

PhD Programme in Political Science

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Coursework Syllabus for Ph. D. Programme

Year	Course	Course Title	Full Marks
	No		
1 st Year	PLS- 111	Social Science Research: Theoretical and	50
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			10)
	PLS- 112	Logic of Scientific Inquiry	50
			(Exam 40+ IA
			10)
	PLS- 113	Research Methods and Techniques	50
			(Exam 40+ IA
			10)
	PLS- 114	Statistical Methods and Techniques	50 Project
			Work
			Under the
			Supervisor
Second Semester Onwards: Thesis Writing			

PhD Coursework First Semester

PLS-111:

Social Science Research: Theoretical and Methodological Perspectives

Group-A

- 1. Inductive and Deductive Methods
- 2. Analytical and Descriptive Methods
- 3. Qualitative and Quantitative Methods
- 4. Ethical Controversies in Social Science Research Methods

Group-B

5. Approaches to the Study of International Relations: Normative versus Empirical.

- 6. Positivist Methodology in International Relations.
- 7.Post-Positivist Methodologies: Post-Modernism, Constructivism and Critical

Theory.

8. Explaining IR versus Understanding IR: Ontology and Epistemology.

PhD Coursework First Semester

PLS-112: Logic of Scientific Inquiry

Group-A

- Basic Orientations Towards the Scientific Method Characteristics of Scientific Knowledge
- 2. Science, Theory and Fact Role of Theory in Social Science Research.
- 3. Concepts, Variables and Hypotheses as building blocks of Theory.
- 4. Role of 'Value' in Social Science Research.

Group – B

- 5. Reading Politics : Causal, reason- action, hermeneutic, postmodern
- 6. Ideology and Interpellation : Althusseis intervention
- 7. Positivism : Auguste Comte's contributions
- 8. Karl Popper : 'Falsifiability' of scientific theory

PhD Coursework First

Semester

Course No. PLS-113

Group - A

- Stages of Conducting Research: (a) Formulating Research Questions; (b) Literature Review; (c) Formulating the Hypothesis; (d) Defining the Concepts; (e) Operationalizing the Concepts etc.
- 2. Action Research Design and Case Study Design
- 3. Causal Design and Descriptive Design
- 4. Mixed Design.

Group – B

- 5. Survey Research: Meaning, Different Phases and Components
- 6. Different Techniques and Methods of Survey Research: Sampling, Interview and Questionnaire.
- Analysis of Survey Data: Formatting a Data file; constructing a Code; Approaches to Data Entry; Data Cleaning.
- 8. Ethical Issues in Survey Research.

PhD Coursework First Semester

Course No. PLS-114

Group- A

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Statistics in Social Science Research
- 3. Collection of Data
- 4. Organisation of Data

Group-B

- 5. Presentation of Data
- 6. Frequency Curves and Diagrams
- 7. Measures of Central Tendency
- 8. Measures of Dispersion