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Ph.D Course Curriculum

COURSE I – ADVANCE RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

(8 Credits)

Social Research – A

Unit - I: Basics of Social Research

DTS

a. **The Scientific Approach:** Concept of science, four methods of knowing science, features of scientific method, scientific approach in research.

b. **Social Research and its Basic Elements:** History, meaning, use & abuse, and stages of social research; choice of research problem and factors affecting choice in social research; concept and variables, propositions, relationships between variables; hypothesis, strategies for hypothesis formulation and verification, deduction vs induction, ethical issues in social research.

c. **Measurement in Social Research:** concept of measurement, levels of measurement, nominal, ordinal, and interval and ratio measures, discrete vs continues variable, validity and reliability of measurement.

d. **Research Design:** Importance of research design, types; descriptive research design, diagnostic research design, experimental research design and evaluation research; cross sectional versus longitudinal studies.

Unit - II: Data Collection

SBS

a. **Source of Data:** Secondary and Primary

b. **Reviewing the literature:** why? For whom? How?

c. **Methods of data collection** from primary sources; survey method, observation techniques, questionnaire schedule, focus group, discussion case study approach, PRA and RRA, evidence based research methods and mixed methods research. SMP

d. **Designing Questions:** Close ended versus open ended questions, wording of question, structure and design of questionnaires and schedules, response rate, checking for bias due to non-response

e. **Scaling:** meaning, advantage and qualities of scales, types; Likert Scale, Thurstone Scale, Bogardus Scale, Guttman Scale, Sociometry.

f. **Sampling:** meaning of sampling, population/Universe, representative sample; Techniques of sampling; probabilistic and non – probabilistic sampling; biases and errors in survey.

Unit - III: Data Analysis and Interpretation

a. Quantitative versus Qualitative Research
b. Analysis of quantitative data
    i. Diagrammatic presentation of Data
    ii. Statistical methods of data analysis; Measures of Central tendency and dispersion, bi-variate and multivariate correlation and regression, rank correction, measure of associations, odds ratio and logistic regression.
c. Analysis of qualitative data
d. Statistical inference: use of z, t and tests in social research, test relating to regression strategies, Analyses of variance and F test.
e. Concept of Discriminant Analysis and Cluster Analysis.
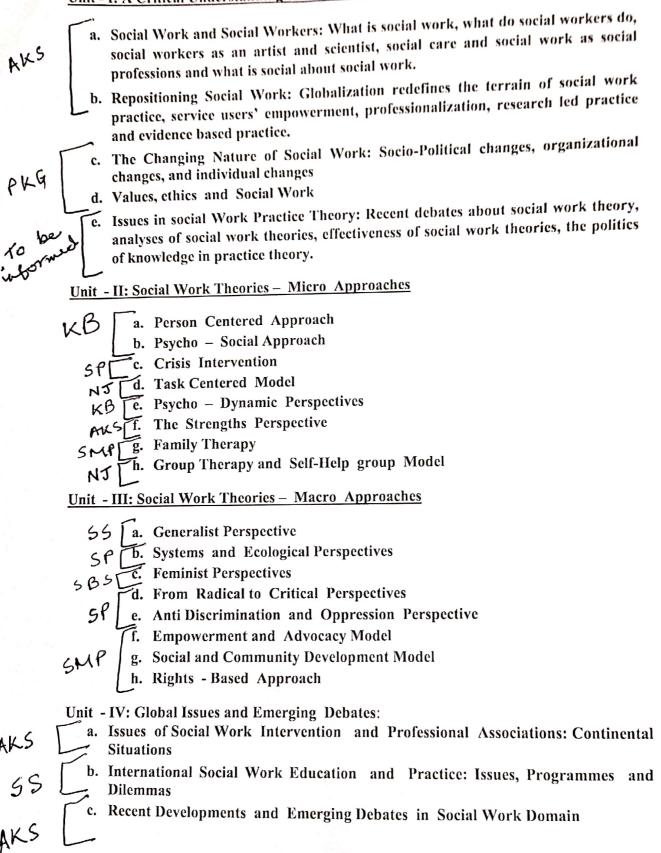
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Unit - IV: Computer Application

a. Concept of computer hardware and operating systems
b. Knowledge of MS Word, Excel and power point
c. Coding, data entry and use of spread sheet
d. Data Analysis and Testing (as given in unit – III using SPSS)

COURSE II - ADVANCE STUDIES IN SOCIAL WORK

(8 Credits)

Unit - I: A Critical Understanding of the Domain of Social Work

AKS

a. Social Work and Social Workers: What is social work, what do social workers do, social workers as an artist and scientist, social care and social work as social professions and what is social about social work.

b. Repositioning Social Work: Globalization redefines the terrain of social work practice, service users' empowerment, professionalization, research led practice and evidence based practice.

PKG

c. The Changing Nature of Social Work: Socio-Political changes, organizational changes, and individual changes

d. Values, ethics and Social Work

To be informed

e. Issues in social Work Practice Theory: Recent debates about social work theory, analyses of social work theories, effectiveness of social work theories, the politics of knowledge in practice theory.

Unit - II: Social Work Theories – Micro Approaches

KB
a. Person Centered Approach

b. Psycho – Social Approach

SP
c. Crisis Intervention

NJ
d. Task Centered Model

KB
e. Psycho – Dynamic Perspectives

AKS
f. The Strengths Perspective

SMP
g. Family Therapy

NJ
h. Group Therapy and Self-Help group Model

Unit - III: Social Work Theories – Macro Approaches

SS
a. Generalist Perspective

SP
b. Systems and Ecological Perspectives

SBS
c. Feminist Perspectives

d. From Radical to Critical Perspectives

SP
e. Anti Discrimination and Oppression Perspective

f. Empowerment and Advocacy Model

SMP
g. Social and Community Development Model

h. Rights - Based Approach

Unit - IV: Global Issues and Emerging Debates:

AKS
a. Issues of Social Work Intervention and Professional Associations: Continental Situations

SS
b. International Social Work Education and Practice: Issues, Programmes and Dilemmas

AKS
c. Recent Developments and Emerging Debates in Social Work Domain

COURSE III- FIELD WORK, LITERATURE REVIEW AND SEMINAR PRESENTATION

(8 credits)

This paper will be assessed internally