



SYLLABUS FOR THE M.PHIL COURSE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

RAJIV GANDHI UNIVERISTY

Ph.D COURSE STRUCTURE

- Course work of one semester along with a dissertation to be completed in the three semesters as per Universities rules and regulations.
- The course work will have two papers
 - 1) Research Methodology
 - 2) Computer Application .

The course work will be of one semester. The syllabus for computer Application will be provided by the Department of Computer Science and Engineering.

PAPER – I : RESEARCH METHODOLOGY (COMPULSORY)

Unit I - Philosophical foundation of Social Science Research :

- Purpose of Knowledge in Social Science,
- Rationalism
- Empiricism

Unit II - Approaches to the Social Science Research :

- Normative, Historical and Behavioural approaches, Marxist Methodology.
- Concept in Social Science Research.

Unit III - Research Design and Proposal

- Selection and formulation of a Research Problem
- Literature review,
- Variables, Hypothesis.
- Footnote, references, Bibliography

Unit IV- Tools of Research (Quantitative and Qualitative)

- Sampling and Survey research
- Techniques of Data Collection (Observation, Questionnaire and Schedule, Interview).
- Case studies & ethnographic studies.

Unit V- Data Analysis and Report Writing

- Content Analysis
- Interpretation of data: descriptive inferential and co-relational.
- Techniques of Report / Thesis Writing

Books Recommended :

- V. Van Dyke : *Political Science, A philosophical analysis*. Stanford University Press, Stanford, 1960.
- A. Brecht: *Political Theory, foundation of 20th century Political theory*, The times of India Press Bombay, 1970.
- P.B Young : *Thesis and Dissertation writing*, New Delhi, Wiley Eastern 1987
- Barnes J, A : *The Ethics of inquiry in social science*, Oxford University press, Delhi 1977.
- Gardener Martin, : *Fads and Fallacies in the name of Science*, New York American Library 1986.
- M. Duverger : *An introduction to social Science with special reference to their methods (translated by M. Anderson)* New York, Frederic A Praeger 1964.
- Penning, Petal : *Doing Research in political science*, sage publication, New Delhi, 1999.
- Reynolds, H.T : *Political Science Research Methods*, CQ press Washington, DC, 2007.