

Centre for Sociology
School of Social Sciences
Central University of Punjab

Ph.D. Syllabus						
		Credit Hours				
Course Code	Course	L	T	P	Cr	E
SOC.701	Advanced Sociological Theories	4	1		4	100
SOC.702	Research Methodology in Sociology	4	1		4	100
SOC.703	Statistics in Social Research	3	1	1	4	100
SOC.704	Computer Applications and Statistics - Practical			4	2	50
SOC.705	Contemporary Issues in Sociology	4	1		4	100
SOC.706	Seminar			4	2	50
	Thesis					
	Total	15	4	9	20	500

Ph.D. Programme

The course work for Ph.D. Programme is divided into various broad areas. The Centre engages in conducting research on themes relating to theoretical Orientation, methods, modernisation, globalisation, development, social change, human rights, marginal groups and communities, social exclusion and cultural analysis.

Compulsory Courses

- Advanced Sociological Theories
- Research Methodology

Advanced Sociological Theories

SOC.701

Credits - 4

Objective of the Course:

The central objective of the course is tracing and contextualizing the history and development of sociological theory, and examining its prospects and relevance in the changing contexts of the contemporary period.

Unit I

Recapitulation

- This module comprises students' seminars aimed at a review of sociological theory classical and modern. This exercise would run concurrent with the other following modules which would be handled by the course instructor.

- Understanding Modernity
- The Modern Age (re)visited; Forces and Factors that Constituted Modern Age
- Origin of Modern Social Theory

Unit II

Critical Theory

- Socio-historical Context of Emergence of Critical Theory
- Key Issues as Formulated by Max Horkheimer
- Adorno and Horkheimer's Critique of Modernity
- Habermas - Public Sphere; theory and social intervention: scope and possibilities

Unit III

Contemporary Society: Some Characterizations

- Anthony Giddens: Reflexivity and Modernity, Structuration
- Bourdieu - Theory of Practice
- Foucault – Knowledge and Power
- Derrida - Deconstruction
- Daniel Bell - Post Industrial Society
- Habermas - Unfinished Project of Modernity

Unit IV

New frontiers of social theory

- A Postmodern Sociology?
- Lyotard - postmodern condition
- Jameson on post-modernism.
- Siedman: An end of sociological theory?
- Zygmunt Bauman: On the changing discursive formation of sociology and his sociological theory of Post-modernity.

Readings

- Agger, Ben, 1979, *Western Marxism: An Introduction* California: Goodyear Publications.
- Bell, D., 2008, *The Coming of Post- Industrial Society*, Basic Books.
- Callinicos, A., 1989, *Against Postmodernism*, Polity Press, Cambridge.
- Giddens A., 1984, *Constitution of Society: outline of the theory of structuration*. Cambridge Polity Press.
- Giddens, A. in Quentin Skinner. (ed.), 1990, *The Return of Grand Theory in the Human Sciences*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.
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- Cooley, C.H., 1902/2009, *Human Nature and the Social Order*, Charles Scribners Sons.
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- Durkheim, Emile, 1895/2013, *The Rules of Sociological Methods*, Free Press, New York.
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- Jeffrey, Alexander ed. 1990, *Culture and Society: Contemporary Debates*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.
- Kuhn, Thomas, 1962/2012, *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions*, The University of Chicago Press, Chicago.
- Marx, Karl, 1845/2004, *The German Ideology*, International Publishers, New York.
- Marx, Karl and F. Engels, 1848, *Manifesto of the Communist Party*, Penguin Books.
- Merton, R., 1968, *Social Theory and Social Structure*, New York, The Free Press.
- Merton, Robert K., 1968, *Social Theory and Social Structure*, Free Press, New York.
- Nagel, Ernest, 1979, *The Structure of Science: Problems in the Logic of Scientific Explanation*, Hackett.
- Parsons, T., 1937/1949/1968, *The Structure of Social Action*, New York, The Free Press, New York.
- Parsons, Talcott, 1951/1991, *The Social System*, Routledge, London.
- Popper, Karl, 1959/2002, *The Logic of Scientific Discovery*, Routledge, London.
- Schutz, Alfred, 1960/1972, *The Phenomenology of the Social World*, North Western University Press, Illinois.
- Strauss, Claude-Levi, 1963, *Structural Anthropology*, Library of Congress Catalogue, USA.
- Weber, Max, 1958, *Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of the Capitalism*, Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, Republished Dover Publications (2003).
- Roth, Guenther and Claus Wittich (eds.), 1978, *Max Weber, Economy and Society: An Outline of Interpretive Sociology*, University of California Press, California.

