

GURU KASHI UNIVERSITY



Doctor of Philosophy
(Fine Arts)

Session: 2025-26

Faculty of Visual & Performing Arts

Program Structure									
Course Code	Course Title	Type of Course	L	T	P	Total Credits	Internal	External	Total Marks
PPH109	Research Methodology	Core	4	0	0	4	30	70	100
PPH102	Research and Publication Ethics	Core	2	0	0	2	30	70	100
PPH137	Approaches to the Study of Indian Art: Aesthetics, Sculpture and Iconography	Core	4	0	0	4	30	70	100
PPH104	Computer Applications in Research	Skill Based	0	0	4	2	30	70	100
Total Numbers of Credits						12	120	280	400

Course Title: Research Methodology

Course Code: PPH109

L	T	P	Credits
4	0	0	4

Total Hrs.60

Course Learning Outcomes:

Upon the completion of this course (Research Methodology), the learners will be able to:

1. Identify and explain the main research paradigms (qualitative, quantitative, mixed-methods) and methodologies (experimental, survey, ethnographic, etc.) relevant to visual and performing arts research.
2. Develop a research proposal, including a clear research question, objectives, methodology, and expected outcomes, relevant to visual and performing arts.
3. Analyze and critique research studies in visual and performing arts, identifying strengths, limitations, and potential biases.
4. Identify and apply ethical principles and guidelines in research, including informed consent, confidentiality, and intellectual property.
5. Use appropriate research tools and techniques, select and apply appropriate research tools and techniques, (surveys, interviews, observations and content analysis) in visual and performing arts research.
6. Collect, analyze, and interpret data using appropriate statistical and qualitative methods, relevant to visual and performing arts research.
7. Communicate research findings effectively through presenting research findings in a clear, concise, and visually effective manner, using appropriate formats (academic papers, presentations, exhibitions).

8. Integrate research into practice through Apply research findings in visual and performing arts.
9. Develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills through the analysis and critique of research studies and the design of research proposals.
10. Develop creative and innovative thinking through the application of research methodologies to visual and performing arts practice.
11. Develop effective communication and collaboration skills through the presentation and discussion of research findings and proposals.
12. Design a research study in any domain of performing arts-music.

Course Contents

Research Methodology in Visual & Performing Arts

Unit I

15 Hours

- Defining research and its significance.
- Aims and objectives/scope and types of research
- Areas of research in visual and performing arts
- Criteria for selection of the research problem.

Unit II

15 Hours

- Sources of research (primary and secondary) in visual and performing arts.
- Methods of data collection and its tools.
- Formulation of hypothesis and its types.
- Sampling design
- Writing synopsis

Unit III

15 Hours

- Methods of data analysis
- Tabulation, statistical data analysis
- Drawing inferences
- Writing research report

Unit IV

15 Hours

- Multi-disciplinary research approaches in visual and performing arts.
- Research design for therapeutic studies in visual and performing arts.

Transaction Mode

- Group Discussion, Quiz, Open Talk, One-minute presentation/art performance, Assignment

Suggested Readings

- Best John w., (1971) Research in education, Englewood Cliffs, Prentice Hall, Inc, New Jersey.
- Sharma Manorma, (1990) Sangeet evam Shodh parvidhi, Chandigarh Sahitak Academy
- Sharma Ravi. (2020) Sangeet mein shodh parvidhi, Touryatrikam Publication, Delhi
- Sharma Dr. Vandana, (2016) Bhartiya sangeet mein anusandhan ki samsyaein, Sanjay publication, Delhi
- Montgomery, D. C & Kowalski, S. M. (2007). *Design and Analysis of Experiments*, Hoboken, New Jarcy: John Wiley and Son.
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- Ronald, E. Walpole. (2017) *.Probability and Statistics for Engineers and Scientists* (9th ed), Boston: Pearson Publication. Babbie, Earl (2010): *The Practice of Social Research*, 12th ed., Belmont: Wadsworth

Course Title: Research and Publication Ethics

Course Code: PPH102

L	T	P	Credits
2	0	0	2

Total Hours 30

Learning Outcomes

On the completion of the course the students will be able to

1. To have awareness about the publication ethics and publication misconducts.
2. To understand indexing and citation databases, open access publications, research metrics (citations, h-index, impact factor etc.)
3. Develop hands-on skills to identify research misconduct and predatory publications.

Course Content

• 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 judgements 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 (4 Hrs.)

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.

