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SALEM-636 011



M.Phil Sociology
(Semester Pattern)
Under Choice Based Credit Systems

Regulations and Syllabus
(2009 onwards)

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Periyar University , Salem-11
M.Phil, Sociology-Choice Based Credit System (CBCS)
Regulations and syllabus
(For the candidates admitted from 2009-2010)

1. Eligibility for Admission

A master degree in Sociology of periyar University or any other university recognized by the syndicate as equivalent with minimum of 55 per cent of marks are eligible to apply. For SC/ ST candidates a concession of 5 per cent of marks shall be given in the minimum eligibility marks.

2. Duration of the course

The duration of the M.Phil programme shall be one year consist of two semesters under Choice Based Credit system.

3. Distribution of credit points

The minimum credit required for one year M.Phil programme shall be 36 credits. The break-up of credits for the programme is as follows:

Part-I

Paper I	(Core Course)	: 5 credits
Paper II	(Core Course)	: 5 credits
Paper III	(Elective Course)	: 5 Credits

Paper II

Dissertation and Viva-Voce	: 10 Credits
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4. Structure of the Programme:

The programme of study for the degree shall consist of (a) Part-I Comprising three written papers according to the syllabus prescribed from time to time ; and (b) Part-II Dissertation .

S.No	Course code	Title of the course	Core / Elective	credit
First Semester				
1		Social Research Methodology	Core	5
2		Sociological Theories	Core	5
3		Rural Sociology	Elective	
4		Urban Sociology	Elective	
5		Industrial Sociology	Elective	
6		Sociology of Organization	Elective	
7		Social Gerontology	Elective	
8		Sociology of Mass Communication		
Second Semester				
		Dissertation	Core	10

5. Scheme of Examinations:

Part-I Written Examinations

The examination for the courses of Papers I, II and II shall be held at the end of the first semester. Duration of the examination for each course shall be 3 hours carrying a maximum of 100 marks.

The examination of elective course will be conducted by the department and the marks obtained by the candidate along with the question paper and valued answer scripts shall be sent to the university at least 15 days before the commencement of the examination of papers I and II.

The examiners will be appointed from the panel of four names of each course (I and II) submitted by the department concerned. If one examiner awards a pass mark and

the other fail mark, the paper will be valued by a third examiner whose award of marks will be final.

Part-II Dissertation

The exact title of the dissertation shall be intimated within one month after the registration of the programme. Candidates shall submit the dissertation to the University through the supervisor and Head of the Department at the end of the year from the commencement of the programme which shall be valued by internal examiner (supervisor) and one external examiner appointed by the university from a panel of four names sent by the supervisor through the Head of the Department at the time of submitting the dissertation.

The examiners who value the dissertation shall report on the merit of the candidates as 'Highly commended' (75% and above) or 'commended' (50% and above and below 75%) or 'not commended' (below 50%).

If one examiner commends the dissertation and the other examiner, does not commend, the dissertation will be referred to a third examiner and the third valuation shall be final.

Submission or resubmission of the dissertation will be allowed twice a year.

M. Phil / PhD (Sociology)

Paper I: Social Research Methodology

Unit I

Social Research

Meaning and importance of research. Theory and research. Basic concepts - Facts, concepts and variables. Hypotheses – Need, types and formulation. Types of research – Pure, Action, Applied, Quantitative and Qualitative. Selection of research problem. Steps in research.

Unit II

Research Design, Sampling and scaling techniques

Research design: Meaning. Types: Exploratory, Descriptive, Diagnostic, Experimental and Explanatory. **Sampling:** Meaning, Universe, Types, Sample frame, Sample Size. **Scaling techniques:** Lickerts, Guttman, Thurstone, Bogardus and Sociometry.

Unit III

Data Collection: Methods: Observation, Interview, Case Study, Content Analysis and Narrative. Tools: Interview Guide, Interview Schedule and Questionnaire.

Unit IV

Analysis of Data: Statistics: Meanings, Functions and Importance of Statistics in Social Sciences. Measures of Central Tendency and Dispersion. **Association:** Chi-square, Association of Attributes, Gamma test. **T-test.** Correlation: Rank Correlation and Karl Pearson Co-efficient of Correlation. Use of computer in social research- Statistical Packages for Social Sciences (SPSS).

Unit V

Processing of data and Report writing:

Editing, Coding, Classification, Tabulation and Interpretation of data. Procedures and Steps in Report Writing. Features of good research report.

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Paper – II Sociological Theories

Objectives

To help the scholars to understand the society from different perspectives which may help them to learn the social order systematically.

Unit – I

Functionalism – Intellectual background of Functionalism- Robert K. Merton's Codifications of Functional Analysis: Postulate of the functional unity of the society, Postulate of universal functionalism and Postulate of functional indispensability. Varieties of Functionalism - Functionalism as model and perspective.

Unit - II

Conflict Theory – Karl Marx: The theory of Class struggle, **C. Wright Mills:** The Power Elite, **Ralf Dahrendorf:** The Rulers and Ruled, **Randall Callins:** The Analytic Conflict Theory, **Lewis Coser:** Conflict functionalism.

Unit – III

Symbolic Interactionism – Charles Horton Cooley: Looking glass self, The primary group, **George Herbert Mead:** The coherent theory: Mind, Self and Society. The functions of self, **Herbert Blumer:** Symbolic Interactionism, Methodological Orientation and Society as Symbolic Interaction.

Unit – IV

Modernity – What is modernity? Intensification of the process of modernity: Aspects of modernity. **Anthony Giddens;** Modernity is multi-dimensional. **Zygmunt Bauman:** Modernity as holocaust. **Jurgen Habermas:** Modernity is rationality and an unfinished project. Characteristics of modernity.

Unit – V

Post Modern Thinkers: Jean Baudrillard- Simulation Society, Simulation and Consumerism. **Michel Foucault:** Madness and Civilization, The order of things. **Jean-Francois Lyotard:** Scientific Narratives, Impact of post modern science on humanities.

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