

Ph.D Syllabus (International Relations & Politics)

Programme Outcome

The programme aims at grooming students for undertaking independent research. Quantitative and qualitative research methods are taught. The course enables learners to write in academic language and publish research work. The learners are also taught about how to search for sources, primary and secondary.

Programme-specific Outcomes

The course enables learners to carry out independent research in Political Science and International Relations

It gives learners a good grasp of the methods and techniques to be used in independent research with special reference to International Relations & Political Science

It teaches learners to find sources related to their area of research

It enables learners to publish in journals of high repute

Research Methodology

Topics

1. Research in Social Science : History, Evolution and Theory
2. Major Approaches :
 - (a) Philosophical and sociological Traditions; Historism and positivism (Reading of Auguste Comte, Max Weber, Emile Durkheim Karl Popper & Thomas Kuhn)
 - (b) Hermeneutics (Reading of Dilthey and Gadamer); Indian Hermeneutics
 - (c) Historical materialism and Critical Theory (Readings of Marx, Adorno, Marcuse, Habermas)
 - (d) Positivism in politics
3. Critical Themes In Research :
 - (a) Theory of knowledge – Ontology and Epistemology
 - (b) Value – Fact Dichotomy and Objectivity
 - (c) Induction and Deduction (Kant, Hume and Carnap)

- (d) Diachronic – synchronic Modes of Analysis
- (e) Empiricism
- (f) Post-positivism and New Historicism

4. Research Methods and techniques

- (a) Methodology : Major Paradigms
- (b) Quantitative Modes : structured interview; statistical surveys and questionnaires; structured observation; content analysis; secondary analysis
- (c) Qualitative Modes: analytic induction; ethnography; focus groups; morphological analysis; participant observation, semi-structured interviews; unstructured interviews;

5. Research Process

- a. Identifying Research Themes
- b. Literature Review
- c. Developing Research Questions
- d. Formulation of Hypotheses
- e. Chapter Scheme
- f. Data collection
- g. Classification and Analysis of Data
- h. Documentation
- i. Referencing styles
- j. Research Ethics
- k. Plagiarism

Reading List

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