- **RPE 05: 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 (4 hrs.)**
 1. Indexing databases
 2. Citation databases: Web of Science, Scopus etc.
 - B. Research Metrics (3 hrs.)**
 1. Impact Factor of journal as per Journal Citation Report, SNIP, SJR, IPP, Cite Score
 2. Metrics: h-index, g-index, i10 index, altmetrics

Suggested Readings

1. Bird, A. (2006). Philosophy of Science. Routledge.
2. MacIntyre, A. (1967) A Short History of Ethics. London.
3. P. Chaddah, (2018) Ethics in Competitive Research: Do not get scooped; do not get plagiarized, ISBN:978-9387480865
4. National Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Engineering and Institute of Medicine. (2009). On Being a Scientist: A Guide to Responsible Conduct in Research: Third Edition. National Academies Press.
5. Rensik, D. B. (2011). What is ethics in research & why is it important. National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, 1-10. Retrieved from <https://www.niehs.nih.gov/resources/bioethics/whatis/index.cfm>
6. Beall, J. (2012). Predatory publishers are corrupting open access. Nature, 489(7415), 179-179. <https://doi.org/10.1038/489179a>

**Course Title: Approaches to the Study of Indian Art:
Aesthetics, Sculpture and Iconography.**

L	T	P	Cr
4	0	0	4

Course Code: PPH137

Total Hrs.60

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES: On successful completion of this course, the students will be able to

1. Gain a comprehensive understanding of the classical concepts of aesthetics.
2. The aim of this paper is to acquaint the research scholars with the comprehensive overview of the important approaches in Indian art history.
3. The aim to familiarize the researcher with the idea and the images which form the basic backbone in the study of Indian art and aesthetics.
4. Understand the intersection between religion, ritual, and art, focusing on temple architecture, sacred sculpture, and devotional art.

Course Content

Unit I

13 Hrs.

Approaches to the study of art history; Rasanubhuti (Theory of Rasa and Bhava as propounded by Bharata in his Natyashastra); Concept of 'Saundarya' (Beauty) in Indian aesthetics

Sources of Indian Art

An overview of the writings on Indian Art History by A.K.Coomaraswamy, Stella Kramrisch... Niharranjan Roy, J.N. Banerjea, B.N.Mukherjee, B.N. Goswamy and D.C. Bhattacharyya Basic Terms and Terminologies related to research and the study of art and art history

Unit II

17 Hrs.

Art appreciation: Looking at a work of art

Understanding the Essence of Indian Art

Conceptual idealization

Stylistic analysis: The technicalities of analyzing a work of art in research

Unit- III

16 Hrs.

Survey of Indian sculptural art from the earliest times to the 20th century A.D.

Unit IV

14 Hrs.

Idea and the image: An introduction to the study of Indian Iconography. Iconometry and Iconology.

Transaction Mode:

- Group Discussion, Quiz, Open Talk, One minute presentation, Assignment

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Course Title: Computer Application in Research

Course Code: PPH104

L	T	P	Credits
0	0	4	2

Total Hours 30

Learning Outcomes

On the completion of the course the students will be able to

1. The students will become familiar with the usage of software for managing the reference.
2. To make literature reviews easily.
3. To make reference management by using open software.

Course Content

Unit I

06 Hours

MS Word Essentials- Create a document with styled headings and subheadings, Add headers, footers, and page numbers, Adjust page layout settings (margins, orientation, page size).

Table Creation and Management- Insert, format, and style tables, Adjust cell size, merge/split cells, and sort/filter data.

Working with Graphics- Insert and format images, shapes, SmartArt, and text boxes, Apply text wrapping around objects.

Unit II

08 Hours

Basics of PowerPoint- Slide layouts, themes, and templates, Adding multimedia: Images, audio, and videos.

Advanced Techniques- Animations and transitions for visual effects, Slide master for consistent formatting, Interactive elements: Hyperlinks and action buttons.

Design Best Practices- Typography, color schemes, and visual hierarchy, Tips for engaging presentations.

Unit III

08 Hours

Introduction to Mendeley- Installing and setting up Mendeley Desktop and Web, Importing references from various sources.

Organizing References- Creating folders and tagging references, Annotating and highlighting PDFs.

Citations and Bibliography- Integrating Mendeley with MS Word, using citation styles (APA, MLA, Chicago), Generating a bibliography automatically.

Unit IV

08 Hours

AI Tools for Productivity- Text-Based AI Tools (e.g., ChatGPT) Writing assistance, summarization, and brainstorming, Grammar and style checking, Image and Design Tools, Speech and Audio Tools

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- 1) Office 2007 in Simple Steps, Kogent Solutions, (Wiley Publishers).
- 2) MS-Office 2007 Training Guide, S. Jain (BPB Publications).
- 3) Computer Fundamentals by P.K. Sinha (BPB Publications).
- 4) <https://www.mendeley.com/reference-management/reference-manager>
- 5) <https://chat.openai.com>
- 6) <https://edu.google.com/workspace-for-education/classroom/>

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