. Course Work. No concession will be given to students admitted in any category.

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