

Anthropology

M.Phil/PhD Course work Syllabus

Course Number	Course Title	Credits
ANT-RS-C 101	Research Methodology in Anthropology	4
ANT-RS-C102	(A) Advanced Theories and Methods in Social and Cultural Anthropology Or (B) Advanced Theories and Methods in Physical Anthropology	4
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ANT-RS-C 101 Research Methodology in Anthropology (4 Credits)

Unit I: Research Process

Epistemology; Empiricism and Field work tradition in Anthropology; Ethnographic method and Process; Quantitative, Qualitative, Applied and Action Research Processes.

Unit II: Types of Research Methods

Field Work in Different Ecological Settings, Diachronic and Synchronic, Reflexivity, Auto-ethnography. Oral tradition and Life histories; Multi-sited Ethnographies; Restudies and Reinterpretation.

Unit III: Statistical Analysis

Measures of Central Tendency: Mean, Median, Mode and Standard Deviation; Dispersion, Sample Size and Representativeness, Concept of Probability, Bivariate Statistics: Correlation, Chi-square, t-test, F-test, Analysis of Variance, Regression, Factor Analysis.

Unit IV: Report Writing

Coding and Categorisation, Content Analysis, Application of SPSS. Preparation of Report Writing and Publishing.

Suggested readings:

- Beteille, A. and T. N. Madan. 1975. Encounter and Experience. New Delhi: Vikas Publishing House.
- James Clifford and George E. Marcus (Eds),1986 Writing Culture: The Poetics and Politics of Ethnography. Berkeley: University of California Press.
- Frelich, M. 1970. Marginal Natives: Anthropologists at Work. New York: Harper & Sons.
- Herle, A. 1998. Cambridge and the Torres Strait. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Kothari, C.R. 2004. Research Methodology: Methods and Techniques. New Delhi: New Age International Pvt. Publishers.

- Pelto, P. J. And G. H. Pelto. 2006. *Research Methods in Anthropology: Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches*. Walnut Creek: AltaMita Press.
- Russell, B. H. 1995. *Research Methods in Anthropology: Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches*. Walnut Creek, CA: Alta Mira Press.
- Sarana, G. 1975. *The Methodology of Anthropology*. New York: The University of Arizona Press.
- Srinivas, M.N. 1983. *The Observer and the Observed*. Faculty Lecture 1, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of Singapore.
- Srivatsava, V.K. 2005. *Field Work and Methodology*. Delhi: Oxford University Press.
- Stocking, G.W. 1983. *Observers Observed: Essays on Ethnographic Fieldwork*. Madison: The University of Wisconsin Press.

ANT-RS-C102

(A) Advanced Theories and Methods in Social and Cultural Anthropology (4 Credits)

Unit I: Theories

Nature of social sciences, Empiricism, Rationalism and positivism, Post Structuralism, Cognitive anthropology, Critical theory.

Unit II: Disadvantaged Groups in India

Issues concerning the subaltern groups: Dalits, Tribal, Religious and Linguistic minorities, Refugees; Disabled, Third Gender.

Unit III: Emerging Issues

Material culture, Visual and Cyber anthropology, Ethnicity and Nationalism, Migration, Diaspora and borderland issues.

Unit IV: Human Rights and Empowerment

Right to Information, Right to Education, Right to food security, Social Security, Human Development Index.

Suggested Readings:

- Appadurai, A. 1988. *The Social Life of Things: Commodities in Cultural Perspective*. London: Hurst & Co.
- Banks, M. 1996. *Ethnicity: Anthropological Constructions*. London: Routledge.
- Carsten, J. 2000. *Cultures of Relatedness - New Approaches to the Study of Kinship*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Clarke, M. 2009. *Islam and New Kinship: Reproductive Technology, Anthropology and the Shari'ah in Lebanon*. Oxford: Berghahn.
- D'Andrade, R. G. 1995. *The Development of Cognitive Anthropology*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Eriksen, T.H. 2010. *Ethnicity and Nationalism: Anthropological Perspectives*. London: Pluto.
- Gellner, E. 2006. *Nations and Nationalism*. Oxford: Blackwell Publishing.
- Karlsson, B.G. 2011. *Unruly Hills: a Political Ecology of India's Northeast*. Oxford: Berghahn books.

- Pink, S. (2001) 2007. *Doing Visual Ethnography: Images, Media and Representation in Research*. London: Sage Publications.
- Sen, A. 2001. *Development as Freedom*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Van Schendel, W. 2005. *The Bengal Borderland: Beyond State and Nation in South Asia*. London: Anthem Press

(B) Advanced Theories and Methods in Physical Anthropology (4 Credits)

Unit I: Biological anthropological research

Human evolution and variation, historical development of biological anthropological research. New physical anthropology as synthesised by Washburn. Impact of Genetic and medical sciences on biological Anthropology.

Unit II: Anthropological Genetics

Foundations of anthropological genetics, Human genome project, methods for genetic study: pedigree analysis, chromosomal analysis, biochemical analysis, molecular genetic markers.

Unit III: Health and Diseases

Distribution of genetic diseases in human populations; effects of biological and environment factors on Growth and Development, evolutionary perspective on obesity and co-morbidities, Maternal and Child health

Unit IV: Human Adaptability programme

Bio-cultural approach in the study of human growth and development, nutritional anthropology, reproductive health, Anthropological Demography. Dental Anthropology.

Suggested Readings:

- Bhasin, V, and M.M. Bhasin. 2007. *Anthropology Today in Trends, Scopes and Applications*. New Delhi: Kamla Raj Enterprises.
- Brewis, A. A. 2011. *Obesity: Cultural and Biocultural Perspectives*. New Jersey: Rutgers University Press.
- Crawford, M.H. (Ed). 2006. *Anthropological Genetics*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Dasgupta, P. and R. Hauspie. (ed.). 2001. *Perspective in Human Growth, Development and Maturation*. New Delhi: Springer.
- Denver, E.J. 2005. *Molecular Application in Biological Anthropology (Cambridge Studies in Biological and Evolutionary Anthropology)*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Gisli, P. 2007. *Anthropology and New Genetics*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Hartwell, L.H. 2011. *Genetics: From Genes to Genomes*, 4th Edition. New York: McGraw-Hill.
- Hillson, S. 2002. *Dental Anthropology*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Pasternak, J. J. 2005. *An Introduction to Human Molecular Biology*. New Jersey: John Wiley & Sons.
- Shephard, R. J. 2005. *Body Composition in Biological Anthropology*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

ANT-RS-C103

**Preparation of Research Proposal and Seminar Presentation
(4 Credits)**

Unit I: Sources and Citation of Literature

Gazetteers, Government Reports, Journals, Books, Magazines, Newspapers,
Diaries, Unpublished Theses, Online sources, films.

Unit II: Review of Literature.

Unit III: Writing of Research Proposal.

Unit IV: Presentation of Research Proposal.