



UNIVERSITY OF CALICUT

Abstract

Ph.D in Political Science - 'Research Methods in Political Studies' - approved- implemented - with effect from 2012 admission.

UNIVERSITY OF CALICUT (G & A - IV - B)

U.O.No. 4362/2013/CU

Dated, Calicut University.P.O, 28.09.2013

- Read:-*1. This office UO No. GAV/B1/122/2010(ii) dated 21-06-2012
2. Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Political Science (PG) held on 22-01-2013 (item No. 2)
3. Letter No. ECO/DH/11-12 dated 07-06-2013 from the Dean, Faculty of Humanities
4. Minutes of the meeting of the Academic Council held on 30-07-2013 (item No. I 18)

ORDER

Vide paper read 1 above, the revised eligibility criteria for admission to M.Phil in Political Science and Ph.D in Political Science was implemented with effect from 2012 admission.

Vide paper read 2 above, the Board of Studies in Political Science (PG) at its meeting held on 22-01-2013 (item No. 2) resolved to approve the syllabi of the paper 'Research Methods in Political Studies' for Ph.D course work with effect from 2012 admission.

Vide paper read 3 above, the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Political Science (PG) held on 22-01-2013 has been recommended for approval by the Dean, Faculty of Humanities.

Vide paper read 4 above, the Academic Council at its meeting held on 30-07-2013 item No. I 18, resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Political Science held on 22.01.2013.

Sanction has therefore been accorded to implement the syllabi of Ph.D course work in Political Science ('Research Methods in Political Studies') with effect from 2012 admission.

Orders are issued accordingly.

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Deputy Registrar

To

The Head of the Department of Political Science,
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Ph.D (POLITICAL SCIENCE) Course Work Syllabi

Paper I : Research Methods in Political Studies

- I Dimensions of Knowledge:
Scientific approach to knowledge
- II Designing A Research:
- a) Sources to use in selecting a topic
Turning a topic into a research problem
Formulating a hypothesis
 - b) Units of Analysis
Variables: Types and relationship among variables
The measurement process: Conceptualisation, operationalisation
Levels of measurement
Reliability and validity
 - c) Sampling: Types of probability and non-probability sampling.
Factors effecting the choice of sampling design
Factors determining sample size
- III Methods of Data Collection:
- a) Survey Research: Advantages and disadvantages
Formulating questionnaire
Techniques of interviewing
 - b) Field Research
Participant and non-participant observation, ethnography
 - c) Research using available data
Content Analysis
- IV Data Analysis:
- a) Univariate, Bivariate and Multivariate Analysis
Modeling relationships
 - b) Graphs
 - c) Writing research reports/paper
 - d) Footnotes and References
- Readings:
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 5. Shively W. Philips, *The Craft of Political Research: A Primer*, Prentice Hall, New Jersey, 1974
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 7. Williamson, *The Research Craft* (1988)
 8. Wonnacott and Wonnacott, *Introduction to Statistics* (1990)
 9. Zisk, *Political Research* (1989)

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