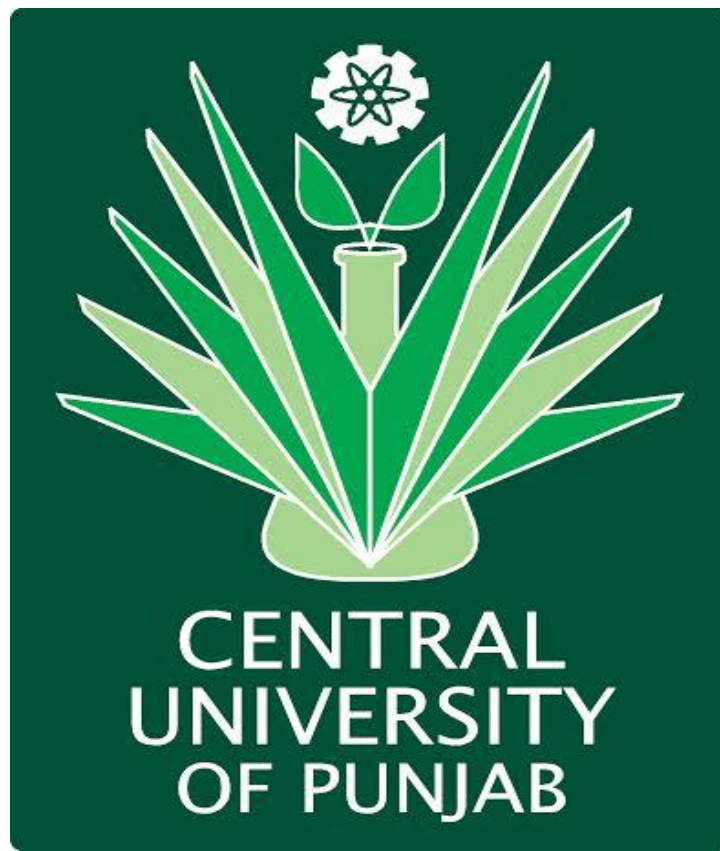


Central University of Punjab, Bathinda



**Course Work for Ph.D. Programme
Centre for Sociology
School of Social Sciences**

Syllabi Applicable for Admissions in 2017 and Onwards

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Course Work for Ph.D. Programme						
		Credit Hours				
Course Code	Course Title	L	T	P	Cr	E
SOC.701	Advanced Sociological Theories	3	1		4	100
SOC.702	Research Methodology in Social Sciences	3	1		4	100
SOC.703	Computer Applications and Statistics	2		4	4	100
SOC.704	Thesis Related Course	2	2		4	100
	Thesis					
	Total	10	4	4	16	400

Course Work for 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:

This course attempts to map some of the major sociological traditions and the challenges to it from other disciplines after the Second World War. The objective of the course is to trace and contextualise the history and development of sociological theory and its multifaceted interaction with social theorization of this period. The course will be delivered through classroom lectures, presentations and focussed discussions.

Unit I: Debates in the post war sociological traditions:

- The rise of American sociological tradition: a recapitulation of sociological theorization after the Second World War – Parsons, Merton.

- Challenges to Parsonian sociology – Alwin Gouldner & C. Wright Mills.
- The re-emergence of micro social theorization – Goffman & Garfinkel.
- Micro-Macro Integration: Giddens – Structuration theory, Bourdieu – Theory of Practice.

Unit II: Critical Theory & re-emergence of German sociological tradition

- Socio-historical Context of the emergence of Critical Theory
- Adorno – Culture as industry.
- Habermas – theory of communicative action.

Unit III: Towards Social Theory

- Post-structuralism and rise of ‘social’ theory.
- Siedman: The end of sociological theory?
- Foucault – Knowledge and Power
- Derrida and Deconstruction
- Neo-Marxist social theory: Lukacs – theory of reification, theory of class consciousness. Althusser – Structural Marxism

Unit IV: The debate: post-modernity versus late modernity

- Post-modern(ism) – as a social theory: Lyotard – the postmodern condition.
- Production in post-modern/ late modern era: Baudrillard – modernity as simulacra, Daniel Bell - Post Industrial Society.
- Knowledge in post-modern era: Jameson.
- In defence of Sociological theory: Bauman: Liquid modernity, Giddens: Reflexivity and 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.
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- Jameson, F., 1993, *The Postmodernism or the Critical logic of Late Capitalism*. London: Verso
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- Parsons, T., 1937/1949/1968, *The Structure of Social Action*, New York, The Free Press, New York.

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- 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.
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Research Methodology in Social Sciences
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

- Positivistic 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

Readings:

- Blalock, Hubert M., 1985, *Social Statistics*, McGraw-Hill Book Company, London.
- Bernard, H. Russell, 2000, *Social Research Methods – Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches*, Sage Publication India Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi.
- Bickman, Leonard, Pertti Asaswetari and Julia Brannen (eds.), 2008, *Sage Handbook of Social Research*, Sage Publications, London.
- Bryman, Alan, 2001, *Social Research Methods*, Oxford University Press, New York.
- Cicourel, A. V., 1964, *Method and Measurement in Sociology*, Free Press, Glencoe.
- Collier, Jacqueline, 2009, *Using SPSS Syntax: A Beginners Guide*, Sage Publications, New Delhi.
- Denzin, Norman, K., 1989, *The Research Act*, Prentice-Hall, Inc., New Jersey.
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- Strauss, Anselm, 1990, *Basics of Qualitative Research: Grounded Theory, Procedures and Techniques*, Sage Publications, New Delhi.
- Stringer, Ernest T., 2007, *Action Research*, Sage Publications, Los Angeles.
- Thorns, D. C. (ed.), 1976, *New Directions in Sociology*, Rowman and Littlefield, New Jersey.
- Wagner, William E., 2010, *Using SPSS for Social Statistics and Research Methods*, Pine Forge Press, Los Angeles.

Computer Applications and Statistics
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. The students will learn to use comprehensively basic programmes and software's of computer,. Emphasis will be on the practice of Excel and SPSS for data processing and analysing.

Unit I

- Meaning and Significance of Statistics in Social Research
- 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

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.

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.
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Thesis Related Course Work

SOC.704

Credits 4

Objective of the Course:

This paper is introduced to facilitate the students towards in-depth understanding of the selected research topic by them. This would be in lieu of electives as well as the course on Contemporary Issues, with the idea that contemporary issues would be covered in the thesis related course, which shall also serve as an elective. The evaluation of the students in this course will be done on the basis of continuous discussions, term paper writing, assignments, book reviews and presentations.