



**SYLLABUS FOR THE M.PHIL COURSE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE**  
**RAJIV GANDHI UNIVERSITY**  
**Ph.D COURSE STRUCTURE**

- Course work of one semester along with a dissertation to be completed in the three semesters as per Universities rules and regulations.
- The course work will have two papers
  - 1) Research Methodology
  - 2) Computer Application .

The course work will be of one semester. The syllabus for computer Application will be provided by the Department of Computer Science and Engineering.

## **PAPER – I : RESEARCH METHODOLOGY (COMPULSORY)**

### **Unit I - Philosophical foundation of Social Science Research :**

- Purpose of Knowledge in Social Science,
- Rationalism
- Empiricism

### **Unit II - Approaches to the Social Science Research :**

- Normative, Historical and Behavioural approaches, Marxist Methodology.
- Concept in Social Science Research.

### **Unit III - Research Design and Proposal**

- Selection and formulation of a Research Problem
- Literature review,
- Variables, Hypothesis.
- Footnote, references, Bibliography

### **Unit IV- Tools of Research (Quantitative and Qualitative)**

- Sampling and Survey research
- Techniques of Data Collection (Observation, Questionnaire and Schedule, Interview).
- Case studies & ethnographic studies.

### **Unit V- Data Analysis and Report Writing**

- Content Analysis
- Interpretation of data: descriptive inferential and co-relational.
- Techniques of Report / Thesis Writing

**Books Recommended :**

V.Van Dyke : *Political Science, A philosophical analysis.* Stanford University Press, Stanford, 1960.

A. Brecht: *Political Theory, foundation of 20<sup>th</sup> century Political theory,* The times of India Press Bombay, 1970.

P.B Young : *Thesis and Dissertation writing,* New Delhi, Wiley Eastern 1987

Barnes J, A : *The Ethics of inquiry in social science,* Oxford University press, Delhi 1977.

Gardener Martin, : *Fads and Fallacies in the name of Science,* New York American Library 1986.

M. Duverger : *An introduction to social Science with special reference to their methods (translated by M. Anderson)* New York, Frederic A Praeger 1964.

Penning, Petal : *Doing Research in political science,* sage publication, New Delhi,1999.

Reynolds, H.T : *Political Science Research Methods,* CQ press Washington, DC, 2007.