

St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Ahmedabad

Syllabus of Semester – V of the following departments under Faculty of Arts based on Under Graduate Curriculum Framework - 2023 to be implemented from the Academic Year 2026-27

FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY
BA. (Hons) Sociology

SEC : READING, WRITING & REASONING FOR SOCIOLOGY

CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

Course Title & Code	Credit Distribution of The Course			Eligibility Criteria	Pre-requisite(s) of the Course (if any)
	Lecture	Tutorial	Practical / Practice		
Reading, Writing & Reasoning for Sociology (SOHSE-551-C)	2	0	0	10 + 2 from a recognized board in any stream	Basic Knowledge of Sociology

About the course:

Reading an academic text and effectively writing a good academic paper is a big challenge for the students of social sciences which relies on multiple methods of data collection. In context of Indian academia this issue is more aggravated because of insensitivity among students about ethical issues and plagiarism. This course attempts to address these issues and will equip students to handle academic paper efficiently.

The course will enable students to read academic texts and identify the central argument(s) and grasp the content of the texts. It will facilitate them to organize ideas, to structure their arguments, style and tone of the author and author biases. To seeks to enable students to identify standard elements of writing and equip them to express in different genres of writing such as summaries, critical reviews and essays. It is expected that the students will be able to approach writing as a form of reasoning, with specific organization of ideas, style and perspective and develop critical thinking through reflecting on various texts consciously keeping cross-cultural perspective in background.

This course aims to enhance skills of reading, writing and reasoning for students from Sociology. It aims to equip the students with the necessary skills of writing and publishing a research paper. Important ethical issues while writing a research paper like the issue of plagiarism, and the peer review process is also discussed in this course which will help the students to inculcate good academic writing habits.

UNIT I: Academic Reading and Writing

- Academic Reading and Critical Reading
- Sources of Academic Literature
- Reading to Writing: Understanding, Planning and Literature Review
- Academic Writing: Topic Selection, Structure and Organization
- Citation, Paraphrasing and Referencing

UNIT II: Research Writing and Publication

- Data Presentation and Academic Writing
- Editing, Rewriting and Proofreading
- Academic Integrity and Plagiarism
- Journal Publication and Peer Review Process
- Writing for Publication: Revision and Responding to Review

Books and references

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