Vidyasagar University

Syllabus

For

Ph.D. Course in Women's Studies

Total Marks: 200

Medium of instruction and writing: *English.*

Paper-I **Full Marks- 50**

Research Methodology for Women's Studies

Unit –I

Identification of Research Problem

- Fundamentals of research
- Basic principles of research
- Theory building
- Preparation of proposal
- Review of literature
- Hypothesis and research questions

Unit – II

Research Designs

- Types of research
- Social research
- Research in Women Studies
- Ethics in research

Unit – III

Tools and techniques of research

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- Interviews. Questionnaire, Observation, check-list
- Sampling methods
- Data analysis
- Tabulation and graphical representation
- Basic statistics – central tendency, correlation, regression, chi-square testing, etc. and nonparametric tests

Unit – IV

Research Reporting

- Reporting of research in thesis/dissertation
- International style of bibliographic citation
- Evaluation of research
- Technical writing

Reading Materials on Research Methodology

1. Murty Kasibhatta Satya. Handbook of research methodology in history. Sterling Publishers New Delhi.
2. Singh V K. Outline of social research methodology. 2013 Cyber Tech Publications New Delhi
3. Panneerselvam R. Research methodology. 2010 PHI Learning New Delhi.
4. Khasnabis Ratan Saha Suvasis. Research methodology. 2015 Universities Press Hyderabad.
5. Taylor Bill Sinha Gautam Ghoshal Taposh. Research methodology : a guide for researchers in management and social sciences. 2006 PHI Learning New Delhi.
6. Misra R P. Research methodology : a handbook. Concept Publishing New Delhi.
7. Kumar Ranjit. Research methodology : a step-by-step guide for beginners. 2014 Sage Publications London.
8. Kothari C R. Research methodology : methods and techniques. 2007 New Age International New Delhi.
9. Misra Harikesh N. ed Singh Vijai P. Ed. Research methodology : social spatial and policy dimensions. Rawat Publications Jaipur.
10. Kulkarni M.V. Research methodology : text,illustrations and cases. 2010 Everest Publishing House Pune.
11. Gupta Santosh. Research methodology and statistical techniques. Deep and Deep Publications New Delhi.
12. Chitnis K.N. Research methodology in history. Atlantic Publishers and Distributors New Delhi.
13. Pande G.C. Research methodology in social science. Anmol Publications New Delhi.

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14. Vidyarphi L P Haldar A K. Research methodology in social science in india. Today and Tomorrows Printers and Publishers New Delhi.
15. Reddy Chilakala Ramamuni. Research methodology in social sciences. Daya Publishing House New Delhi.
16. Ray G L Mondal Sagar. Research methodology in social sciences. 2005 Kalyani Publishers New Delhi.
17. Thakur Devendra. Research methodology in social sciences. 2009 Deep and Deep Publications New Delhi.
18. Dash Priyaranjan. Research methodology with SPSS. 2011 Vrinda Publications Delhi.
19. Taylor Bill Sinha Gautam Ghoshal Taposh. Research methodology: a guide for researchers in management and social sciences. 2008 Prentice Hall of India New Delhi.
20. Gomm Roger. Social research methodology :a critical introduction. 2008 Palgrave Macmillan Houndmills.
21. Smagorinsky Peter. Speaking about writing: reflections on research methodology. Sage Publications California.

Paper-II

Full Marks- 50

Feminism: Theories and Debates

Unit 1

- The necessity of Women's Studies: Concept, Nature and Scope;
- Feminist Roots of Women's Studies;
- Interdisciplinary Approach to Feminism;
- Gender and Patriarchy;
- History of Ideas on Women –Aristotle to Mill; Public vs Private Domain

Unit 2

- The First Wave: Liberal Feminism;
- The Second Wave: Radical Feminism;
- French Feminism(s): Kristeva, Irigary, Witting, Cixous;
- Feminism and Womens' Movement in India

Unit 3

- Cultural Feminism and Gynocentrism;
- Feminism and Post Modernism – the Crisis in Feminism;

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- Gender Issues in Academics and Academia

Unit 4

- Women's Oppression, Private Property and Kinship Structures;
- Women's Oppression: Simone De Beauvoir and the Second Sex

Readings:

S. Jackson and J. Jones (eds). *Contemporary Feminist Theories*, New York, 1998

Eisenstein, H. *Contemporary Feminist Thought*. Boston, 1984

Mazumdar, Rinita. *A Short Introduction to Feminist Theory*. Kolkata, 2001

Mazumdar, Rinita. *Understanding Gender*. Kolkata, 2004

Sangari, Kumkum and Sudesh Vaid eds. *Recasting Women*. New Delhi, 2009

Kumar, Radha. *Feminism and Literature*.

Sinha, Mrinalini. *Colonial Masculinity*.

Humm, Maggie, ed. Feminisms a Reader. New York: Harvester Wheatsheaf, 1992

John, Mary E. "Women's Studies in India and the Question of Asia: Some Reflections", *AJWS*, 11:2, 2005

Krishnaraj Maithreyi, ed. *Women's Studies in India: Some Perspectives*. New Delhi: Popular Prakashan, 1986

Mazumdar, Vina. *Emergence of Women's Question in India and Role of Women's Studies.* New Delhi: CWDS, 1985

Bhasin, Kamala. *What is Patriarchy?* New Delhi: Kali for Women, 1986

Bryson, Valerie. *Feminist Political Theory: an Introduction*. Basingtoke: Macmillan, 1992

Irigary, Luce, *This Sex Which is Not One* (transl. C. Porter & C. Burke), Ithaca, New York: Cornell University Press, 1985

Scott, Joan. *Feminism and History*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1996

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Paper-III **Full Marks- 50**

Issues in Women's Empowerment

Unit-I

Concept of Women's Empowerment

- Meaning of empowerment
- Need, Importance and nature of Women's Empowerment and its socio-historical perspectives aspects of Women empowerment
- Problems in for women's development in society,
- Transition of women towards new millennium

Unit-II
Status of Women at Present

- Change in livelihood : Women's Economic activity rate
- Informal work and Women in employment
- Gender and Poverty alleviation
- Social safety for women

Unit-III

Women and Empowerment

- Women's Empowerment in political system at local, state and national level
- Women's participation at international level in their political systems
- Obstacles to women's empowerment
- Women and NGO

Unit-IV

Trends of Women's Empowerment

- Issues and perspectives of empowerment of Dalit, Tribal and Muslim women
- Gender budgeting
- Women and micro-finance
- Educational Facilities

Recommended Readings:

1. Anuradha Jaya, Women's Equality: a Struggle for Survival

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2. Narayan Deepa , Employment and Poverty reduction: A Source Book

3. Gender equality and poverty reduction , Economic &Political Weekly, Oct. 29,2005

4.Nitya Rao, Women's rights to land and Assets, Economic&Political Weekly, Oct.19. 2005

5. Acharya Neena & Ghimmire Pushapa , Gender Indicators of Equality, Inclusion and Poverty reduction

6. World Report on violence and health , Geneva , WHO,2002

7. Maitreyi Krishna Raj : Women and Development Shubhada Saraswat Prakashan

Pune 1988.

Paper-IV **Full Marks- 50**

Writing a Term Paper.

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