Research Methodology in Sociology

SOC.702

Credits - 4

Objective of the Course:

This course familiarizes the students with the major Epistemological Schools in methodology of social sciences. It will also acquaint the students with the basic elements of social research and the major problems confronted by social scientists in arriving at objectivity and value neutrality.

Unit I

Epistemological and Methodological Issues in Social Science Research

- Positivist versus Interpretive Perspective: Major Assumptions and Methodological Implications
- Quantitative versus Qualitative Methodology

- Pure and Applied Research; Action Research

Unit II

Conceptualization and Operationalization (Practical Exercises)

- Sampling: Choosing a sampling method; probability, non-probability and theoretical sampling (Practical Exercises);
- Triangulation; Mixing Quantitative and Qualitative Methodology (Practical Exercises)
- Interdisciplinary Research in Social Sciences: Rationale and Significance

Unit III

Methods of Data Collection

- Qualitative and Quantitative; Criteria for choosing appropriate method/s for your study; Combining Methods (Practical Exercises).
- Conducting Ethnographic research; Using Narratives; Doing Naturalistic Inquiry; Conducting Focused Group Discussions (Practical Exercises)
- Data Processing and Analysis: Quantitative and Qualitative; Qualitative Coding

Unit IV

Selection and Formulation of Research Problem under Quantitative and Qualitative Research Proposal

- Developing Theoretical Framework for Research (Practical Exercises)
- Hypothesis: Writing a good and testable hypothesis (Practical Exercises)
- Research Synopsis: Format, Writing a good synopsis (Practical Exercises)
- Writing a thesis: Ingredients; language; presentation

Suggested Readings:

- Blalock, Hubert M. (1985) Social Statistics, London: McGraw-Hill Book Company.
- Bernard, H. Russell (2000) Social Research Methods – Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches, New Delhi: Sage Publication India Pvt. Ltd.
- Bickman, Leonard, Pertti Asaswetari and Julia Brannen (eds.) (2008) Sage Handbook of Social Research, London: Sage Publications.
- Bryman, Alan (2001) Social Research Methods, New York: Oxford University Press.
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- Collier, Jacqueline (2009) Using SPSS Syntax: A Beginners Guide, New Delhi: Sage Publications.
- Denzin, Norman, K. 1989, The Research Act, New Jersey: Prentice-Hall, Inc.
- Gupta, S.P. (2005) Statistical Methods, New Delhi, Sultan Chand & Sons.
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- Mukherjee, Partha N. (2000) Methodology in Social Research, New Delhi: Sage Publication.

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- Ridley, Diana (2008) The Literature Review: A Step-by-Step Guide for Students, London: Sage Publications.
- Singleton, Royce A. and Bruce C. Straits (2005) Approach to Social Research, New York: Oxford University Press.
- Sjoberg, Gideon and Roger Nett (2002) A Methodology for Social Research, Jaipur: Rawat Publications.
- Somekh, Bridget and Cathy Lewin (eds.), (2005) Research Methods in the Social Sciences, New Delhi: Vistaar Publications.
- Strauss, Anselm (1990) Basics of Qualitative Research: Grounded Theory, Procedures and Techniques, New Delhi: Sage Publication.
- Stringer, Ernest T. (2007) Action Research, Los Angeles: Sage Publications.
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- Wagner, William E. (2010) Using SPSS for Social Statistics and Research Methods, Los Angeles: Pine Forge Press.

Statistics in Social Research
SOC.703
Credits - 4

Objective of the Course:

This paper is designed to familiarize the students about basic statistical concepts, quantitative techniques for description and induction of sociological data.

Unit I

- Meaning and Significance of Statistics in Social Research
- Statistics in Social Analysis - Functions of Statistics in social analysis, Limitations of Statistics
- Variables-discrete and continuous, quantitative and qualitative; independent and dependent
- Levels of measurement-Nominal, ordinal and interval
- Frequency distribution, grouping error, cumulative frequency distribution, Arithmetic mean, median and mode

Unit II

- Range, semi-interquartile range, average absolute deviation, variance, standard deviation,
- coefficient of variation, Symmetry and Kurtosis
- Bivariate distributions-Bivariate contingency tables, rules for percentaging bivariate
- frequency tables

Unit III

- Measures of Association-Lambda, Cramer's V, Spearman's rank correlation, Gamma and
- Pearson's product moment correlation coefficient
- Elements of probability- 'a priori' & empirical probability, properties of probability

- Normal probability distribution, area under the normal curve, standard scores, use of standard scores

Unit IV

- Statistical Inference-Simple random sampling, sample and universe, statistic and parameter, sampling distribution, standard error of statistic, level of significance, critical region
- Tests of significance-Z and 't' tests for significance of mean (2 independent samples);
- Chi-square test for AXB contingency table.

