

Pre-Doctoral Course work in History

The duration of Ph.D. course work in History is one semester only starting from July to December every year. There are four papers carrying 100 marks each and the duration of the examination is three hours.

Paper-I

Research Methodology

Unit-I

1. Historical Sources-Ancient and Medieval India
2. Historical Sources- Modern India and History of Odisha
3. Choice of Subject and preparation of Synopsis: Review of Literature, Formulation of Hypothesis, Chapterization, Footnotes and References, Bibliography.

Unit-II

1. Area of proposed research: History within a Boundary and History without a Border
2. Significance of Regional History
3. Recent Historical writings in Proposed Area of Research

Unit-III

1. Preliminary Operation: Understanding Research, Data Collection, Note Taking
2. Analytical Operation- Examination of Sources
3. Historical Fact and Evidence

Unit-IV

1. Organisation and Interpretation
2. Explanation and Presentation
3. Objectivity and Bias in History

Unit-V

1. Recent Trends in Indian Historiography: D.D. Kosambi, R.S. Sharma, Romila Thapar, Irfan Habib, Bipan Chandra
2. Approaches to Indian History: Colonial School, Nationalist School, Marxist School, Annales School, Subaltern School
3. Post Modernism in History.

Paper-II

Research & Publication Ethics (RPE)

Unit I: PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS (3 hrs.)

Introduction to philosophy: definition, nature and scope, concept, branches
Ethics: definition, moral philosophy, nature of moral judgments and reactions

Unit II: SCIENTIFIC CONDUCT (5hrs.)

Ethics with respect to science and research
Intellectual honesty and research integrity
misconducts: Falsification, Fabrication, and Plagiarism (FFP)
Redundant publications: duplicate and overlapping publications, salami slicing

Unit III: PUBLICATION ETHICS (7 hrs.)

Publication ethics: definition, introduction and importance
Best practices / standards setting initiatives and guidelines: COPE, WAME, etc.
Conflicts of interest
publication misconduct: definition, concept, problems that lead to unethical behavior and vice versa, types.
Violation of publication ethics, authorship and contributorship
Identification of publication misconduct, complaints and appeals
Predatory publishers and journals PRACTICE

Unit IV: OPEN ACCESS PUBLISHING & PUBLICATION MISCONDUCT (6 hrs.)

Open access publications and initiatives
SHERPA/RoMEO online resource to check publisher copyright & self-archiving policies
Software tool to identify predatory publications developed by SPPU
Journal finder / journal suggestion tools viz. JANE, Elsevier Journal Finder, Springer Journal Suggester, etc.
Use of plagiarism software like Turnitin, Urkund and other open source software tools

Unit V: DATABASES AND RESEARCH METRICS (7hrs.)

Databases (4 hrs.)

1. Indexing databases
2. Citation databases: Web of Science, Scopus, etc.

Research Metrics (3 hrs.)

1. Impact Factor of journal as per Journal Citation Report, SNIP, SJR, IPP, Cite Score
2. Metrics: h-index, g index, i10 index, altmetrics

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Paper-III

Computer Application

100 marks
(5 x 20)

Paper-IV

Review of Literature and Seminar Paper

100 marks
(50 + 50)

The Ph.D. Course-work structure and assessment scheme is as mentioned below:

Sl. No.	Paper	Course Title	Credit	Total Marks	Minimum Pass Mark
1.	Paper-I	Research Methodology	04	100 marks (Mid Term-30) (End Term-70)	50%
4.	Paper-III	Research & Publication Ethics (RPE)	04	100 (End Term)	50%

2.	Paper-II	Computer Application Relevant to the subject.	04	100 marks (Mid Term-30) (End Term-70)	50%
3.	Paper-IV	Literature Review and Seminar Presentations	04	100 (End Term)	50%