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Regulations and Syllabus  
Ph. D. in WEST ASIAN STUDIES

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**GUIDELINES AND REGULATIONS**

**LEADING TO**  
**PH. D. IN WEST ASIAN STUDIES**

**Programme Details**

Name of the Department	Department of Studies in History
<b>Programme</b>	West Asian Studies
Faculty	Arts
Name of the Programme	Ph. D.

**PR. D. PROGRAM IN WEST ASIAN STUDIES**

**Programme Outcome**

- Demonstrate adequate skills in listening/speaking/writing effectively and performing all kinds of critical thinking and analysis.
- Demonstrate proficiency in unique aspects related to the core concepts in research
- Have an in-depth understanding of various aspects in this subject and acquire mastery of course contents by utilising the popular literature sources.
- Effectively communicate the knowledge and skills acquired to others through written and oral methods.
- Work ethically and professionally individually or as a part of a team by complying with the information resources efficiently and effectively.
- Be able to carry out research work in this and allied disciplines.

**Programme Pedagogy**

- The pedagogy of teaching research methods to Ph.D scholars of West Asian Studies involve imparting of specific and focused applications of tools and techniques in research.
- The instructional design comprises of developing good organisational skills of researchers in order to evolve a good research design in the area of research.
- Scholars pursuing Ph.D research should have intellectual mastery over their chosen area of study within West Asian Studies and allied disciplines.
- Conducting literature survey under the direction of the supervisor is a primary module in the research methodology.

## **COURSE-I: ADVANCED RESEARCH METHODOLOGY AND THEORY IN WEST ASIAN STUDIES**

### **Course outcome**

- To help the students to demonstrate an in depth knowledge of the topic of one's research topic.
- To train the student in the methodology of collection of data available for one's research
- To train the student to demonstrate high communication skills necessary for an effective research and for written presentation of one's work

### **COURSE CONTENT**

1. Basic principles of historical method — external and internal criticism objectivity — conceptualization — hypotheses
2. Basic principles of Social Science method ,Quantitative and Qualitative methods of research — cliometrics — history from below and interpreting the enemy sources. Archival research — modalities of oral history
3. Historiography: scientific revolution and its impact — Francis Bacon and Descartes — Cartesian critique of history and Cartesians historiography — Vico's theory of knowledge and anti-cartesianism
4. Ranke's methods of history — Auguste Comte — positivism — Karl Marx and materialist interpretation — theories of Spengler and Toynbee annals and subaltern schools

## **COURSE-H: REVIEW OF LITERATURE**

### **Course outcome**

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- To train the student in the methodology of collection of data available for one's research
- To train the student to demonstrate high communication skills necessary for an effective research and for written presentation of one's work.

### **COURSE CONTENT**

1. State formation and its regional variations in West Asia.
2. Arabian socio-economic relations .Bedouin culture — Economy.
3. Artisans craftsmen and Caravan trade system
4. Islamic Art, architecture and painting
5. Nomads and land relations
6. Medieval administrative system
7. Patterns of revenue assessment/ revenue collections
8. Colonialism-colonial exploitation
9. Market economy concession system
10. Urbanisation/ urban studies
11. Nationalism/ national struggle
12. Non-Turkish movements, Arab movements
13. History of the Arab and non-Arab states

14. Economic history/ economic development
15. Social history/ Social Religious movements in West Asia.