

Category III
BA (Prog.) with Sociology as Non-Major
Semester V

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B.A. (Prog.) Sociology
Discipline Specific Core (DSC) 09
Sociological Research-I

Discipline Specific Core -9 (DSC 09): Sociological Research -I

CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (If any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
DSC 09 Sociological Research -I	4	3	1	0	12 th Class Pass	BA (Prog) DSC 01 An Invitation Sociology or equivalent course

Learning Objectives:

1. The course familiarises students with the theoretical and methodological aspects of sociological research.
2. The course introduces the basic outline of doing research and its philosophical underpinnings.

Learning outcomes:

Students will be able to:

4. *understand* the philosophical and methodological underpinning of research.
5. *develop* a practice-based understanding of the process of research.
6. *differentiate* between the quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods of research and combine them effectively to conceptualise theoretically informed empirical research practices.

SYLLABUS OF DSC- 09: Sociological Research -I

Unit I: Doing Research (12 Hours)

This unit introduces research as a process and discusses the related issues of the logic of research and objectivity

- d. The Logic of doing research
- e. The Process of social research
- f. Objectivity in research

Unit II: Methodological Perspectives (9 Hours)

This unit delves into perspectives on how to study people.

- c. Comparative Method
- d. Ethnographic Method

Unit III: Modes Of Enquiry (24 Hours)

This unit looks at the interaction of theory and research and moves to methods of analysing and depicting data

- a. Theory and Research
- b. Analysing Data: Quantitative, Qualitative and Mixed Methods
- c. Representing Data: Classification and Tabulation of Data and Diagrammatic and Graphic Representation of Data

Practical Component: NIL

Essential/Recommended Readings:

Unit 1: Doing Research

a. The Logic of Doing Research

Mills, C. W. (1959). 'The Promise' in *The Sociological Imagination*, London: OUP. Chapter 1, pp. 3-24.

b. The Process of Social Research

Srivastava, V.K. et al (Eds.). (2004) 'Introduction' in *Methodology and Fieldwork*, New Delhi: OUP., pp. 1-14.

c. Objectivity in Research

Gouldner, Alvin (1962) *Social Problems*, Vol. 9, No. 3 (Winter), Anti-Minotaur: The Myth of Value-Free Sociology, pp. 199-213.

Unit II: Methodological Perspectives

- c. Comparative Method

Béteille, A. (2004) 'The Comparative Method and the Standpoint of the Investigator'. In Vinay Kumar Srivastava (Ed.) *Methodology and Fieldwork*, New Delhi: OUP, pp. 112-131.

d. Ethnographic Method

Brewer, J.D. (2010). 'What is Ethnography?' in *Ethnography*, Jaipur: Rawat Publication (Indian Reprint). Chapter 1 - Pp. 10-25.

Unit III: Modes of Enquiry

b. Theory and Research

Merton, R. K. (1972). 'The Bearing of Sociological Theory on Empirical Research' and 'The bearing of Empirical Research on Sociological Theory' in *Social Theory and Social Structure*, Delhi: Arvind Publishing House. Chapter 4, 5 -, pp. 139-171.

b. Analysing Data: Quantitative, Qualitative and Mixed Methods

Creswell, J W. (2009). 'Quantitative Procedures', Qualitative Procedures and Mixed Methods Procedures in *Research Design: Qualitative, Quantitative and Mixed Methods Approaches*, 3rd edition. Sage Publications. Chapters 8, 9, 10, , pp. 145-152, 173-200, 203-220.

c. Representing Data: Classification and Tabulation of Data and Diagrammatic and Graphic Representation of Data

Gupta, S. P. (2006). 'Classification and Tabulation' and 'Diagrammatic and Graphic Presentation' in *Elementary Statistical Methods*. Sultan Chand & Sons. Chapter 5, 6, pp.65-100, 101-108, 115- 118, 131-137.

Suggested Readings:

Bailey, K. (1994). *The Research Process in Methods of Social Research*, 4th edition, New York: Free Press, Pp.3-19.

Béteille, A. (2002), *Sociology: Essays on Approach and Method*, New Delhi: OUP. Chapter 4, Pp. 72-94.

Bryman, Alan. (2004), *Quantity and Quality in Social Research*, New York: Routledge. Chapter 2 & 3, Pp. 11-70.

Durkheim, E. (1958). *The Rules of Sociological Method*, New York: Free Press. Chapter 1 & 2, Pp. 1-46.

Gouldner, Alvin. 1970, *The Coming Crisis of Western Sociology*, New York: Basic Books. Chapter 13, Pp. 481-511.

Note: Examination scheme and mode shall be as prescribed by the Examination Branch, University of Delhi, from time to time.