MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY (M.PHIL.) IN SOCIOLOGY

The M. Phil. Programme of the department is of two semesters in a session. There will be three papers in the first semester. There will be one optional paper out of four, a dissertation, and comprehensive viva voce in the second semester. If M. Phil. dissertation is not submitted in the second semester by the last date, the student may be provided at the most two more semesters for its submission, but the examination will be conducted in the end of the semester. Every paper will be of 150 marks; 100 marks for theory paper and 50 marks for internal assessment, the dissertation will be of 200 marks, and viva-voce will be of 100 marks. The total marks in the M. Phil. Programme will be 900 of which pass marks will be 40% separately in each paper, and 45% in all papers combined. One has to qualify in theory paper and internal assessment separately. In each paper the division of internal assessment would be as follows; 10 marks are for attendance, 10 marks for the term paper, 10 marks for quizzes, 10 marks for the seminar presented by the candidate and 10 marks for internal viva. Each theory paper will consist of three sections; the first part will consist of 10 compulsory short questions to be answered in 50 words only; the second part will have four questions from four units each comprising two alternative questions and each to be answered in 250 words only; and in the third part a long essay out of two is to be written in 1000 words only. The breakup of papers in semester I is as follows:

SEMESTER I

Course/Paper I:

Theoretical and Methodological Orientations

Unit-I: K. Marx, L. Althusser, J. Habermas, R. Dahrendorf


Unit-IV: M. Foucault, J. Derrida, A. Giddens, P. Bourdieu, M. Archer.

*The emphasis of the course/ paper is on the understanding of the relevance of different perspectives for theoretic and methodological issues rather than the conceptual and schematic details of the writings of thinkers. Instruction and examination will be oriented to inculcate and test the comprehension of different perspectives and the capacity for its application to study Indian society.

Readings:


**Course/Paper II:**

**Logic and Philosophy of Social Science**
Unit-I: Proposition, Premises, Argument, Inference – Deductive and Inductive, Truth & Validity, Fallacies of Relevance, Presumption and Ambiguity, Categorical Proposition and its Types, the Square of Opposition, Categorical Syllogisms.

Unit-II: Concept, Definition, Causal Reasoning, Analogical Reasoning, Scientific Explanation, Explanation in Social Sciences – Inductive, Historical, Teleological, and Functional; Theory Construction; Theory – Grand and Middle Range.

Unit-III: Review of Literature, Sociological Abstracts, Citation, References, Bibliography, MLA, Report/Paper Writing, Editing a Research Paper; Formulation of a Research Problem; Hypothesis – Sources, Types, Features, and Uses; Research Design: Descriptive, Exploratory, Explanatory (Experimental), and Diagnostic;

Unit-IV: Sampling: Population & Sample, Sample Size, Probability and Non-probability Sampling Designs, Sampling Error. Qualitative Research Techniques: Field Work, Qualitative Interview, Case Study Method, Content Analysis; Encounters & Experiences in Field Work; Quantitative Research Techniques; Census; National Sample Survey; Uses of Computer in Social Science Research.

*This course/paper stresses the grasp of logic of research, philosophical issues, methodological tools, analytical methods, and techniques of data collection so that one can attempt a scientific study competently and methodically. The basic idea of the course/paper is to make students capable enough to distinguish between common sense and rigorous scientific study.

Readings:


**Course/Paper III:**

**Indian Sociology**

**Unit-I:**

M. N. Srinivas: *Remembered Village*.

S. C. Dube: *Indian Village*.

B. R. Chauhan: *A Rajasthan Village*.

**Unit-II:**

A. R. Desai: *The Social Background of Indian Nationalism*.

R. Mukherji: *The Dynamics of a Rural Society*.

**Unit-III:**

D. N. Dhanagre: *Peasant Movements in India*.

T. K. Oommen: *Charisma, Stability and Change*.

**Unit-IV:**

D. P. Mukerjee: *Diversities: Essays in Economics, Sociology and Other Social Problems (Chapter 7 to 12)*.

A. K. Saran: *Sociology of Knowledge and Traditional Thought*.

L. Dumont: *Homo Hierarchicus*.

*The focus of the course/paper on reading the original works and understanding the methods and perspectives used by the authors. It is expected that students would read the prescribed studies critically and become skilled at methods of studying various aspects of Indian society. The themes of term papers and seminars will be selected from the studies.*

