



Indraprastha College for Women

University of Delhi

Work Plan for ODD SEMESTER –2025

Course Name:	BA (Hons) Sociology
Paper Title:	Sociological Research Methods
Unique Paper Code:	2302103502
Semester:	V
Faculty(s):	Dr Niharika Tripathi
Year:	2026-27

Work Plan			
Unit No.	Learning Objective	Lecture No.	Topics to be Covered
I	Ways of Looking	1-15	Objectivity in Sociological Research Reflexivity Research Ethics
II	Methodological Issues	16-24	Comparative Method Feminist Method
III	Methods of Data Collection	25-33	Sampling Questionnaire Construction Interview Documents Focus Group
IV	Introduction to Statistics	34-45	Graphical and Diagrammatic Presentation of Data Measures of Central Tendency (Simple Arithmetic Mean, Median and Mode) Measures of Dispersion (Standard Deviation, Variance and Covariance)

Unit	Contents/Syllabus
I	Ways of Looking

II	Methodological Issues
III	Methods of Data Collection
IV	Introduction to Statistics
S.No.	Name of Authors/Books/Publishers
1.	Gray, David J. 1968. 'Value-Free Sociology: A Doctrine of Hypocrisy and Irresponsibility' in The Sociological Quarterly. Vol. 9, No. 2 (Spring, 1968). Pp. 176- 185
2.	Gouldner, Alvin. 1970. The Coming Crisis of Western Sociology. New York: Basic Books. Chapter 13. Living as a Sociologist. Pp. 481-511
3.	Martin, John Levi. 2017. Thinking Through Methods: A Social Science Primer. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, Chapter 6. Ethics in Research. Pp. 142-161
4.	Béteille A. 2002. Sociology: Essays on Approach and Method. New Delhi: OUP. Chapter 4. Some Observations on the Comparative Method. Pp. 72-94
5.	Hammersley, Martyn. 1992. 'On Feminist Methodology' in Sociology, Vol. 26, No.2 (May 1992). Pp. 187-206
6.	Bailey, K. 1994. 'Survey Sampling' in Survey Sampling in Methods of Social Research. 4th edition. New York: Free Press. Chapter 5. Pp. 81-104
7.	Bailey, K. 1994. 'Questionnaire Construction' in Questionnaire Construction in Methods of Social Research. 4th edition. New York: Free Press. Chapter 6. Pp. 105-146
8.	Bailey, K. 1994. 'Interview Studies' in Methods of Social Research. 4th edition. New York: Free Press. Chapter 8, Pp.173-213
9.	Coffey, Amanda. 'Analysing Documentary Realities', in David Silverman ed. Qualitative Research: Theory, Method and Practice. Delhi: SAGE Publications, 2004. Pp. 56-75
10.	Wilkinson, Sue. 'Focus group research' in David Silverman ed. Qualitative Research: Theory, Method and Practice. Delhi: SAGE Publications, 2004. Pp. 177-196
11.	Gupta, S. P. 2007. 'Diagrammatic and Graphic Presentation' in Elementary Statistical Methods. Sultan Chand & Sons. Chapter 6, Pp.101-108, 115-118, 131-137
12.	Gupta, S. P. 2007. 'Measures of Central Value' in Elementary Statistical Methods. Sultan Chand & Sons. Chap 7, Pp. 155-168, 173-180, 187-197
13.	Gupta, S. P. 2007. 'Measures of Variation' in Elementary Statistical Methods. Sultan Chand & Sons. Chapter 8 pp. 262-277

	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