The English and Foreign Languages University School of Interdisciplinary Studies Department of Cultural Studies Hyderabad MALCS- Course Descriptions Semester III

Course title	RESEARCH METHODS AND ACADEMIC WRITING				
Category (Mention the appropriate category (a/b/c) in the course description.)	Core Course (Existing course with 20 % percentage revision)				
Course code	MALCSC698				
Semester	III				
Number of credits	5				
Maximum intake	30 (only for MALCS students or students willing to exit with MALCS degree)				
Day/Time	Tuesday & Thursday (2pm to 4pm)				
Name of the teacher/s	Dr. Venkatesh Vaditya				
Course description	This course introduces students to research methods through a critical engagement with the socio-political context in which the human sciences evolved, particularly in distinction from the natural sciences. It emphasizes how cultural mediation helps understand socio-economic realities of society. Cultural studies foreground lived experience, discourses, and the contextual embeddedness of knowledge production. Students will learn about plural and contested methodological approaches in human sciences, with a focus on qualitative research, including ethnography, oral history, archival work, and participatory methods. The course also includes practical training in formulating research questions, writing proposals, and understanding the broader political and ethical implications of research. As part of this, the students are expected to define broad areas of their M.A. projects and finalize their dissertation topics.				
	 Course Outcomes After completing this course successfully, the students will be able to: Trace the evolution of the human sciences in relation to the natural sciences, with a historical grounding in Western and Indian contexts. Understand the ideological, political, and cultural functions of knowledge—both as a tool for dominance and resistance. Apply methods to analyze the circulation and reproduction of knowledge, especially in relation to social structures in India. 				

	methods and understand their uses and limitations in cultural studies. 5. Formulate research problems, write project proposals, and carry out independent academic work using a range of sources and methods. Matching Course Outcomes with Programme Objectives PO 1-4 PO 5-7 PO 8-11 PO 12-18 CO 1 3 3 3 2 CO 2 3 3 3 3 3				
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	CO 5	1	2	3	3
Course delivery	Lecture cur	n Seminar Mod	le. Class Present	ations by the c	course
	participants	S		·	
	presentation (Internal 40%: 3 internal tests x 20 marks each (2 best out of 3 will be considered. 40 marks) End-semester (mode of evaluation): 2. M.A. project proposal submission(3000-4000 words)60% (60 marks)				
Reading list	Essential readings				
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- Letherby, Gayle. Feminist Research in Theory and Practice, Open University Press, 2003, Chapet-2: United we stand? The feminist reconstruction of knowledge, Chapet-5: Whose life is it anyway? Issues of power, empowerment, ethics and responsibility.
- *MLA Handbook*. Ninth Edition. The Modern Language Association of North America, 2021.
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- Tripura Bishwaranjan. "Decolonizing Ethnography and Tribes in India: Toward an Alternative Methodology", Frontiers in Political Science, vol. 5, 2023. doi: 10.3389/fpos.2023.1047276
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- Whitehead, Tony L, What is Ethnography, Methodological, Ontological & Epistemological Attributes, EICCARS Working Papers, 2004.
- Wilson, Shawn, Research is Ceremony: Indigenous Research Methods, Fernwood Publishing Company, 2009.

Course title	POLITICS, ECONOMY AND SOCIETY IN INDIA
Category (Mention the appropriate category (a/b/c) in the course description.)	(C) New Course (inter-disciplinary/multi-disciplinary optional course)
Course code	MALCSE 621
Semester	III
Number of credits	5
Maximum intake	30 (on first-come-first-served-basis for MA students)
Day/Time	Monday 2-4 & Thursday 9-11
Name of the teacher/s	Dr. Prashant kumar kain
Course description	There is a certain ways that the question of culture is understood commonsensically. It is often believed as a set of shared unique beliefs, practices and customs, however the power dimension is experienced only when one tries to deviate with those collective norms. Culture directly affects our perceptions, perspectives, nature and functioning of state, socioeconomic policies and social visions of any society. Over the years, Indian society has undergone drastic changes due to phenomena like globalisation, liberalisation, information technology, technological automation, economic restructuring and so on. These broad and macro level policy levels changes have drastically changed our cultural aspirations and experiences at ground level. Cultural norms directly affect our perceptions and perspectives related to economy, politics and society at large, leading to diverse interpretations of contemporary India by various segments in different forms and sites. This is particularly significant in a country like India which already had a huge cultural and historical diversity. Democracy and justice are two concepts that should guide the evaluation and interpretation of current and contemporary developments in relation to state and society. This inter-disciplinary/multi-disciplinary course will critically bring and discuss some of these important pertaining issues by engaging with the diverse literature both from social science and humanities. The course will be useful to those who have interest in state and society dynamics, social and politics planning, globalisation, historical evolution of neo-liberalisation and contemporary developments. Objectives of the course To help students develop basic interdisciplinary understanding of the social science and cultural studies discourses and areas.
	 of the social science and cultural studies discourses and areas. Introduce basic sociological concepts, thinkers, theories and perspectives related to culture, economy and society. help student acquire critical and analytical skills in understanding and interpreting the contemporary events, issues, and developments

