

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
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SYLLABUS FOR COURSE WORK FOR PH.D IN ENGLISH

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PAPER I - RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

COURSE OUTCOME

The Pre-Ph.D. course work aims to train the candidates in the mechanics of research and academic writing. The course work is divided into two segments.

Paper I consists of a paper on Research Methodology which introduces the candidates to the basics of research writing and the conventions of citation. The candidates are taught how to prepare the research proposal which includes selecting a topic, review of literature, and preparing a working bibliography. The candidates are also introduced to the methods of documentation and the mechanics of writing.

Paper II – Review of Literature . Since at the end of six months the candidates are expected to write a Review of Literature of approximately 25 printed A4 sheets, they will be able to put into practice all that they have been taught during the course. This process of writing the review of literature trains the candidates to prepare a critical bibliography of the primary reference materials as well as the secondary and tertiary reference materials, related to their topic of research, especially those that have been published in the preceding ten years . It also enables them to have a basic idea of the research that has already taken place in the area of research that they have selected. This will enable them to identify their research topic.

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Hours of Instructions in a Week: 4

Assessment:

End-semester Examination:	70 Marks (of 3 Hours)
One Term Paper:	15 Marks
One seminar:	15 Marks

I. Concepts

- Research proposal, Dissertation
- Thesis, Hypothesis, Thesis Statement, the paragraph
- Structure of a Ph.D dissertation
- Style Sheets: MLA, Cambridge and Oxford
- Using Word Processors: Page Setting and setting up styles
- Using online Library Sources (such as Jstor and Project Muse)
- Plagiarism and intellectual copy rights.

II. Processes

- Preparing the Research Proposal: Selecting a topic, review of literature, Working bibliography
- Documentation: using the Library, accessing the internet, inter-library loan
- Argumentative strategies: outlining, types of argument
- Mechanics of writing: MLA style Manual and MLA Handbook; use of quotations; endnotes, footnotes, list of works cited, bibliography

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PAPER II – REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Hours of Instructions in a Week: 3 (to be taught by the Guide)

Assessment:

Report:	150 Marks
Viva:	50 Marks
Credits:	8 Marks (6+2)

- Survey of Recent Primary Reference Materials: The candidate is expected to prepare a critical bibliography of the primary reference materials that have appeared with an emphasis on preparation that have appeared in the last ten years..
- Survey of Secondary and Tertiary Reference Materials: The Candidate is expected to prepare a critical bibliography of the secondary and tertiary reference materials that have appeared in the last ten years.
- Recent Critical and Theoretical Developments that have occurred in the last Five years
- A Review report in approximately 25 printed A4 sheets.

Note: 1) Items I to III must end in a good and usable bibliography that the student can actually attach at the end of his dissertation, and

2) There shall be a viva voce examination for 50 marks.