

Department of Anthropology Rajiv Gandhi University

Faculty of Social Science

Syllabi for

Master of Philosophy in Anthropology (Two years full-time program)

Semesters System

1st Semester

ANTC711: Research Methodology

ANTC712: Anthropology and Emerging Frontiers

2nd Semester

ANTC721: Tribal Situation in India

ANTC722: Making of Research Proposal

3rd and 4th Semester

ANTC731: Dissertation

Break-up Marks	ANTC711: Research Methodology
<p>⇒ 75 marks for semester examination (each unit carries equal marks/Credits)</p>	<p>Unit 1 Research Philosophy: positivism, critical realism, interpretivism, post modernism, pragmatism; Approach to theory development (deduction, induction, abduction); fieldwork tradition in Anthropology; Fieldwork and ethnography; research ethic</p> <p>Unit 2 Preparing for research: review of literature; hypothesis; research design; sampling; research proposal; pilot survey, key informant, rapport, Emic & Etic perspectives</p> <p>Unit 3 Methods and technique: Observation, Interview, genealogy, schedule, questionnaire, interview guide, focus group discussion, PRA, case study, auto ethnography, note and diary, audio-visual tools</p> <p>Unit 4 Analysis: Qualitative data analysis: interpretive, Narrative, Discourse, Ground theory, content analysis, etc...; Quantitative data analysis: Univariate, bivariate and multivariate;</p> <p>Unit 5: Report writing and field experience: report writing, reference and bibliography, writing scientific paper; learning from field experience, new avenue for anthropological research</p>
<p>⇒ 25 marks for internal assessment;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Reviewing of literature relevant to the area of research. ➤ Group discussion on any significant areas of research methodology from syllabus.

Suggested readings:

1. Barnes, J.A .1977.The Ethics of enquiry in Social Science. OUP, New Delhi.
2. Bernard, H.R. 2002. Research Methods in Anthropology. Altamira press, New York.
3. Bose P.K. 1994. Research Methodology, ICSSR, New Delhi.
4. Clifford, J and George E. Marcus. 1986. Writing Culture: the Poetics and Politics of Ethnography, University of California Press, Berkeley.
5. Danda A. K. 1992. Research Methods in Anthropology. Inter India Publication, New Delhi.
6. Ellen, R.F. 1984. Ethnographic Research: A guide to general conduct. Academic Press, New York.
7. Epstein, A.L 1978. Crafts in Social Anthropology, Hindusthan, Delhi.
8. Fetterman, D.M. 1989. Ethnography step by step. Sage Public, New Delhi.
9. Ghosh, B. N. 1985. Scientific Method and Social Research. Sterling Publisher, New Delhi
10. Johnson J. C. 1990. Selecting Ethnographic informants. Sage Publication, New Delhi.
11. Noblit, G.W. and Hare, R.D. 1988. Meta-ethnography: Synthesizing qualitative studies. Sage Publication, New Delhi.

12. Pelto, P.J. and G.H. Pelto. 1986. *Anthropological Research: The structure of inquiry*. Cambridge University Press, London.
13. Roy, S. and Ajit K. Danda. 2007. *Methodological Questions in Social Anthropology*. INCAA, Kolkata.
14. Sarana, G. 2008. *Explorations in Methods and Theory in Anthropology*. Rawat Publication, Jaipur.
15. Sarana, G. 1975. *Methodology of Anthropology*. University of Arizona, New York.
16. Thapan, M. 1998. *Anthropological Journeys: Reflections of fieldwork*. Orient Longman, New Delhi.
17. Thomas, J. 1993. *Doing Critical Ethnography*. Sage Publication, New Delhi.
18. Young, P.V. 1988. *Scientific Survey and Research*. Prentice Hall, New Delhi.

Break-up Marks	ANTC712: Anthropology and Emerging Frontiers
⇒ 75 marks for semester examination (each unit carries equal marks/Credits)	<p>Unit 1 Culture and personality in anthropology; Contribution of Franz Boas and Margret Mead</p> <p>Unit 2 Genome Projects: Human Genome Project (HGP), Neanderthal Genome Project (NGP); Chimpanzee Genome Project (CGP); Mitochondrial and Ancient DNA research</p> <p>Unit 3 Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and other civic society organizations and Anthropology; Public Policy and Anthropology</p> <p>Unit 4 Media and Anthropology; Social Network and Anthropology; Post truth paradigm and Anthropology</p> <p>Unit 5 Corporate Anthropology; Anthropology of Management</p>
⇒ 25 marks for internal assessment;	Pedagogic Exercise: <i>The course will have five class room seminars after the completion of each unit of the syllabus. Students will be required to write ten assignments two from each unit of the course.</i>

Suggested readings:

1. <https://www.genome.gov/> (for HGP and CGP)
2. <http://www.eva.mpg.de/neandertal/index.html> (for NGP)
3. Janine R. Wadel; Cris Shore; Gregory Feildman and Stacy Lathrop. 2005. Toward an Anthropology of Public Policy. *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*; 600, pp 30-51
4. Mark Schuller and David Lewis. 2014. Anthropology of NGOs. Oxford Bibliography in Anthropology
5. Peterson, Mark Allen. (2004) *Anthropology and Mass Communication: Media and Myth in the New Millennium*. New York: Berghahn Books.
6. Heather A. Horst and Daniel Miller (ed) (2012) *Digital Anthropology*. Bloombury Publication
7. Jonathan Mair. 2017. Post Truth Anthropology. *Anthropology Today*; 33(3) pp
8. Thomas H. Davenport. 2007. The rise of corporate anthropology. *Harvard Business Review*
9. Ann T. Jordan. 2013. *Business Anthropology*. Waveland Press

Break-up Marks	ANTC721: Tribal Situation in India
⇒ 75 marks for semester examination (each unit carries equal marks/Credits)	<p>Unit1 Concepts of tribe / indigenous people, geographical and linguistic distribution of tribes in India.</p> <p>Unit 2 Economy, Society, Polity of Indian tribes: Nature, Classification.</p> <p>Unit 3 Tribal movements in India: Classification and selected case studies, with special reference to NE India.</p> <p>Unit 4 Tribal development policies, approaches and impact of induced developmental initiatives.</p> <p>Unit 5 Tribal transformation in India with special Reference to NE India.</p>
⇒ 25 marks for internal assessment;	

Break-up Marks	ANTC722: Making of Research Proposal
<p>⇒ 50 marks for writing Synopsis; ⇒ 20 marks for presentation; ⇒ 30 marks for interaction with the expert and audience</p>	<p>(i) Writing final synopsis following basic structure with necessary sub-headings. (ii) Preparation of interview schedule / household enumeration format etc. need to be appended with the synopsis which will be used for collection of data. (iii) Presentation of final synopsis in departmental seminar</p> <p>Note: This is a non-lecture based paper in which each student admitted to M. Phil. course is constantly in touch with the respective supervisor in relation to preparation and presentation of final synopsis. At the end of the semester each student shall give a seminar presentation in the department for which external shall be invited from the relevant departments/Institutes of RGU. Basing on the proposed marks structure the final marks shall be credited to each student by external expert (RGU) in consultation with concern supervisor of the Department of Anthropology.</p>

Break-up Marks	ANTC731: Dissertation
<p>⇒ 150 marks for the Dissertation; ⇒ 50 marks for viva voce</p>	<p>In the Dissertation part, the student should opt for a dissertation topic related to his/her Masters Degree discipline as far as practicable. However, the topic should be decided by the student in consultation with the supervisor.</p>