	 To make them aware of the complex processes in relation to democracy, social planning and social and cultural diversity in India Course outcome it will lead students to select empirical areas as their potential research topics for M.A. dissertation or Ph.D research later on Students will be able to write articles/commentary on social
	 and economic themes in magazines and e-platforms The course may enhance their chances of getting employment as research assistants in institutions, NGOs working in social issues or self help groups etc. The course will enhance their abilities to publish literature on contemporary issues for policy interventions.
Course delivery	Lectures, multi-media, issue based documentaries and movies, class
	room activities, class room discussions, field work
Evaluation scheme	Internal 40%. Best two would be considered for evaluation Assignment I (early September) Assignment II (early October) Assignment III (early November) End-semester 60% Final sit-in class room written examination
*	1 extra learning activity for 3 rd semester students
Tentative Reading list	Davis, K. & Moore, W. E. (1944). Some Principles of Stratification. American Sociological Review, Vol. 10, No. 2, Pp. 242-249. Forbes, G. (2004). Women in Modern India. New York: Cambridge University Press. Gandhi, M.K. (2010). Hind Swaraj. New Delhi: Rajpal and Sons. Geertz, C. (1973). The Interpretation of Cultures: Selected Essays by Clifford Geertz. New York: Basic Books, Inc. Publishers Gupta, D. (2000). Mistaken Modernity: India between Worlds. New Delhi: Harpercollins. Pp. 107-134. Harris-White, B. (2007). India's Socially Regulated Economy. New Delhi: Critical Quest. McCarthy, E.D. (1996). Knowledge as Culture: The New Sociology of Knowledge. London: Rutledge. Appadurai, A. (1996). Modernity at Large: Cultural Dimensions of Globalization. Chicago: University of Chicago Press Z. O' Leary. (2007). The Social Science Jargon Buster: The Terms You Need To Know. London: Sage Publications. Parsons Talcott, p. & Neil, J. S. (2003). Economy and Society: A Study in the Integration of Economic and Social Theory. London: Psychology Press. Despande, S. (2016). Contemporary India: a sociological view. Delhi:

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Horkheimer Max and Adorno Theodor (2002) Culture Industry: Enlightenment as mass deception. In: Horkheimer M and Adorno T (eds.) *Dialectic of Enlightenment: PhilosophicalFragments*. Stanford: Stanford University Press, pages 94-136.

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Dant, T. (2003). *Critical Social Theory: Culture, Society and Critique*. London: Sage Publications.

Marx, K. & Engels, F. (1977) *Karl Marx And Frederick Angels: Selected Works Vol. I,II, III*, Moscow: Progress Publishers.

Sainath P (1996) Everybody Loves a Good Drought: Stories from India's Poorest Districts. New Delhi: Penguin

Weber Max (1978). *Economy and Society: An Outline of Interpretive Sociology*. California: University of California Press.

