

UNIVERSITY OF GOUR BANGA

**DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIOLOGY**

M. Phil Syllabus

(First Draft)

COURSE DURATION

TWO YEARS

2015-16 onwards

Total Marks: 500

Semester I: at least 150 Hours

Semester II: at least 150 Hours

Each Course: at least 50 Hours

Course Design

Semester I	Semester II	Semester III	Semester IV
Research Methodology (50)	Indian Society (50)	Dissertation (150)	Viva-voce (50)
Computer Application (50)	Sociology of Gender Studies (50)		
Theoretical Paradigms (50)	Sociology of Exclusion (50)		

Detailed Syllabus

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

TOTAL MARKS: 50

Unit I:

Social Research: An Overview

Unit II:

Issues in the theory of Epistemology

Unit III:

Selection of Topic

Identification of Problems

Scope and Objectives of Research

Unit IV:

A debate over Quantitative and Qualitative Research

Mixed Method in Social Research

Unit V:

Preparation of Bibliography and Index

Process of Preparation for Research Thesis and Dissertation

COMPUTER APPLICATION

TOTAL MARKS 50

1. Word Processing
2. Data processing
3. Graphical processing
4. Use of Word, Excel and PowerPoint
5. Use of Software package specific to social science

ADVANCED SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY

TOTAL MARKS 50

Unit One

Theory, Paradigms and Models

Unit Two:

Positivism

Critical Theoretical Paradigm: Critique of Positivism, Modern society and culture.

Unit Three

Phenomenology and Ethnomethodological Models: Bracketing of Judgements, Intersubjectivity, Studying Social Interactions in everyday life

Unit IV:

Feminist Approach

Structuralism and Post-Structuralist Perspectives

Structuration, MetaTheory

Unit V:

Post- Modern theoretical Model: Deconstruction

INDIAN SOCIETY

TOTAL MARKS 50

Unit One:

Caste, Class and its dynamics

Unit Two:

Sociology of Family

Unit Three:

Indian Tribes in Transitions

Unit four:

Indian Villages and Urban centers in Transitions

Unit Five:

Religion in India: Issues and Challenges

SOCIOLOGY OF GENDER STUDIES

TOTAL MARKS 50

Unit One:

Patriarchal perception of Family: A Feminist Critique

Unit Two:

Women and Work: Housework and Paid Employment, Technology and changes in women's work outside home

Unit Three:

Violence and crime against Women; Portraying of womanhood in media

Unit Four:

Course of Transitions in the status of women in India: Reform Movement, Nationalist Movement and women, *Shramasakti*, *Towards Equality*, Concept of Empowerment

Unit Five:

Gender and Development: Policies and programmes for women in India and its impact

SOCIOLOGY OF EXCLUSION

TOTAL MARKS 50

Unit One:

The Concept of 'other' in the policies of Social Exclusion: Region, Language, Disability, Sexuality

Unit Two:

Including the excluded, empowering the powerless; A few case studies

Unit Three:

Approaches to Inclusion: Human Rights, Capability Approach, Social transformation and Empowerment

Unit Four:

Social Movements to fight exclusion in India

Unit Five:

Indian Constitution and Inclusive Policies