

**PhD Course Work  
Philosophy Revised  
w.e.f 2017-18  
(6 month duration)**

**Research Methodology**

UNIT I

1. Research Forms- report, article, assignment, dissertation, and thesis. How to write dissertations and theses?
2. What is data collection? Difference between science and philosophy; text as philosophy's data.

UNIT II

3. Natural Science and Social Science Research: Methodology
4. Distinct features of philosophical research, its comparison with science research

UNIT III

5. Methods in Western Philosophy- analytical, phenomenological, dialectical, feminist
6. Methods in Indian Philosophy- empiricist, rationalist, exegetical, sceptical

UNIT IV

7. Avoiding plagiarism in research
8. Ethics of research

**Books**

- Balasubramanian, R. Research Methodology in Philosophy. Madras: RIASP, 1984.
- Buchler, Justus 1961 The Concept of Method. London: Columbia University Press
- Carnap, Rudolf 1966 "The Experimental Method" in *Philosophical Foundations of Physics: An Introduction to the Philosophy of Science*, New York: Basic Books.
- Collingwood, R.G. 1933 *An Essay on Philosophical Method*, Oxford: Clarendon Press.
- Cummins & Slade 1979 Writing the Research Paper- Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co
- Dilthey, Wilhelm. 1996. *Hermeneutics and the Study of History: Selected Works*, Volume IV. Edited by R. A. Makkreel and F. Rodi. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.
- Hempel, Carl. 1966 (1932) "The Function of General Laws in History" in 20<sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy: The Analytic Tradition ed. Morris Weitz, 254-68. New York: The Free Press
- Kothari C.R. 1985 Research Methodology: Methods & Techniques. New Delhi: Wiley Eastern Ltd.
- Parsons C.F 1973 Thesis and Project Work London: George Allen and Unwin.
- Passmore, John 1961 Philosophical Reasoning. London: Gerald Duckworth.
- Feinberg, Joel 2002 *Doing Philosophy: A Guide to the Writing of Philosophy Papers* Wadsworth: Belmont
- Martinich, A.P. 1995 *Philosophical Writing: An Introduction* Blackwell: Malden

Makkreel, Rudolf. 2009. "Hermeneutics" in A Companion to the Philosophy of History and Historiography ed. Aviezer Tucker, 529-539. Malden MA and Oxford: Wiley Blackwell.

MLA Handbook 8<sup>th</sup> Edition

Passmore, John 1961 Philosophical Reasoning. London: Gerald Duckworth

Sherratt, Yvonne. 2006. Continental Philosophy of Social Science: Hermeneutics, Genealogy and Critical Theory from Greece to the Twenty-First Century

Cambridge: Cambridge University Press

Vaughn, Lewis *Writing Philosophy: A Student's Guide to Writing Philosophy Essays*

Wallerstein, Immanuel et al. 1996. Open the Social Sciences: Report of the Gulbenkian Commission on the Restructuring of the Social Sciences New Delhi: Vistaar Publications

**Evaluation:**

Class participation

Continuous evaluation with assignments and tests

Certificates will be issued if the above mentioned are satisfactorily completed