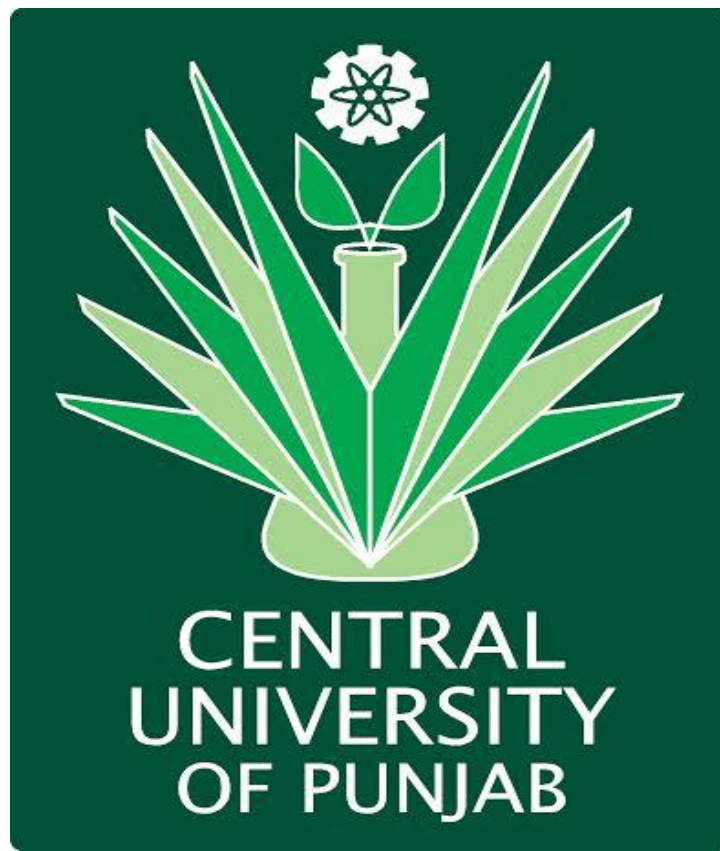


Central University of Punjab, Bathinda



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

Syllabi Applicable for Admissions in 2018 and Onwards

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		Credit Hours			
Course Code	Course Title	L	T	P	Cr
SOC.701	Research Methodology in Social Sciences	4	-		4
SOC.702	Computer Applications and Statistics	2	-	4	4
SOC.703	Advanced Sociological Theories	4	-		4
	Thesis				
	Total	10	-	4	12

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:

Research Methodology in Social Sciences

SOC.701

Credits 4

Objective of the Course:

This course will allow students to examine methodologically interesting texts in a variety of situations to illustrate the relationship between theory and method. A part of this course deals with extensive review of methodologically important works, where the student is expected to learn the creative ways to design and carry forward social research. Students are expected to pick two methodologically significant works in sociology – one from his/her own area of research and other from different area of research and do a critical review focusing its methodological significance.

Unit I: Theory and Method: Methodological implications

- Karl Popper: falsification, critique of historicism and holism
- Thomas Kuhn: paradigm and paradigm shift, progression of knowledge
- Foucault: Genealogy, Archaeology of knowledge, Knowledge and power
- Paul Feyerabend: Methodological anarchism

Unit II: Major sources of data in Sociological research

- Historical sources: Archives, biographies, autobiographies, travelogues.

- Official sources: Census, National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO), National Family Health Survey (NFHS), Gazetteers, District handbooks, People of India Project and other macro data on society.
- Visual sources: Documentaries, Films and artefacts.
- Art and Literature as a source to understand social reality.

Unit III: Writing Report/Thesis

- Review of Literature and defining research problem.
- Developing Theoretical Framework for Research.
- Research Synopsis, Structure of thesis.
- Issues related with research ethics in sociology.

Unit IV: Presentations and book review.

Readings:

- Bickman, Leonard, Perti Asaswetari and Julia Brannen (eds.), 2008, Sage Handbook of Social Research, Sage Publications, London.
- Cicourel, A. V., 1964, Method and Measurement in Sociology, Free Press, Glencoe.
- Denzin, Norman, K., 1989, The Research Act, Prentice-Hall, Inc., New Jersey.
- Feyerabend, Paul, 2010, Against Method, Verso, London.
- Foucault, M., 1982, The Archaeology of Knowledge: And the Discourse on Language, Vintage, London.
- Hindess, Barry, 1977, Philosophy and Methodology in Social Sciences, The Harvester Press, Brighton, Sussex.
- Jenks, Chris (ed.), 1998, Core Sociological Dichotomies, Sage Publication, New Delhi.
- Kuhn, Thomas, 2012, The Structure of Scientific Revolutions, University of Chicago Press.
- Mukherjee, Partha N., 2000, Methodology in Social Research, Sage Publication, New Delhi.
- Popper, Karl, 2002, The Logic Of Scientific Discovery, Routledge, London.
- Popper, Karl, 2002, Conjectures and Refutations: The Growth of Scientific Knowledge, Routledge, London.
- Ridley, Diana, 2008, The Literature Review: A Step-by-Step Guide for Students, Sage Publications, London.
- Strauss, Anselm, 1990, Basics of Qualitative Research: Grounded Theory, Procedures and Techniques, Sage Publications, New Delhi.

Computer Applications and Statistics

SOC.702

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

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.
- Norman, R. Kurtz (1985) Introduction to Social Statistics, London, McGraw Hill Book Company.
- Weiss, Roberts (1968) Statistics in Social Research, New York John Wiley & Sons, Inc.
- 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.

Advanced Sociological Theories

SOC.703

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:

- 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.
- Foucault – Knowledge and Power
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Horkheimer, M. and T. Adorno, 1979, *Dialectic of Enlightenment*. London: Verso.
- Jameson, F., 1993, *The Postmodernism or the Critical logic of Late Capitalism*. London: Verso
- Althusser, Louis, 2008, *On ideology*, Verso.
- Garfinkel, H., 1967, *Studies in Ethnomethodology*, Englewood Cliffs, Prentice Hall, New Jersey.
- Jeffrey, Alexander ed. 1990, *Culture and Society: Contemporary Debates*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.
- 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.
- 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).