Course title	I	NTRODUCTI	ON TO ST	UART HAI	LL	
Category (Mention the appropriate category (a/b/c) in the course description.)	a. E	Existing course with revision with 20%.				
Course code	M	MALCSE661				
Semester	II	I				
Number of credits	5	Credits				
Maximum intake	A	30 (on first-come-first-served-basis for MA courses only) As this is an advanced course, students who have done introductory courses on cultural studies are eligible to join.				
Day/Time	M	Iondays & Frid	ays 11 am-1	l pm		
Name of the teacher/s	Pı	rof. K. Satyana	rayana			
Course description	po B H th th ex su co po ov C 1. an 2. th	Stuart Hall (1932-2014) is a British Cultural theorist and political activist. He is one of the founding figures of the Birmingham School of Cultural Studies along with Richard Hoggart and Raymond Williams. He contributed to the theoretical debates on culture and power and conceptualized the field of cultural studies as an interdisciplinary field. He explored a broad set of areas such as popular culture, subcultures, counter-cultures, minority cultures, communication, visual arts, media, race, diaspora and postcolonialism. This course is an attempt to offer a brief overview of the life, activism and thinking of Stuart Hall. Course Outcomes: 1. Students will demonstrate knowledge of the basic concepts and ideas in Stuart Hall's works. 2. Students will demonstrate analytical skills that will enable them to use Hall's critical theory. 3. Students will gain a critical understanding of the complex relationship of culture and race/class/ gender.				
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	CO 1	PO 1	PO 5	PO 7	PO 12	PO 17
	CO 1 CO 2	3	3	3	2	3
	CO 2	3	2	3	1	3
Course delivery		Lectures and discussions based on readings.				3
Evaluation scheme					ngo.	
Evaluation scheme		Internal Assig Final Examina				

Reading list	Excerpts from The Popular Arts (1964)
	"Notes on Deconstructing the Popular" (1981)
	"What is 'Black' in Black Popular Culture?" (1992)
	II
	"The Emergence of Cultural Studies and the Crisis of the
	Humanities" (1990)
	"Life and Times of the First New Left" (1989)
	"Cultural Studies: Two Paradigms" (1981)
	"Encoding/Decoding" (1973)
	"Culture and Power: Interview with Stuart Hall" (1997)
	John Akomfrah's film The Stuart Hall Project (2013)
	III
	Excerpts from Policing the Crisis: Mugging, the State and Law
	and Order (1978)
	"Racism and Reaction" (1978)
	Excerpts from Resistance through Rituals: Youth Subcultures
	in Post-War Britain (1976)
	IV
	"Minimal selves" (1987)
	"New Ethnicities" (1988)
	"Cultural Identity and Diaspora" (1990)
	V
	"Gramsci and us" (1988)
	"The Meaning of New Times" (1989)
	Selections from The Hard Road to Renewal: Thatcherism and
	the Crisis of the Left (1988)
	and critical of the Bott (1700)

Course Title	Visual Culture: An Introduction			
Category (Mention the	a. Existing course without changes			
appropriate category	b. Existing course with revision			
(a/b/c) in the course description.)	c. New course			
Course Code	MALCSE680			
Semester	III			
Number of credits	5			
Level	600			
Maximum intake	30			
Day/Time	Wednesdays 11 am – 1 pm; Fridays 2 pm-4pm			
Name of the Teacher	Prof. Satish Poduval			
Course Description:	This seminar course is designed to introduce you to key concepts, theories and practices that constitute visual culture—a field that has grown rapidly since the 1990s pursuing questions such as: what is an image? how are images to be 'read' correctly, or appropriately? is reality the object of representation, or rather its after-effect? how do different forms of images construct different forms of knowing? how might we assess the significance of visual technologies that extend the human sense of sight, in particular of those that organize our field of vision and our sensorium? do we live today (as has been argued) in a society of spectacle, a simulacrum, a surveillance society? and if so, what consequences ensue from this for our personal, social, and public lives? After historicizing the field in our initial sessions, our subsequent discussions will explore why visuality is increasingly gaining interest within the humanities today. We shall also engage with some uniquely "Indian" aspects (and opportunities) that are worth paying attention to in this emerging field. The course will be organized around three thematic Modules: 1. What is an Image? 2. Interpreting Images 3. Imagining Contemporary India Most of this course will thus involve focused discussions on a range of visual forms and institutions that have actively shaped the modern world: painting, photography, advertising and public relations, museums, graphic design, cinema, online media, digital archives. Please be aware that this is not a course on media history; it is designed as a theoretical exploration of media forms and their significance in contemporary societies.			