**Readings:**


Mukerji, D. P. *Diversities: Essays in Economics, Sociology and Other Social Problems (Chapter 7 to 12)*


**SEMESTER II**

The following papers and syllabi of M. Phil. Sociology Semester II are proposed from the current session i.e. 2008-2009. There will be one optional paper in the II semester. To earn an M. Phil. degree in Sociology one has to qualify the viva-voce and dissertation, which consist of 100 and 200 marks respectively. The general viva-voce examination would be held immediately after II semester examinations and would be taken by a board of examiners consisting of an internal and an external member. M. Phil. Dissertation would be examined by internal and external examiners followed by viva. For every M. Phil. Dissertation there would be a supervisor, and for supervision of every student one class would be allotted.

**Paper I: Optional (One of the following papers)**

**Paper I V (A): Gender and Society**

**Unit-I:** Perspectives on Women in Society: Liberal, Radical, Marxian, Socialist, and the Post-modernist.

**Unit-II:** Social Construction of Gender; Masculinity vs. Femininity; Approaches to Feminist Methodology: Criticism of ‘Malestream’ Research, Masculine vs. Feminine Models of Interviewing, Feminist Epistemology.

**Unit-III:** Women and Society in India: Economy, Polity, Women Movement; Violence against Women; Women Empowerment.

**Unit-IV:** Review of Women Studies and Sociological Abstracts (with special reference to India) – Themes, Issues, Research Trends, Concepts, Approaches, and Methodologies.

**Readings:**


*Sociological Abstracts*, From 2002 to 2008

**Paper IV (B): Social Movements and Mobilization**

**Unit-I:** Concept and Types of Social Movement and Mobilization. Methods and Techniques in Movement Studies

**Unit-II:** Theoretical Approaches: Marxian, Relative Deprivation, Collective Behaviour, and Resource Mobilization.

**Unit-III:** Review of Studies and Sociological Abstracts on Traditional Social Movements in India with special reference to Peasant Movement, Tribal Movement and National Movement—Themes, Issues, Research Trends, Concepts, Approaches, and Methodologies.

**Unit-IV:** Review of Studies and Sociological Abstracts on New Social Movements in India with special reference to Dalit Movement, Women’s Movement, Ecological & Environmental Movement, Ethnic Movements.

**Readings:**


**Paper IV(C): Village Society and Rural Development in India**


**Unit-II:** Indian Village: Agrarian Relations & Mode of Production Debate, Agrarian Class Structure, Sociocultural Dimensions, Power Structure; and Rural Social Structure: Caste, Joint Family, Kinship.
Unit-III: Review of Sociological Studies and Sociological Abstracts on Land Reforms, Community Development Programme, Green Revolution, Panchayati Raj, IRDP and other Planned Programmes.

Unit-IV: Rural Poverty, Pauperization & Depeasantization, and Agrarian Unrest & Peasant Movements in Recent Times; Rural Urban Interconnections; Trends and Factors of Change & Social Mobility in Village India.

Readings:


PaperIV(D):Society, Economy and Politics in Uttar Pradesh

Unit-I: Social-economic and Political History of Modern Uttar Pradesh; Economic, Developmental and Demographic Features of Uttar Pradesh.
Unit-II: Agrarian Relations & Rural Development; Urbanization & Urban Development; Literacy & Education; Women’s Empowerment; Poverty: Rural and Urban.

Unit-III: Party Politics, Caste & Politics, Peasant Movements & Social Unrest in Uttar Pradesh, Processes & Trends of Social Change in U. P.,

Unit-IV: Reviews of Salient Sociological Studies on Uttar Pradesh.

Paper IV (E): Tradition, Modernity and Globalization

Unit-I: Concept of Tradition; Typologies of Traditions; Traditional Thought; Indian Tradition; Concept of Modernity; Tradition and Modernity.

Unit-II: Perspectives on Modernity; Multiple Modernity; Consequences of Modernity, Modernity as an incomplete Project; Post-modernity.

Unit-III: Concept of Globalization; Modernization versus Globalization; Global versus Local; Theories of Globalization.

Unit-IV: Reviews of Studies and Sociological Abstracts on Tradition, Modernity and Globalization.

Readings:


