Item 3: Ph.D. (Social Work) Course Work, Regulations and Paper Contents w.e.f. academic year 2014-15

Course: Ph.D. (Social Work)
Department of Social Work
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Ph.D. (Social Work) Course Work and Regulations

1. Department of Social Work

The Department of Social Work aspires to develop social work professionals with an inclination and orientation to work with diverse sections of the society and imbibe progressive human values. The department owes this to the very mandate of Maulana Azad National Urdu University which is expected to provide higher, technical and vocational education to Urdu speaking masses and to promote Urdu language - the repository of composite Indian culture.

The department is running Master degree (MSW) program in social work since 2009. Vide BOS dated 26th August 2013 and 22nd Meeting of the Academic Council (Item 22.19) dated 23rd January 2014 (Notification No. MANUU/Acd/F.67/2013-14/8388 dated 27th February 2014), the Ph.D. program in Social Work was approved.

2. Department’s Research Focus

The BOS dated 26th August 2013 (Item 9) recorded that the “Research focus of the department shall be Minorities with special reference to gender issues with emphasis on practice based/intervention research”.

3. Eligibility and Admission Process

The following was approved.

3.1 Eligibility Criteria

The candidates must have:

3.1.1 Post Graduation in Social Work with a minimum of 55% marks in aggregate,

3.1.2 Studied Urdu either as a subject or as a medium of instruction at 10th/12th/Graduation level or have Certificate from a recognized institution,

3.1.3 Qualified Ph.D. eligibility test by the University, 
Or Must have cleared UGC-NET/JRF or SLET conducted by the State Governments 
Or M.Phil in concerned subject from a recognised university.

3.1.4 All Candidates are required to appear for Interview and must get 50% of the marks allotted for the Interview.

3.1.5 Additional eligibility conditions and rules thereof for Ph.D. (Social Work) shall be governed by the MANUU Regulations for Doctor of Philosophy as revised and updated by the Academic Council from time to time.

3.2 Admission Process

3.2.1 Candidates are required to submit application for Ph.D. admission in response to the notification of the University along with three copies of the Ph.D. synopsis.

3.2.2 Candidates are required to appear in the Entrance Test as per the eligibility conditions mentioned at Item 3.1. Entrance Test will comprise a written test of 75 Marks and an interview of 25 Marks.

3.2.3 Candidates may visit University website for the notification, admission rules and date and time of the written test and interview.
4. Admission Entrance Test

4.1 The Ph.D. admission entrance test (100 Marks) shall consist of written test (75 Marks) and interview (25 Marks) as mentioned in para 3.2.2. The written test shall have two parts viz. Part I with objective multiple choice questions of 50 Marks (50X1=50); and Part-II with descriptive questions of 25 Marks (5X5=25). The syllabus for the written test is broadly based on the prescribed UGC NET syllabus for social work.

4.2 The selected qualified candidates shall be called for Interview. The focus of interview shall majorly be on assessing the candidates’ inclination, articulation and understanding of research and social work.

4.3 The qualifying marks shall be necessarily 50% in average both of the written test and the interview of the Entrance Test. However, the candidate is necessarily required to separately score 50% marks of the allotted maximum marks in the written test and 50% marks of the allotted maximum marks in the Interview to be considered qualified.

4.4 Admission process and rules thereof for Ph.D. (Social Work) shall be governed by the MANUU Regulations for Doctor of Philosophy as revised and updated by the Academic Council from time to time.

5. Course Work

The BOS dated 26th August 2013 (Item 9) recorded that the “Research focus of the department shall be Minorities with special reference to gender issues with emphasis on practice based/intervention research”.

As per the MANUU Regulations for Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) updated vide 22nd Meeting of the Academic Council (Item 22.19) dated 23rd January 2014 (Notification No. MANUU/Acd/F.67/2013-14/8388 dated 27th February 2014), the course work shall constitute the following 03 papers and 02 Oral Presentations:

“In Semester I the Research Scholar shall take up course work consisting of 03 papers. Paper-I shall be Research Methodology, having the aspects of Quantitative methods and Computer applications in its curriculum and Paper-II shall pertain to the Broad Field of discipline and Paper-III shall be a Special Paper on the topic of the Research Scholar to be designed and served by the Research Supervisor concerned. Three papers of the course work shall consist of 100 marks each, out of which 30 marks shall be allotted to internal assessment and 70 marks for external examination. The qualifying marks in each paper shall be 50% in both internal assessment and course work examination.

In the Semester II, the Research Scholar is required to make two oral presentations. The write-ups of these presentations should be spread on minimum of 3000 words; and these write-ups after the presentations must be submitted in the Department and at the Dean’s office concerned. The presentations must have a gap of at least two months in between them” [Excerpts from MANUU Regulations for Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Programme cited supra].
In view of the research focus of the department and the MANUU Course Work requirements for Ph.D., the following shall be the structure of the course work for Ph.D. in Social Work.

