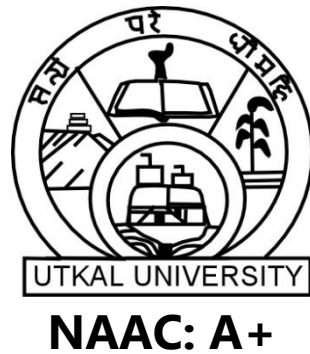


Syllabus for M. Phill. Geography



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The Course will comprise two theory papers each of four hours of duration carrying 100 Marks, one term paper and Dissertation Carrying 100 Marks and one dissertation to be submitted before filling up the forms carrying 100 marks. The papers are as follows:

Semester-I

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| 1. Research Methodology | 100 Marks |
| 1. Term paper and Research proposal | 100 Marks |

Semester-II

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| 2. Applied Geography | 100 Marks |
| 3. Dissertation | 100 Marks |

Semester-1
Paper-1
Research Methodology

Objective:

To strengthen the understanding of research methods applied in social sciences among the students.

Learning Outcomes:

After the completion of course, the students will have ability to:

1. To create a bold foundation for scientific research methodology.
2. Know the fundamentals of social science research and research process model
3. Understand various aspect of conducting preliminaries of a scientific research
4. Grasp the techniques of data collection and compilation
5. Prepare systematic literature review and plagiarism

Course Content:

Unit-1: (Fundamentals)

1.1 Preliminaries of Geographical Research

The issue, Problem Identification of Statement of Problem, Research Rational Scope and Limitation. Assumption or premise, Research objectives Hypothesis, Budgeting and working with a supervisor

1.2 Approaches to Geographical Research

Historical, Case Study, Descriptive and Experimental

1.3 Methods of Geographical Research

Ex-post factor, Laboratory Experiments, Field Experiments, Field study, Survey Research, Evaluation Research and Action Research

Unit-II: (Research Design/Plan)

2.1. Literature Review

2.2. Survey Design

2.3. Coordination Schema (Format, Approach, Techniques, Steps, Function and Utilization)

a. Problem Area

b. Parameter

c. Variable

d. Values

Unit-III: (Data Collection and Information Gathering)

3.1. Secondary Sources

3.2. Reconnaissance and Field Observation

3.3. Rapid Rural Appraisal and Participatory Rural Appraisal

3.4. Structured Conversation and Scheduled Interview

3.5. Standardized Questionnaire Survey (Questionnaire Development, Survey Logistics and Survey Design)

3.6. Visual Documentation, Document Screening and Content Analysis

Unit-IV: (Sampling Issues)

- 4.1. Basic Considerations
- 4.2. Probabilities and Non-probability Sampling
- 4.3. Sampling Frames
- 4.4. Sample Size
- 4.5. Areal Sampling Methods
- 4.6. Choice of Sampling Method

Unit-V: (Data Analysis and Report Writing)

- 5.1. Data Analysis: Definition, Role, Purpose, Types and data and Their Place in analysis
Logical inference and analysis
- 5.2. Statistical Manipulation of Data
Summaries (Grouping Techniques, Central Tendency and Measures of Dispersion)
Comparison: (Covariance Correlation and Regression, The Null Hypothesis and Chi-square)
Significance: (Standard Errors, Probability Levels, Student's test.
charts and models
- 5.3. Preparation of Maps, diagrams graphs, charts and models
- 5.4. Report writing (Introduction, Report Structure, Style of Writing, Reproducing the report, Preparing for an oral Presentation/ Examination
- 5.5. Role of Computers in Report Reproduction and Data Analysis

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Paper-II

Term paper and Research Proposal

Objective:

To involve the students into the process of reviewing journal articles and documents related to the area of research along with the preparation of research proposal.

Learning Outcomes:

After the completion of course, the students will have the ability to:

1. Gain competence on idea of the planning phase in the research process model,
2. Prepare research proposal for any research topic with sufficient significance.
3. Document their literature review for better understanding of their selected topic.

Course Content:

2.1 Development of Research and seminar presentation	50 Marks
2.2 Term paper based on literature Review	50 Marks

Semester-II

Paper-III

Applied Geography

Objective:

To strengthen the understanding on application of Geography on various scientific disciplines.

Learning Outcomes:

After the completion of course, the students will have ability to:

1. Understand geography not as a theoretical subject rather the leading function of the subject in various scientific disciplines,
2. Perceive the contribution of Geography in various dimensions of the society.

Course Content:

Unit-I: (Environmental Management and Sustainable Development

- 1.1 Environmental Planning at regional level and national level, Techniques for Environmental Management and Planning
- 1.2 Concept of Sustainable Development, Principles of Sustainable Society.
- 1.3 The Role of Women's Participation in environmental conservation and movement with special reference to India.

Unit-II: (Integrated Watershed Development and Management

- 2.1. Concept and Framework, rationale of watershed approach, component of a watershed, steps in watershed management (basic information, development component organization, involvement of people, co-ordination among various agencies)

- 2.2. Policy, and Socio-economic issues in watershed management in India (forest policy, rural development and poverty alleviation policy, rural employment generation policy and program, DPAP)

UNIT-III: (Natural Disasters and Its Management)

- 3.1 Basic knowledge of major natural hazards and human induced hazards relationship between disaster and national development issues
- 3.2 Components of comprehensive disaster preparedness plans (contingency planning national plan and legislation, warning system, community participation) community-based disaster management, role of govt NGDOS in disaster management.

Unit-IV: (Remote sensing and Geographical Information System)

- 4.1. Basics of remote sensing (history, energy sources and radiation principles and EMR) Remote sensing applications (Land use planning environmental monitoring rural road connectivity Urban planning and natural disaster management.)
- 4.2. Basic components of a GIS system relationship between geography and interactive techniques for explorative spatial data analysis in GIS measuring benefits and costs in GIS
- 4.3. Applications of GIS (land suitability transpiration, telecommunication. Land use change urban planning and disaster management)

Unit-V (Regional and Rural Development Planning)

- 5.1. The concept and rationale of Planning Methodologies of planning (Sectoral and spatial), the concept of Centralization and decentralization planning. the impact of decentralization planning on rural poverty in Asia.
- 5.2. The concept of rural development the role of government and voluntary organization in process of rural development. people participation in the rural development, the guiding principles for monitoring and evaluation of rural development projects and programs (framework and organizational structure steps and indicators)

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12. Grammar of Planning concepts and Applications P. RF Dubashi, IIPA, New Delhi,1983
13. Natural Hazards Local National and Global- J.F White. Oxford University Press, London,1974
14. Environmental Geography Indian Context K.SK Valdiya, Tata McGraw Hill 1987
15. Background to an Integrated Plan of action on Human Resources Development for the ESCAP Region UNESCAP-1988

Paper – IV Dissertation

Objective:

To encourage students for conducting research and self-assess their efforts for carrying out the final product of research methodology.

Learning Outcome:

1. While preparing their dissertation students will be advised regularly by the Guides and will be submitting their collected data and analysis results.
2. This dissertation will build confidence and the ability to self asses the research work.

Course Content:

1. Dissertation

100 Marks