



**Sub: DRC in English Minutes by Circulation regarding Revised Course Work Syllabus in consonance with Netaji Subhas Open University Ph. D. Regulations, 2023**

Be it noted that vide Part IV (Course Work, Registration to Ph. D. Programme) of Netaji Subhas Open University Ph. D. Regulations, 2023 read together with UGC Notification vide D.O. No. F.1-1/2018(Journal/CARE) in 2019, the Departmental Research Committee (DRC) in English approves the Course Work Syllabus as detailed below through Resolution by Circulation:

1. The Credit assigned to the Ph.D. Course Work (CW) of 6-month duration (one semester) shall be of **12 credits**.
2. The pass marks for each course/paper will be **50%** of the marks allotted for the course/paper. The candidate has to pass in all the courses/papers and has to obtain a total of **minimum 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in the UGC 10-point scale** to be eligible to continue in the programme and submit his or her thesis.
3. **Course Structure:**

| Paper    | Course Title   | Credit | % of Marks |
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| Course 1 | Group A – Research Methodology & Review of Literature          | 4      | 70         |
|          | Group B – Research and Publication Ethics as prescribed by UGC | 2      | 30         |
| Course 2 | Discipline Specific Course                                     | 6      | 100        |

**Course Details for Paper 1:**

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| <b>Objectives</b>                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Familiarise research scholars with conceptual aspects, methodological processes, &amp; actual writing of a research work</li> <li>➤ Inculcate awareness about developing scope/ sources of collecting data, information &amp; other research materials</li> <li>➤ Sensitise research scholars on methods by which these may be used in papers, presentations &amp; thesis</li> <li>➤ Address issues related to ethical practices in research work &amp; publication</li> </ul> |
| <b>Syllabus Details with Marking Schema for Group A</b> |   |
| <b>Short Title</b>                                      | <b>Details of Content</b>   |
|   | <b>Marks Assigned</b>   |

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| Concepts of Research  | Definition of Research; Selection of Research Area/Topic; Aims and Objectives; Hypothesis Formation; Research Problem and Research Objectives; Methods, Methodology and Research Skills  | 10              |
| Types of Research   | Qualitative and Quantitative; Fundamental and Applied; Descriptive and Analytical; Inductive and Deductive; Comparison and Contrast  | 5               |
| Writing Research Proposal/ Research Paper/ Thesis   | Title of the Work; Abstract writing and selection of Key Words (for Research Paper); Survey of Literature and Research Gap; Thesis Statement; Focus, Issues and Arguments; Chapter Division, Works Cited and Bibliography across stylesheets                                     | 15              |
| Citation and Documentation  | Footnotes and Endnotes; Works Cited and Bibliography; Formatting; Mechanics of Writing and Editing. Current edition of MLA Handbook to be referred   | 25              |
| Computer Applications   | Microsoft Word (including Comment box, Track Changes), Adobe Acrobat (Sticky notes, Highlighting Text etc.); PowerPoint, Use of Internet and Web browsing for research Materials, Electronic Submission/Uploading of Research Papers, ORCID (Open Researcher and Contributor ID) | 15              |
| <b>Full Marks for Paper 1 Group A</b>   |  | <b>70</b>       |
| <b>Paper 1 Group B - Research and Publication Ethics as prescribed by UGC</b>   |  |                 |
| <a href="https://onlinecourses.swayam2.ac.in/e-learning/preview/nou25_ge91">https://onlinecourses.swayam2.ac.in/e-learning/preview/nou25_ge91</a> |  | <b>30 marks</b> |
| <b>Total Marks for Course 1 (Group A and Group B combined)</b>  |  | <b>100</b>      |

**Course Details for Paper 2:**

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| <b>Course Structure</b> | Group A – Literary Theory – 60 marks<br>Group B – Term Paper (4000 – 5000 words) – 40 marks  |
| <b>Objectives</b>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Exploration of particular theoretical postulations for gaining insight into relevant research problems</li> <li>➤ Identification and proficiency in dealing with appropriate theoretical frameworks for thesis writing</li> </ul> |



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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Inculcating appropriate critical writing skills through the development of a Term Paper on the concerned research area</li> <li>➤ Pragmatic acquaintance with writing Statement of Purpose; outlining research question(s); clarifying the critical focus; execute a credible review of literature &amp; published research in the chosen area; identify and establish research gap</li> </ul> |                                    |
| Possible Range of Theory Streams based on the areas of interest in which the Dept. of English supervises doctoral theses:  |   |                                    |
| Gender Discourses  | Colonialism & Postcolonialism   | Diaspora Theory & Transnationalism |
| Cultural Studies   | Nationalism & Postnationalism   | Subaltern Studies                  |
| Trauma Theories  | Folk Theories   | Environmental Humanities           |
| Translation Theories   | Text & Performance  | Intersectionality Theories         |
| <p>The DRC will choose at least three areas from the aforementioned for intensive study, depending on the thrust areas of research proposals received and accepted. Resource persons will accordingly suggest specific texts for detailed study.</p> <p><b>Marking Scheme – 3 long questions of 20 marks each to be attempted out of 5 choices</b></p> |   |                                    |
| <p>Term Paper (4000 to 5000 words) for 40 marks to be submitted prior to the commencement of Course Work Examinations. Detailed guidelines in this regard will be provided in due course of time.</p>  |   |                                    |

The aforementioned syllabus has been approved by the DRC in English through circulation of the Minutes vide SoH-26/107 dated 06.03.2026, and shall hold validity till any further amendments are proposed.

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