



Indraprastha College for Women

University of Delhi

Work Plan for ODD SEMESTER –2025

Course Name:	B.A. (H) Sociology
Paper Title:	Introduction to Sociological Research
Unique Paper Code:	2302101103
Semester:	I
Faculty(s):	Dr. Niharika Tripathi
Year:	2026-27

Work Plan			
Unit No.	Learning Objective	Lecture No.	Topics to be Covered
I	The Promise of Sociological research	1-5	The Sociological Imagination
II	The link between Theory and Research	6-11	Social Theory and social Structure
III	Concepts and Hypothesis	12-19	Methods in Social Research
IV	The Process Social Research	20-24	Methods of Social Research, Research Methods in Anthropology
V	Plagiarism and Ethics in Social Research	25-30	Ethical Guidelines for Good Research Practice
VI	Primary and Secondary Sources of data	31-39	Research Methods, Types of primary data: Qualitative and Quantitative Data, Introduction to Big Data at National level: Census and NSS data, Introduction to Digital Research
VII	Basic Data Analysis	40-45	Elementary Statistical Methods

Unit	Contents/Syllabus
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S.No.	Name of Authors/Books/Publishers
1.	Mills, C. W. (1959). The Sociological Imagination, London: OUP, Chapter 1 Pp 3-24
2.	Merton, R.K. (1972). Social Theory and Social Structure, Delhi: Arvind Publishing House, Chapters 4 & 5 The Bearing of Sociological Theory on Empirical Research & The Bearing of Empirical Research on Sociological Theory pp. 139-171
3.	Goode, W. E. and P. K. Hatt, (1952). Methods in Social Research. New York: McGraw Hill. Chapters 5 and 6, Pp. 41-73.
4.	Bailey, K. (1994) “The Research Process”, in Methods of Social Research. Simon and Schuster ed. The Free Press, New York, Pp. 3-19.
5.	Bernard, Russell H., (2006). Research Methods in Anthropology: Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches, Alta Mira Press Lanham Ch 3 ‘Preparing for Research’; Ch 4 ‘The Literature Search’ Pp. 69-108.
6.	Association of Social Anthropologists of the UK and Commonwealth, Ethical Guidelines for Good Research Practice, Pp.1
7.	Creswell, J W. (2009). Research Design: Qualitative, Quantitative and Mixed Methods Approaches, 3 rd ed. Sage Publications, California, Pp. 87
8.	Walliman, Nicholas. (2010). Research Methods: The Basics. Routledge: London, Ch. 4 The Nature of Data“ Pp 65
9.	Kim, Yeunchul, 2019, „New Opportunities for Sociological Research“ in Journal of Asian Sociology, Vol. 48, No.3 9, Pp. 343
10.	History of the Census of India, Government of India Pp.1
11.	Deshpande, S. (2003). Contemporary India: A Sociological View. New Delhi: Penguin Books, Pp.125
12.	Pink, S., H. Horst, J. Postill, L. Hjorth, T. Lewis, & J. Tacchi, (2016). Digital Ethnography: Principles and Practice. SAGE Publications Ltd. Pp. 1
13.	Gupta, S. P. (2007). Elementary Statistical Methods. Sultan Chand & Sons Publishers, Chapter 7 Classification and Tabulation. Pp.65

	Paper Components		
Credits	Lecture (L)	Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
4	3	1	0
Assessment Scheme			
S.No.	Component	Marking Scheme	Total Marks
1	Internal Assessment - Assignment/Quiz/Project/ Presentation - ClassTest - Attendance		30
		12	
		12	
		6	
2.	Continuous Assessment (Tutorial) - Activity 1 - Activity 2 - Attendance		40
		20	
		15	
		5	
3.	Practical - Continuous Assessment - End Term Written/Practical Exam - Viva	NA	NA
4.	EndSemesterExamination		90