



Department of Islamic Studies, IUST

PhD Course Work Syllabus

Course Code	Course Title Credits	Credits
ISD950C	Research Methodology in Islamic Studies	04
ISD951C	Advances in Islamic Studies	04
ISD952C	Research and Publication Ethics	02

Course Title: Research Methodology in Islamic Studies

Course Code: ISD950C

Credits:04

Unit I

1. Concept and Objectives of Research in Social Sciences
2. Formulation of Research Problems
3. Research Methods: Empirical, Historical, Qualitative and Quantitative
4. Style Manuals (Translation and Transliteration)

Unit II

1. Importance of Source Material and Its Types (Primary & Secondary)
2. Methods of Creating Data (Sampling, Questionnaire, Interview, Observations)
3. Analysis and Interpretations
4. Citation Style: Footnotes, Endnotes, Intext and Bibliography

Unit III

1. Islamic Studies as an Academic Discipline
2. Concept and Objectives of Research in Islamic Studies
3. Current Trends in Research: Traditionalist, Modernist/Progressive, Orientalist, Reformist
4. Sources in Islamic Studies and Islamicate Languages

Unit IV

1. Islamization of Knowledge
2. Epistemology (Islamic and Western)
3. Approaches: Interdisciplinary, Multidisciplinary, Transdisciplinary
4. Contemporary Trends in Islamic Research (Rethinking and Reinterpretation)

Course Title: Advances in Islamic Studies

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Unit I: Islam and Muslims in world history.

1. Islam and the World: Context and Paradigm
2. Islamic Historiography
3. Early Islamic world: Key Debates
4. Emergence of Islamic Civilization: Important Events and Development of Institutions

Unit II: Islamic World and Intellectual Legacy: An Overview

1. Islamic Sciences (*Ulum al-Shar'iyah*): Quranic Hermeneutics (Major Themes and Discussions) & Hadith Studies (Key Debates)
2. Islamic Legal Framework: *Shari'ah*, *Usul al-Fiqh* and *Fiqh* (Major Themes and Discussions)
3. Islamic Philosophy, Theology and Sufism: Foundations and Contemporary Debates
4. *Maqasid al-Shari'ah* : Ghazali, Shatibi, Ibn Ashur

Unit III: Epistemology, Ethics, Orientalism and Social Sciences

1. Islamic Worldview and Epistemology: Classification of Knowledge in Islam and Philosophy of Ethics (Naquib al-Attas, Ismail Raji al-Faruqi and Taha Abdul Rehman)
2. Muslim and Western Social Sciences: Methodological Divergences and Epistemological Integration (Western and Muslim)
3. Orientalism, Neo-Orientalism and Post-Orientalism: Edward Said to Wael Hallaq
4. Modern Interpretative Theories: Modernist, Progressive and Women Studies
5. Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law

Unit IV: Islam in The Modern World: Tradition, Colonialism and Modernity

1. Modernity and the Emergence of Modern Muslim Societies: Overview of South Asia, Central Asia, West Asia
2. Reformist Thought, Traditionalism and Modernity in Modern Era: A Study of Key Muslim Thinkers & Movements
3. Islamism, Political Revivalism, Arab Spring and Post-Islamism: Movements & Thinkers
4. Intellectual and Political Movements: Thinkers in Contemporary Muslim World

Course Title: Research and Publication Ethics

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THEORY

RPE 01: PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS (3 hrs.)

1. Introduction to Philosophy: definition, nature and scope, concept, branches
2. Ethics: Definition, moral philosophy, nature of moral judgments and reactions.

RPE 02: SCIENTIFIC CONDUCT (5 hrs.)

1. Ethics with respect to science and research
2. Intellectual honesty and research integrity
3. Scientific misconducts: Falsification, Fabrication and Plagiarism (FFP)
4. Redundant publications: duplicate and overlapping publications, salami slicing
5. Selective reporting and misrepresentation of data

RPE 03: PUBLICATION ETHICS (7 hrs.)

1. Publication ethics: definition, introduction, and importance
2. Best practices/standards setting initiatives and guidelines: COPE, WAME etc.
3. Conflicts of interest
4. Publication misconduct: Definition, concept, problems that lead to unethical behavior and vice versa, types
5. Violation of publication ethics, authorship, and contributor ship
6. Identification of publication misconduct, complaints and appeals
7. Predatory publishers and journals

PRACTICE

RPE 04: OPEN ACCESS PUBLISHING (4hrs.)

1. Open access publications and initiatives
2. SHERPA/RoMEO online resource to check publisher copyright & self-archiving policies
3. Software tool to identify predatory publications developed by SPPU
4. Journal finder/journal suggestion tools viz. JANE, Elsevier Journal Finder, Springer Journal Suggester, etc.

RPE05: PUBLICATION MISCONDUCT (4 hrs.)

A. GROUP DISCUSSIONS (2 hrs.)

1. Subject specific ethical issues, FFP, authorship
2. Conflicts of interest
3. Complaints and appeals: examples and fraud from India and abroad

B. SOFTWARE TOOLS (2 hrs.)

Use of plagiarism software like Turnitin, Urkund and other open-source software tools

RPE 06: DATABASES AND RESEARCH METRICS (7 hrs.)

A. DATABASES (4hrs.)

1. Indexing databases
2. Citation databases: Web of Science, Scopus, etc.

B. RESEARCH METRICS (3hrs)

1. Impact factor of journal as per Journal Citation Report, SNIP, SJR, IPP, CiteScore
2. Metrics: h-index, g-index, i-10 index, altmetrics

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