

BANKURA UNIVERSITY



**EXAMINATION PATTERN
And
COURSEDESIGN
For C.B.C.S. Ph.D. Coursework in LAW**

(To be implemented from the session 2019 – 2020 onwards)

Ph. D. Coursework Guidelines

- As per Bankura University Regulations Relating to Doctoral (Ph.D.) Degree 2017, after admission to PhD, a research scholar shall be required to undertake coursework for a minimum period of one semester. All candidates admitted to the Ph.D. programme shall be required to complete the coursework prescribed by the Department during the initial one semester.
- Candidates already holding M. Phil. degree and admitted to the Ph.D. programme, or those who have already completed the course work in M.Phil. / Ph.D. and have been permitted to proceed to the Ph.D. in integrated course, may be exempted by the Department from the Ph.D. course work. All other candidates admitted to the Ph.D. programme shall be required to complete the Ph.D. course work prescribed by the Department.
- 75 % attendance for coursework classes is compulsory.

Course Structure:

Subject Code	Name of Module / Course	Paper Type	Credits	Total Marks
PhD/Law-01	Research Methodology [Part A: Common, Part B: Subject related Research Methodology]	Theory	4	100 [Part A: 70 + Part B: 30]
PhD/Law-02	Subject specific topic (Assignment)	Assignment	2	50
PhD/Law-03	Seminar on Research topic	Seminar Presentatio n	2	50
Total			08	200

Award of Grades:

- A Ph.D. scholar has to obtain a minimum of 55% of marks or its equivalent grade in the UGC 7-point scale (or an equivalent grade/CGPA in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) in the coursework in order to be eligible to continue in the programme and submit the dissertation/thesis.
- Maximum two chances shall be given to the scholar for clearing the coursework, failing which may lead to cancellation of admission.

Coursework Assessment

Subject Code	Name of Module / Course	Total Marks
PHD/Law-01	Written Examination: 100 Marks	
	Research Methodology	Part A 20 <i>Objective type questions</i> x 2 = 40 5 <i>Short answer type questions</i> (out of 7) x 6 = 30
		Part B 2 <i>Descriptive type questions</i> (out of 4) x 15 = 30
PHD/Law-02	Submission of Hardcopy: 50 Marks	
	Subject specific topic (Assignment)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topic for assignment should be related to scholar's Ph.D. subject / research area • Assignment shall be of a minimum of 5000 words
PHD/Law-03	Submission of Hardcopy with presentation: 50 Marks	
	Seminar on Research topic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3500 -- 5000 words • Presentation and Viva-Voce
Total		200

C.B.C.S. Syllabus for Ph.D. Coursework of LAW

Name of Module / Course: Research Methodology Subject

Code: Ph.D / Law-01

Credit: 8 Credit Hours / week

Course Objectives and Outcomes:

To identify and apply appropriate research methodology in order to plan, conduct and evaluate basic research. The Course will furthermore enable scholars to distinguish between the scientific method and common sense knowledge while laying the foundation for research skills at higher levels.

Part A (Common for all scholars)

- 1. The Concept of Research: An Analysis of Current Trends in Legal Research :**
Introduction, Meaning of Research, Evolution of Research and Current trends
- 2. Ethical Issues and Challenges in the era of Emerging Techniques of Socio – Legal Research:**
Principles for Research Ethics, Codes and Policies for Research Ethics
Relevancy of Ethical Principles for Social Science Research
- 3. Literature Review:**
Need for Reviewing Literature - Purpose - Literature Search - Procedure - Sources of Literature
- 4. Methods and Techniques of Identification and Formulation of Research Problem :**
Definition of Research Problem, Evaluation of Research Problem, Identification of Research Problem
- 5. Research Design and Report Writing :**
Research Design and its significance, Style and format of Report Writing, Research Report Writing
- 6. Presumption and Construction of Hypothesis :**
Relevancy of Hypothesis in Research, Concept and significance of Hypothesis in Research, Testing of Hypothesis
- 7. Plagiarism :**
Types of Plagiarism, Concept of Plagiarism, Procedure to tackle Plagiarism, Plagiarism in Research
- 8. New Dimensions in Legal Research :**
Relevance of Legal Research in the Process of Law Reform
Inter-Disciplinary Research : Need and Scope in Socio- Legal Research Methods

Suggested Readings List:

- 1. Wilkinson –Bhandarkar –Research Methodology.**
- 2. Young, Pauline V. –Scientific Social Survey and Research.**
- 3. Berelson B : Content Analysis in Communication Research.**
- 4. Jain S. N. : Legal Research and Methodology.**
- 5. Earl Babi –Research Methodology.**
- 6. Good & Halt : Research Methodology (And relevant Websites)**

Part B:

(Research Methodology as per faculty / subject requirement) (Shall be covered by respective supervisor)