

**Maulana Azad National Urdu University**  
**H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies**  
**Ph.D in Deccan Studies**

**Course Work**  
**Paper 1: Research Methodology (RM)**

**Detailed Syllabus**

**Course Title: Research Methodology**

**Course Code: PHDS101CCT**

**Semester: I**

**Scheme of Instruction**

Total Duration: 60 hours

Credits: 4

Pedagogy: Classroom teaching

**Overview:** This course has total 4 units that serve as an introduction to the discipline and methods of history and its allied fields of archaeology and culture studies and is meant to train students in historical research and academic writing utilizing primary and secondary sources. The course includes a broad survey of how history has developed as a discipline; an exploration of the theories of history; the principles of narrative and logic within historical practice and specific readings from texts of particular historians.

**Course Outcome:** Students are expected to develop ability to work with primary and secondary sources and conduct research in history and its allied fields of archaeology and culture studies and develop the ability to write a thesis and support it with evidence.

<b>Unit</b>	<b>Course Content</b>	<b>Instruction Hours</b>
<b>RM 01</b>	<b>Principles and Types of Research</b> 1. Principles and Objectives of Research 2. Research Methods: Types of Research 3. Auxiliary Fields of Research 4. The Research Proposal 5. Data Collection and Analysis 6. Presentation of Research Findings	15 hrs
<b>RM 02</b>	<b>History as a Subject</b> 1. Definition, Nature, Scope and Breadth 2. Objectives, Utility and Relevance 3. Is History a Science or an Art 4. History and its Relationship with Other Disciplines <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• History and Political Science</li><li>• History and Literature</li><li>• History and Economics and Statistics</li><li>• History and Geography</li><li>• History and Sociology</li><li>• History and Psychology, Ethics, Philosophy</li><li>• History and Anthropology</li></ul> 5. New Approaches to the Study of History	15 hrs

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• History from Below</li> <li>• Microstoria</li> <li>• Womens History</li> <li>• Subaltern History</li> <li>• Alltagsgeschichte</li> <li>• Histoire de liminaire</li> <li>• Total History</li> </ul> <p>6. Causation in History-How, When, What, Where, Why</p>	
<b>RM 03</b>	<p><b>Research Methodology</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is a Fact</li> <li>2. Sources for the Scholar</li> <li>3. Primary Sources and Secondary Sources</li> <li>4. Objectivity in Text</li> </ol>	15 hrs
<b>RM 04</b>	<p><b>Reading the Historical Material through the Text</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Muhammad Quli Qutb Shah's Kulliyat</li> <li>2. Ibrahim Adil Shah's Kitab-e-Nauras</li> <li>3. Krishnadevaraya's Amuktamalyada</li> <li>4. The Geography of the Deccan Plateau of India by Ethel Simkins</li> </ol>	15 hrs

### Suggested Readings

1. E.H. Carr, *What is History*, Penguin UK, London, 1991.
2. Arthur Marwick, *The Nature of History*, Palgrave, London, 1989.
3. Arnold J. Toynbee, *A Study of History*, Oxford University Press, London, 1988.
4. R.G. Collingwood: *The Idea of History*, Oxford University Press, London, 1994.
5. Sheik Ali: *History-Its Theory and Method*, Macmillan India, Delhi, 1978.
6. Louis Gottschalk: *Understanding History-A Primer of Historical Method*, Alfred A. Knopf, New York, 1950.
7. Rajayyan: *History in Theory and Method*, Raj Publishers, Delhi, 1982.
8. Finberg H.P.R: *Approaches to History*, Routledge, New York, 2016.
9. E. Sreedharan: *A Textbook of Historiography, 500 B.C. to A.D. 2000*, Orient Longman, Hyderabad, 2004.
10. N. Subramanian: *Historiography*, Koodal Publishers, Madurai, 1978.

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