Suggested Readings

- Blalock, H.M. (1979) Social Statistics, New York, McGraw Hill Book Company.
- Loether, H.J. and Tavish, Mac D.G. (1974) Descriptive Statistics for Sociologists: An Introduction, Boston, Allyn and Bacon, Inc.
- Mark Sirkin R. (1995) Statistics for the Social Sciences, London, Sage Publications.
- Muller John and Kar. F. Schusseller and Herbert, L. Costner, Statistical Reasoning in Sociology, Boston, Houghton Mifflin Co.
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- Jane, L. Fielding & G. Nigel Gilbet (2000), Understanding Social Statistics; Sage Publications: London.
- Deshpande, J.V., Gore, A.P., Shanubhogve (1995), Statistical Analysis of Nominal Data: New Age International Publishers: New Delhi.

Computer Applications and Statistics – Practical

SOC.704

Credits – 2

Objective of the Course:

This practical course is designed for the students to enable them for the comprehensive usage of computer, basic programmes and software's. Emphasis will be on the practice of Excel and SPSS for data processing and analysing.

Unit I

Introduction to Computer

- Defining Computer
- Characteristics of Computers
- Components of Computer System –
 - Central Processing Unit (CPU)
 - Visual Display Unit (VDU), Keyboard and Mouse
 - Other input/output Devices
 - Computer Memory
 - Concepts of Hardware and Software
- Basic Applications of Computer – Web Browser, internet, email

Unit II

Microsoft Office

- Word
- Power Point

Unit III
Data Processing and Storage

- Definition of Information and Data
- Basic Data Types
- Storage of Data/Information as Files
- Excel and SPSS

Readings:

- Shelly et. al, 2010, Introduction to Computers, Cengage Learning, Boston.
- Miller, Michael, 2010, Absolute Beginners Guide to Computer Basics, Pearson, Indianapolis.

Contemporary Issues in Sociology
SOC.705
Credits - 4

Objective of the Course:

This course shall acquaint the students with the contemporary issues in Sociology, both theoretical as well as empirical, with a special focus upon the Indian society.

Unit I
Developmental Issues

- Critique of Modernisation and Dependency Theory
- Post-development as a Concept and Critique of Development Theory
- Alternatives Models in Development

Unit II
Theories and Experience of Globalization

- Globalization; Its Impact: Economic, Political and Socio-cultural
- New Media and Social Change
- Global Business and Corporate Culture: From Fordism to Post-Fordism

Unit III
Issues in Gender Studies –

- Feminist Perspective: Implications on Theory and Research Methodology
- Women and Human Rights with special reference to Indian Constitution, Legislation and UN Conventions
- Violence against Women and Children: International and National Scenario

Unit IV
Contemporary Social Issues

- Population, Environment and Sustainable Development, with special reference to UN Conventions

- Human Development and Human Rights; Child Rights; Human Development Index; Gender Development Index
- Social Exclusion and Inclusion (with special reference to Indian society)

Suggested Readings:

- Adorno, T. et al. (1973) *The Positivist Dispute in German Sociology*, London: Heinemann.
- Atkinson, D. (1971) *Orthodox Consensus and Radical Alternative*, London, Heinemann.
- Bernstein, R. J. (1976) *Restructuring Social and Political Theory*, New York: Harcourt, Brace.
- Bernstein, R.J. (ed.) (1985) *Habermas and Modernity*, Cambridge: Cambridge Polity Press.
- Collins, Randall (1988) *Theoretical Sociology*, San Diego: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, Publishers.
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- Kivisto, Peter (2003) *Social Theory: Roots and Branches*, Los Angeles: Roxbury Publishing Company.
- Lukes, Steven (1977) *Essays in Social Theory*, London: Macmillan.
- Lefebvre, Henri (2009) *Dialectical Materialism*, Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.
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- Noble, Trevor (2000) *Social Theory and Social Change*, Basingstoke: Macmillan.
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- Roche, M. (1974) *Phenomenology, Language and Social Science*, London: Routledge.
- Ryan A. (ed.) (1976) *The Philosophy of Social Explanation*, Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Reports:

- Human Development Reports
- National Human Development Reports – India
- Global Gender Gap Reports