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<td>100 (70+30)</td>
<td>Review paper, Minor study and presentation</td>
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<td>Semester I</td>
<td>Paper-II</td>
<td>Advance Social Work Theory</td>
<td>100 (70+30)</td>
<td>Review paper, Book review and presentation</td>
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<td>Paper-III</td>
<td>Minorities and Marginalization</td>
<td>100 (70+30)</td>
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In Semester-I, the Course Work papers external examination shall be in form of semester end examination wherein each paper shall be of 70 marks consisting of 8 questions out of which 5 questions are to be answered (5x14=70). The internal assessment of 30 marks per paper shall be based on review paper, book review, minor research study and presentation. In Semester-II, the oral presentations shall be done in the Research Colloquium of the Department.

6. Research Colloquium

There shall be a Research Colloquium (RC) in the Department. Research Colloquium shall endeavour to make research presentations and discussion by research scholars and faculty members as regular feature of the Department. The compulsory course work oral presentations of the research scholars shall be done in the RC. One of the members of DRC shall be appointed Convener of Research Colloquium on rotation basis by the DRC.

7. Rules and Regulations for Ph.D. in Social Work

The Ph.D. programme in Social Work shall be governed by the Regulations for Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) as updated and notified by the 22nd Meeting of the Academic Council dated 23rd January 2014 (Notification No. MANUU/Acd/F.67/2013-14/8388 dated 27th February 2014) and thereafter.
8. Course Work: Paper Contents
Paper-1: Research Methodology

Objectives/Expected Learning:

1. To develop a critical understanding of research methods and techniques for social work practice
2. To understand the research process and appreciate the application of research ethics to diverse populations and settings
3. Develop understanding and skills in the use and application of qualitative and quantitative methods and computer software

Unit-I: Social Science Research
1. The Scientific Approach and Basic Elements of Social Science Research
2. Approaches to Social Science Research: Quantitative, Qualitative and Integrated
3. Ethics in Social Science Research
4. Review of Literature

Unit-II: Social Science Research Process
1. Formulation and Testing of Hypothesis
2. Sampling: Theories, Types, Determination of Sample Size and Sampling Errors
3. Measurement and Scaling Techniques
4. Data Collection: Sources and Tools

Unit-III: Social Work Research
1. Introduction to Social Work Research: Integration of Research and Field Work
2. Intervention Research and Practice Based Research
3. Social Work Research Designs
4. Evaluation Research in Social Work

Unit-IV: Data Collection, Processing, Tabulation and Analysis
1. Data Processing, Tabulation and Analytic Models: Univariate, Bivariate, Trivariate and Multivariate Analysis of Data
2. Measures of Central Tendency and Dispersion
3. Measures of Association, Correlation, Difference and Variance
4. Application of SPSS in analyzing Social Data and Writing of Research Report

Readings:


Paper-2: Advance Social Work Theory

100 Marks (70+30)

Objectives/Expected Learning:

1. To develop understanding of advances in social work theory and practice
2. To understand and identify critical issues for social work research in India

Unit-I: Theories for Social Work
1. Behavioral Theories
2. System Theories
3. Development Theories
4. Modernization and Postmodernism

Unit-II: Critical Analysis of Social Work Practice
1. Person Centered Approach
2. Group/Family Centered Approach
3. Community Centered Approach
4. Advocacy Practices

Unit-III: Social Work Education in India
1. Social Work Education in India: A Review
2. Curriculum Development
3. Field Work Practicum
4. Professionalization of Social Work

Unit-IV: Social Work Research in India
1. Social Work Research in India: A Review
2. Methodologies in Social Work Research
3. Practice based/Intervention Research Designs: Issues and Scope
4. Review Paper

Readings:


Paper-3: Minorities and Marginalization

100 Marks (70+30)

Objectives/Expected Learning:
1. To understand the concept of minorities and issues of marginalized groups
2. To develop the research ability to locate and facilitate social work intervention with marginalized groups

Unit-I: Minorities
1. Sociology of Minorities
2. Minorities in India
3. Issues and Concerns of Minorities
4. State and Minorities

Unit-II: Muslims and Marginalization
1. Muslims of India: Issues of Identity
2. Socio-Economic Status of Muslims in India
3. Educational and Political Status of Muslims in India
4. Studies on Muslims in India

Unit-III: Gender based Marginalization
1. Gender Constructions
2. Socio-Economic Status of Women in India
3. Educational and Political Status of Women in India
4. Studies on Women in India

Unit-IV: Violence and Marginalization
1. Theorizing Violence: Direct, Structural and Cultural
2. Gender based Violence
3. Communal Violence
4. Studies on Violence and Marginalization

Readings:


