

**Syllabus for Ph.D. Coursework in Philosophy**  
**Duration: 6 months (One Semester)**  
**Department of Philosophy, Jadavpur University**  
**F.M. 100**

MODULE 1: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

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**GROUP A: Research Methodology (Western)**

1. Research Methodology (General): Types, Methods, Techniques and Style Sheets.
2. Research Design, Types of Research and Philosophical World-Views (Qualitative, Quantitative and Mixed Approaches)
3. Methods of Philosophy: *Traditional* (Pre-Socratic methods, Socratic dialogue, Hegelian dialectic, Husserlian Epoche, Cartesian Method of Doubt, Kantian Transcendental method, Marxian Dialectic, Popperian Falsifiability etc.) and *Contemporary* (Radical Interpretation, Naturalism, Commonsense philosophising, analytical method, experimental philosophy, thought experiments etc.)
4. Meta-philosophy

**Suggested Readings:**

**Research Methodology (Western)**

1. Blaikie, Norman. 1993. *Approaches to Social Enquiry*. Cambridge: Polity Press (Blackwell Publishers Ltd.)
2. Creswell, John. W. 2011. *Research Design, Qualitative, Quantitative and Mixed Methods Approaches, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition*. Sage Publications India Pvt. Ltd.
3. Daly, Chris. 2010. *An Introduction to Philosophical Methods*. Broadview Press Ltd.
4. Kothari, C. R. and Garg, Gaurav. 2014. *Research Methodology, Methods and Techniques, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition*, New Delhi: New Age International Publishers.
5. Papazoglou, Alexis ed. 2012. *The Pursuit of Philosophy: Some Cambridge Perspectives*. Blackwell Publishing (Wiley).
6. Ramachandran, T. P. 1984. *The Methodology of Research in Philosophy*. Madras: University of Madras.
7. Turabian, Kate, L. 1996. *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Thesis and Dissertations, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition*. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press. [2013, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition is available on Kindle]
8. Veit, Richard, Gould, Christopher and Gould Kathleen. 2014. *Writing, Reading and Research, Ninth Edition*. Stanford: Cengage Learning.

9. Williamson, Timothy. 2007. *The Philosophy of Philosophy*. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell.

**GROUP B: Research Methodology (Indian)**

Philosophical Discourse:

a. Indian traditional texts

Mangalacarana

Anubandha Catustaya

Uddesa

Laksana, Pariksa

b. Contemporary Indian Texts: Comparative, Fusion, Analytical and others.

**Suggested Readings:**

**Research Methodology (Indian)**

Bhattacharya, G. N. 1989. *Essays in Analytic Philosophy*. Kolkata: Sanskrit Pustak Bhandar.

Dutta Sharma, Ratna. 2000. *Philosophical Discourse*. New Delhi: D K. Printworld.

Ganeri, Jonardon. 2009. *Philosophy in Classical India*. Motilal Banarsidass Publishers.

Maharsi Gautama, *Nyaya Sutra*.

Mahesa Candra Nyayaratna, *Navya Nyaya Bhasa Pradip*

Matilal, B. K. 1985. *Perception: An Essay on Classical Indian Theories of Knowledge*. Oxford: Clarendon Press.

Murthy, M. S. *Methodology in Indological Research*. N. Delhi: Bharatiya Vidya Prakashani.

Sharma, B. R. *Text Editing and Text Critical Study*. Kolkata: School of Vedic Studies, Rabindra Bharati University.

Vatsyanana, *Bhasya on Nyaya Sutra*.

Mukhopadhyay, P. K. *Nyaya Theory of Linguistic Performance*, CAS Project, Jadavpur University Publication.

MODULE 2: Ph.D. Coursework project

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The project is to be done on any philosophical topic approved by the B.o.S/DRC.