

SYLLABUS FOR THE PH.D COURSEWORK IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

ASSAM WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY

(to be effective from 2023 Session)

Course Structure

Sl.No.	Course Code	Course Title	Core/Optional	Credit
1	PHDRM 1501	Research Methodology	Core	5
2	RPE1202	Research and Publication Ethics	Core	2
3	PHDPS1503	Dimensions of Social Movements in India	Optional	5
4	PHDPS1404	Designing the Synoptic Outline	Core	4

Course Code: PHDRM 1501

Research Methodology

Total marks: 100

End Semester 60

Credit:5

Internal Assessment-40

Course Objectives:

The course aims at the following:

- CO1. To acquaint the researchers with the concepts of research, types of research and methods.
- CO2. To introduce the researchers to the means of formulation of research hypothesis.
- CO3. To familiarise with the processes of data collection.
- CO4. To explore the different types of sampling, citation and referencing styles.

UNIT I: Concept of Research and Research Methods

(Credit Hrs:20)

Meaning and Importance of Research, Types of Research – in Languages and Literature, Social Science, Humanities and Management, Research in Studies related to Women: Feminist Research Methodology, Selection and Formulation of Research Problem, Research Design, Research Methods - (i) Traditional Methods (ii) Modern Methods.

UNIT II: Research Formulation and Hypothesis

(Credit

Hrs:20)

Defining and formulating the Research Problem, steps in Research Design, Necessity Importance of Literature Review, Hypothesis Testing, Qualities of a Good Hypothesis, Types of Hypothesis, Research Design- Basic Principles, Need of Research Design, features of a Good Design, Important Concepts relating to Research Design, Types of Research design.

UNIT III: Data Collection and Data Analysis

(Credit

Hrs:20)

Types of Data, Methods of Data Collection, Tabulation of Data, Data Analysis, Data Representation, Interpretation of Results, Testing of Hypothesis – Logical and Statistical Techniques.

UNIT IV: Sampling, Referencing and Citation:

(Credit

Hrs:20)

Introduction to Sampling, Sampling Error, Sample Size, Characteristics of a Good Sample, Types of samples, Determining Size of the Sample, Practical Considerations in determining Sample Size, Types of referencing and citations: MLA/APA, Chicago, Turabian formats.

References:

- Kothari C.R. Research Methodology. New Age International (P) Limited, Publishers, New Delhi, 2004
- MC Quail. D. Audiences Analysis. Sage Publication, 1997
- Wimmer, R, Mass Communication Research. Cenge Learning India Pvt. Ltd., 2015
- Sanders, C . An Introduction to Research in English Literary History. The Macmillan Co.
- JB Paranjape, The Scholar-Apprentice: An Introduction to literature Studies and Research Nagpur:1991.
- Research Methodology Methods & Techniques, C.R. Kothari – New Age international Publishers, Reprint 2008.
- Nunan, D. Research Methodology in Language Learning. Cambridge: Cambridge University
- Ahuja, R. Research Methods. Rawat Publication, 2001

Course Outcomes:

By the end of the course, the researcher will be able to:

- CO1. Understand the concept of research, types and methods of research.
- CO2. Explore the ways of formulation of hypothesis.
- CO3. Understand the means of data collection

CO4. Get acquainted with different sampling methods and referencing techniques.

Course Code: RPE1202

Paper II- Research and Publication Ethics

Total marks: 100

End Semester 60

Credit:2

Internal Assessment-40

Course Objectives:

The course aims at the following:

- CC1. To acquaint the researchers with the concepts of philosophy and ethics in research.
- CC2. To introduce the researchers to publication ethics and its standards.
- CC3. To familiarise with open access publishing.
- CC4. To explore the different databases available and research metrics.

Contents:

Unit I: Philosophy and Ethics: Definition, nature and branches of philosophy, definition of ethics, moral judgements, nature and reactions of moral judgement; Scientific conduct: co-relation between science and ethics, intellectual honesty, research integrity, scientific misconducts, redundant publications, overlapping, data misrepresentation.

