

Anthropology and Fieldwork

GENERIC ELECTIVE -5 (GE-5)

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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		
Anthropology and Fieldwork – GE-5	04	03	Nil	01	Passed 12 th	NIL

Course Objectives

- The objective of the course is to introduce the students to the technique of fieldwork, a highly sophisticated qualitative research method developed in the discipline over a century.
- The students shall learn the innovative ways of designing and doing fieldwork in different anthropological settings.

Course Learning Outcomes

- The students will learn how to design and undertake fieldwork using anthropological tools of research.
- They will also learn the intellectual trajectory of the field work tradition affecting various disciplines.

Unit 1 (10 Hours)

Fieldwork Tradition in Anthropology:

The Beginning: Reports of travellers, administrators and missionaries; Invention of the ‘non western others’ and the colonial agenda

Unit 2 (12 Hours)

Designing Field Research:

Conceiving the universe of study; Identifying techniques of data collection; Pre-testing and Pilot study; Community immersion and researchers’ identity

Unit 3 (10 Hours)

The Changing notion of Anthropological Field:

Anthropological field in the era of globalisation; Mobility and interconnection: multi-sited ethnography

Unit 4 (13 Hours)

Data Analysis and Report Writing:

Qualitative and thematic analysis, content analysis; Analysis of metaphors and narratives; Language of representation and persuasion

Practical (30 Hours)

The students shall prepare a project report using fieldwork as a method of data collection. Practical exercises will include task such as identification of units and universal study, designing tools of field research and to pre-test it for ensuring reliability and validity.

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Teaching Learning Process Lectures and Discussion Seminars and presentation

Keywords

Fieldwork, universe of the study, research design, data analysis, report writing

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