Course Outcomes:	At the end of the course, students will be able to: a) understand and describe how various forms of visual texts are formed/structured; b) engage with questions related to representation in art history and institutions of visual culture such as museums, newspapers and magazines, multiplexes, home entertainment, and digital archives; c) assess and respond to the role of visual media in shaping social and cultural discourse; d) write essays for academic journals and make accessible presentations in new media; e) teach courses in cultural studies, media studies, and critical theory.		
Course Delivery	The instructor will introduce and initiate discussions on the main themes and readings during the Lecture sessions. A substantial part of the course will in seminar mode: students will make short classroom presentations on allotted readings (or readings chosen in consultation with the instructor) and actively respond to discussions on the images/videos shown in class. Students will also work on a project based on a visit to a gallery, archive or site in the city to examine the intersection between visual culture and public life. Revised write-ups based on the project-presentation will have to be submitted as a part of the end-term examination.		
Evaluation Scheme	There will be a continuous assessment of student performance based on three Sessional tasks plus an end-term examination. The Sessional evaluation will be worth 40 % of the course grade. Students must complete three tasks to qualify for the final examination, and the sessional grade will be based on the best two scores obtained in the three tasks: (i) Assignment 1 (early September) 20 marks (ii) Assignment 2 (early October) 20 marks (iii) Assignment 3 (early November) 20 marks The End-Term evaluation will be worth 60 % of the course grade, and be based on the score obtained in the Final Examination:		
Readings	(iv) Final Examination (December) 60 marks Essential Readings: Discussions in class will revolve around writings by Roland Barthes, Susan Sontag, John Berger, John Tagg, Mary Louise Pratt, Paul Gilroy, Angela McRobbie, Kobena Mercer, Guy Debord, Jean Baudrillard, WJT Mitchell, Hal Foster, Teju Cole, Ariella Azoulay, Geeta Kapur, Ashish Rajadhyaksha, Ranjani Mazumdar, Lawrence Liang, G. Arunima, Madhava Prasad, Tapati Guha-Thakurtha, Christopher Pinney, Kajri Jain, among others.		

Additional Readings: Students are urged to familiarize themselves with the following text books: (1) Practices of Looking: An Introduction to Visual Culture Eds. Sturken and Cartwright, (2) The Visual Culture Reader Ed. Mirzoeff, (3) Image Journeys: Audio-Visual Media and Cultural Change in India Eds. Brosius and Butcher, (4) The Public Sphere from Outside the West Eds. Dwivedi and Sanil.

Matching Course Outcomes with Programme Objectives

	PO 1-4	PO 5-7	PO 8-11	PO 12-18
	(Knowledge and	(Skills Required to	(Application of	(Generic Learning
	Understanding)	Perform and	Knowledge and	Outcomes)
		Accomplish Tasks)	Skills)	
CO 1	3	3	3	3
CO 2	3	2	3	2
CO 3	3	2	2	2
CO 4	3	3	2	2
CO5	3	3	2	3

Course title	PSYCHOANALYSIS FOR CULTURAL STUDIES
Category (Mention the appropriate category (a/b/c) in the course description.)	Existing course with revision. 20 per cent
Course code	MALCSE668
Semester	III
Number of credits	5
Maximum intake	30 (on first-come-first-served-basis for MA courses only)
Day/Time	Tuesday-Thursday 11am to 1 pm
Name of the teacher/s	Prof. M. Madhava Prasad
Course description	This course is an introduction to Sigmund Freud and Jacques Lacan for students with an interest in thinking about literary and cultural texts through a psychoanalytic framework. The best way to do this is to acquaint oneself with the key concepts of psychoanalytic theory, especially those bearing on topics related to the human psyche such as subjectivity, identity and relations with others. We will read some key texts of Freud in the first part of the course, after which we will turn to Lacanian thought with the help of introductory texts written by commentators and a few excerpts from Lacan's own writings and seminars. Our attempt will be to comprehend the essential ideas put forth by these thinkers and to reflect upon their importance in the Indian context. We will read among other texts, one or two in which Freud deals with cultural texts and art works. Objectives: To introduce psychoanalytic theory to cultural studies students with a view to employing the theory in their work. Learning outcomes: Development of interpretive skills to make students better equipped to deal with the complex cultural texts that they encounter in contemporary everyday life, including literary and visual texts as well as popular culture in general.
Course delivery	Lectures with student participation.
Evaluation scheme	Internal (modes of evaluation): In-class tests
	End-semester (mode of evaluation): In class test
	*Please note that open-book examination is permissible only for
	courses offered as part of MA programmes and subject to approval by
	the Head of the Department/Dean of the School concerned
Reading list	Essential reading
	Sigmund Freud
	Five Lectures on Psychoanalysis

- 'A note on the unconscious'
- 'Negation'
- 'Repression'
- 'On narcissism'
- 'Mourning and Melancholia'

Beyond the Pleasure Principle

Group Psychology and the Analysis of the Ego

Remembering, Repeating and Working Through

And other texts on art and literature.

Jacques Lacan

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