(9 hours)

Unit II: Publication Ethics: definition, best practices / standards setting initiatives and guidelines: COPE, WAME, etc., conflicts of interest, publication misconduct and its identification, violation of publication ethics; Predatory publishers and journals.

(9 hours)

Unit III: Open Access Publishing: Open access publications and initiatives, SHERPA/RoMEO online resource to check publisher copyright & self-archiving policies, Software tool to identify predatory publications developed by SPPU, Journal finder / journal suggestion tools viz. JANE, Elsevier Journal Finder, Springer Journal; Software Tools: Use of plagiarism software like Turnitin, iThenticate etc.

(8 Hours)

Unit IV: Databases and Research Metrics: Databases, Indexing databases, Citation databases: Web of Science, Scopus, etc.; Research Metrics: Impact Factor of journal as per Journal Citation Report, SNIP, SIR, IPP, Cite Score, Metrics: h-index, g index, i10 index, altmetrics.

(10 hours)

Course Outcomes:

By the end of the course, the researcher will be able to:

- CO1. understand the importance of being ethical in carrying out research and publication activities
- CO2. differentiate the quality publication practices and how to be cognisant about dubious publishing practices/publishers.
- CO3. Create an increased awareness about 'open access' and contribution of research output to open access publishing platforms
- CO4. Get acquainted with the software/databases which are necessary for carrying out research work.

References:

- Bird, A. (2006). *Philosophy of Science*, Routledge.
- McIntyre, Alasdair. (1967). *A Short History of Ethics*. London.

Chaddah, P. (2018). *Ethics in Competitive Research: Do not get scooped; do not get plagiarized.*

Course Code-PHDPS1503

Dimensions of Social Movements in India

Total marks:100

End Semester -60

Credit:5

Internal Assessment-40

Course Objective:

- The course has been designed to make the learners understand the collective actions/mobilization of the masses- their involvement in politics through social movements.
- While understanding the politics of the masses the colonial perspective-its legacy in post-colonial India's movement politics has been taken into account.

Course Outcomes

- It covers from the conventional forms of social movements to the present identitarian movements, from class-based peasant movements to the present farmer's movements. This is sensitive, not only to processes of the movements, but also to the ideological frameworks of them- Leftist, Liberal and identitarian. The Course is designed to cover most current developments in civil society, state, economic spheres.
- The paper will be useful for students in developing theoretical insights and perspectives in the study of social movements.
- It will be useful to pursue research in the area of social movements, political mobilization, ethnic issues and civil society.

Unit	Topic	Marks
Unit-I	Conceptual framework – Meaning, nature and importance of Social Movement. Theories of Social Movements – Liberal, Marxist, Relative Deprivation.	20
Unit-II	Social Movements leading to Political Development - Movements for social reforms and political independence – B. R. Ambedkar and M. K. Gandhi.	20
Unit-III	Social Movements for Justice – Tribal Movement and Women Movement, Gorkhaland Movement.	20
Unit-IV	Social Movements for Ethnic identity – Assam Movement and Bodo Movement.	20

Unit-V	Social Movements for Security and Development – Peasant Movement and Environmental Movement.	20
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Suggested Books:

1. M. S. A. Rao : Social Movement in India, New Delhi, 1981
2. Ghanashyam Shah : Social Movement in India, New Delhi, 1990
3. Raka Ray & Mary : Social Movements in India (Poverty, Power and
Politics) F. Katzenstein (ed) Oxford Publishers, 2005
4. K. S. Singh (ed) : Tribal Movement in India. Vol. I & II, New Delhi,
1983
5. Adi H. Doctor : Political Thinkers of Modern India, New Delhi
1997
6. Monirul Hussain : The Assam Movement (Class, Ideology and
Identity),
Delhi, 1993
7. M. V. Nadakarni : Farmer's Movement in India, New Delhi, 1987
8. Charles Nicola : Feminist Social Movement and Changing Social
Politics,
Macmillan 1999.

