

# VIDYASAGAR UNIVERSITY

Department of Sociology

Syllabus for Ph.D. Coursework (Revised)

Effective from the Session 2015-2016

**SYLLABUS FOR PH.D COURSEWORK – 2015**

**PAPER I,II,III & IV**

**SOCIOLOGY**

**Paper – I: Research Methodology including Thesis and assignment writing (50 marks)**

Unit – I: a) Nature and objective of research

b) Qualitative, Quantitative and Mixed method

c) Social Statistics: Descriptive and Inferential Statistics

Unit – II: a) Major steps in Social Researches

Unit – III: a) Hypothesis and research questions and sampling.

b) Data collection Documentary sources, observations and interviews

Unit – IV: a) Bibliography and Referencing

b) Thesis and Assignment writing – Assignment writing (any one)

i. Book Review

ii. Term Paper

**Suggested Readings:**

1. Earl Babbie: The Practice of Social Research
2. P.V.Young: Scientific Social Survey and Research
3. Goode and Hatt: Methods in Social Research
4. Theresa Baker: Doing Social Research

**Paper – II: Computer Application – Relevant to Research Work in the subjects concerned**

**(50 marks)**

Unit – I: Computer fundamentals – Hardware (PC, Desktop, Laptop, CD-R, CD-RW, DVD, Hard Disc, Pen Drive use, LAN, WAN, Printer, Scanner etc.)  
Software (System Programmes, Programmable Packages and Programmes) and  
Operating system (Windows: creation, access and transfer of folders and files).

Unit – II: Internet – Browsing, Download, Upload of files, e-mail, e-journal and e-books.

Unit – III: MS-Office: Creating and editing word file: References, Index, Sort, Auto, summary, PDF, Print, Mail-merge etc.

Unit – IV: Collection and presentation of Data: tables and Diagrams

Unit – V: SPSS

Assignment writing (Any one):

1. Preparing a power point presentation
2. Social Statistics

**Paper – III: Advanced topics in Emerging Areas covering the whole subject (50 marks)**

Each year Departmental Committee will select any one of the following texts for the topics to be studied.

1. Post Structuralism:
2. Post Modernism:
3. Feminism: Feminism – Jane Freedman
4. Phenomenology: Contemporary Sociological Theory – Wallace and Wolf
5. Ethnomethodology: Modern Sociological Theory – Francis Abraham

**Paper – IV: Advanced topics in Emerging Areas covering the whole subject (50 marks)**

- A. Review of one book related to the research topics of the scholars
- B. Review of literature on the research topic