

# UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL

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## Syllabus for Masters of Philosophy

in

### History

### Under CBCS

(To be implemented from Session 2017-2018)

**DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY**

University of North Bengal

Raja Rammohunpur, Dt. Darjeeling

West Bengal, India, PIN 734013

**Syllabus of M.Phil. / Ph.D. Course Work**  
**Under CBCS**  
**Department of History**  
**University of North Bengal**

**Total Credit : 8**

**Total Marks 200**  
**Total Lecturer: 8**

Category: 1  
Full marks 100

Total Credit: 4  
Total lecturer: 4

**Paper-I: Research Methodology and Research Ethics (50 marks) - 2Credits**

1. Meaning and Characteristics of Research.
2. Formulation of Research design and proposal.
3. Research language and Hypotheses.
4. Methods of Research: –  
(a) Experimental; (b) Survey.
5. Historical method of research.
6. Organisation, analysis and interpretation of data  
(i.e. questionnaires, case studies, interviews, etc.)
7. Techniques of data analysis.
8. Causation, objectivity and bias in historical research.
9. Techniques of thesis writing.
10. Modern trend in historical research.
11. Application of statistics in historical research.
12. Debate about History's claim to tell the truth about the past.
13. Research Ethics: (a) principles of thesis writing (b) plagiarism

**Paper-II: Review of Published Research work and Computer Application  
(A+B) =2 Credit (50 marks)**

**II A. Overview of Literature: (25 marks)**

**i. Ancient India and Early Medieval India**

Early India – An overview of Literature: Vedic, Upanisadic, Buddhist and Jain Literature, Dharmashastras, Smritis, Epics, Arthashastra, Nitishastra, Brihat-Samhita, Vamshavalis, Biographical writings, Itihas- Purana tradition, Regional Literature, Foreign Accounts.

**ii. Medieval India :**

Beginning of the multi-linguity in Historical Literature of Medieval India; Court Historians of the Imperial and Provincial Darbar; Rise of Vernacular Historical Writings; Maratha Bakhr and Assam Burunji; Non-Indian historians, visitors, merchants, travelers' accounts, pilgrims, religious preachers: writings; Canonical literature and history writings; Auto-biography; Biography; Memoirs etc.; Numismatic sources; Non-English European sources; Manuscript.

**iii. Modern India :**

Definition of the Archive; Foundation of the National Archive of India; Proliferation of the vernacular Historical writings; Queen's Language Historical writings; Oral and Traditional knowledge in History; Ideological and Racial infiltration in Historical writings; Newspapers and periodicals; Memoirs, Diaries, Autobiographies, Biographies; Radio News and Commentary; Foreign Language Records on Imperial India; Independent India's Governmental Records of both Centre and States; Interviews ; Oral History; Field works ,etc.

- Extensive review of conceptual literature, Secondary works, Articles in the Journals, Conference Proceedings related to the Research Problem.
- Problem Specific

**II B Computer Application: (25 marks)**

(i) MS Word 2003 - Tables, Graph, Clip Arts  
2007 -  
2010 -

(ii) MS Excel.

(iii) Powerpoint.

(iv) Use of internet, e-mails, blog, searching of website, downloads, Uploading.

(v) PDF file; Conversion.

(vi) Scanning & Printing.

**Category: 2 (Advanced Level Course) - 2 Credits**

Total credit: 4

Full marks: 100  
Total lecturer : 4

**Paper: III: Trends in Historiography (50 marks)**

- (a) Ranke, Acton and Positivism.
- (b) The Annals school and the English Social Historians: Hill, Hobsbawm, Thompson.
- (c) Colonial Indian History and Cambridge school.
- (d) Nationalist and Marxist school.
- (e) The subaltern school and post -Modernist Interventions
- (f) Narrative history and its revival
- (g) Quantitative techniques and Social Science History

**Paper: IV Sources and Themes (50 marks) - 2 credits**

- a. Caste, Tribe and Gender
- b. Religion and Culture
- c. Labour, Peasant, Workers
- d. Environmental History
- e. History of Medicine
- f. Regional & Local History
- g. Some significant Writings on Indian History
- h. Some Important Contributions to History

**Second Semester:  
Total Marks: 200**

Total Credit: 8

Total Lecturer: 8

Any two papers are to be opted out of the four, each carrying 100 marks.

- (i) Ancient and Early Medieval North Bengal
- (ii) Imperial and Independent India (1857-1977)
- (iii) Freedom Movement in India: Regional Variations.
- (iv) Colonial and Post-Colonial North Bengal

**Third Semester  
Total Marks: 200**

Total Credit: 8

Seminar: 200 marks (100 for write-up and 100 for presentation)

**Fourth Semester  
Total Marks: 200**

Total Credit: 8

Dissertation/ Project: 150 Marks

Viva-voce for Dissertation/ Project: 50 Marks