

Course in Research Methodology

Eligibility : A Candidate for being eligible for admission to the course must have passed PET of the University of Mumbai in Ancient Indian Culture and Archaeology.

Duration : 120 hours.

Venue: Any of the Centre affiliated to University where the subject is taught.

Fee Structure: As per University Rule.

Qualification for Teachers:

Doctorate in Ancient Indian Culture, History and Archaeology / History / Sanskrit and having sizable contribution in Research with publications in refereed Journals.

Honorarium for Teachers: As per University rules.

Syllabus:

1. Nature and scope of research in Ancient Indian Culture and Archaeology 2 hrs
2. Selection and Design of research problem 6 hrs
3. Research questions and project planning: Formulation of a research proposal for the case study, including statement of research questions, basic scheduling and initial task allocation 6 hrs
4. Understanding sources (case studies) 20 hrs
 - (a) Literary
 - (i) Secular Sources – Arthashastra (Saptanga)/ Dashakumaracharita (Vakataka Prince)/Mahikavatichi Bakhar
 - (ii) Religious Sources – Purnavadana / karakandacarayu / Mahabharata (Shakuntalopakhayan)
 - (ii) Oral tradition – Ovyakhelageete
 - (iii) Folk tradition – Povada/Jagan/Songs of 1857
 - (b) Archaeology
 - (i) Exploration- Hampi/Sopara/Gharapuri
 - (ii) Site-studies – Farmana/Shishupalgarh/Inamgaon
 - (iii) Epigraphy – Dashavatar Cave /Ghatotkacha
 - (iv) Numismatics – Satavahana /Gupta
 - (c) Art and aesthetic
 - (i) Elephanta
 - (ii) Sinner

(d) Tribal studies (Study of oral tradition, material culture and substance pattern for understanding of different aspects of culture)

- (i) Gonda
- (ii) Warali
- (iii) Santhal

5. Methods of data collection 20 hrs

- (a) Library
- (b) Achieves
- (c) Museums
- (d) Exploration and excavation methods
- (e) Surveys – Archaeological, Sociological, Geographical, Ethnographical
- (f) Manuscriptology

6. Classification and critical examination of the sources 6 hrs

7. Historiography and controversy 20 hrs

- (a) Western – Anglican/American/European
- (b) Nationalist
- (c) Leftist
- (d) Feminist
- (e) Extremist
- (f) Modernism
- (g) Post- modernism
- (h) Archaeological approaches- traditional /processual /post-processual

8. Interpretation of data and Formation of hypothesis 20 hrs

9. Introduction to Computers, software programs and Research methodology using Free and Open Source software, Introduction to the concept and pros and cons of Free and Open Source software (FOSS), including issues surrounding legal status, functionality and total-cost-of-ownership. Usage of Online libraries and the available data.

10. Presentation and editing of data 20 hrs

- (a) Diacritical Marks
- (b) References (preparing cards, writing footnotes/endnotes by Harvard / Chicago methods) and Bibliography
- (c) Pagination and proof-reading
- (d) Appendices

Suggested Reading:

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