

# **SYLLABI FOR Ph. D. COURSE WORK**



**CENTRE FOR COMPARATIVE RELIGIONS AND  
CIVILIZATIONS**

**School of Humanities and Social Sciences  
Central University of Jammu**

## **PAPER 1: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY**

### **Objectives:**

- To introduce students to various research methods
- To impart research skills among students using computer applications
- To familiarize students with various research tools and techniques

### **Unit I - Definition and Characteristics of Research**

1. Definition of Research and Ethical Dimensions of Research
2. Concepts of Construct, Postulate, Proposition, Thesis, Hypothesis, Law and Principle
3. Philosophy and validity of research

### **Unit II - Types of Research**

1. Pure and applied research
2. Qualitative, Quantitative and Mixed approaches
3. Research methods in Social Sciences and Humanities

### **Unit III – Research Design and Process**

1. Formulation of Problem and Review of Literature
2. Formulating Objectives and Hypothesis
3. Data Collection, Data Analysis, Interpretation and Preparation of the Report

### **Unit IV- Data Analysis**

1. Qualitative and Quantitative Data Analysis
2. Basic Statistical Techniques – Mean, Standard Division and Relative Standard Division, Co-effective of Variation etc.
3. Computer Application – Excel, Power Point Presentation, SPSS, Introduction to UGC info net, INFLIBNET and ERNET etc.

### **Unit V – Research Training**

1. Study of Text and Field Work
2. Style of Citation (Foot Note, End Note and Bibliography)
3. Book Review, Writing Research Article, Synopsis and Writing Thesis

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## **PAPER 2: ADVANCED PAPER IN COMPARATIVE RELIGIONS AND CIVILIZATIONS - APPROACHES**

### **Objectives:**

- To introduce scholars different approaches in the comparative religious studies
- To develop scholars understanding of the living religions of the world with a major emphasis on their origins, historical development, teachings and current practices
- To help scholars to interact more with the people of other faiths in the context of problems and challenges

### **Unit I – The Heritage and Evolution of Civilization**

1. Culture and Civilization
2. Elements and Advantages of Civilization
3. History of Civilization

### **Unit II – Introduction to the Study of Religion**

1. Nature and Scope of Religious Studies
2. Development of Religious Studies
3. Objectives of Religious Studies

### **Unit III - Different Approaches to the Comparative Study of Religions – Part A**

1. Approaches of Social Science
2. Approaches of Natural Science
3. Philological and Linguistic Approach

### **Unit IV – Different Approaches to the Comparative Study of Religions – Part B**

1. Philosophical Approach
2. Phenomenological Approach
3. Hermeneutical and Theological Approach

### **Unit V - Religious Traditions and Contemporary Issues**

Religion, Post-Colonial Critic and Feminism

Religion and Post Secular Era

Inter Faith Dialogue

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## **PAPER 3 – ADVANCED PAPER IN COMPARATIVE RELIGIONS AND CIVILIZATIONS - CONTENTS**

### **Objective**

- To introduce scholars different contents in the comparative religious studies.
- To impart knowledge of modern and contemporary thinkers view on interfaith for their research on comparative religions.
- To help scholars to know in detail of Kashmiri Rishi traditions.

### **Unit I - Comparative Religious Studies**

1. Convergences and Divergences of basic themes of World Religions
2. Transcendental Unity of Religions
3. Contextual Uniqueness of Religions

### **Unit II – Modern and Contemporary Religious Phenomena**

1. Socio Religious Movements
2. New Age Religious Movements
3. Religion in the Post Modern Era

### **Unit III - Modern Thinkers' view on Interfaith**

1. Swami Vivekananda,
2. Mahatma Gandhi
3. Thomas Merton

### **Unit IV - Contemporary Thinkers' view on Interfaith**

1. John Hick, Raymond Panikkar and Hans Kung
2. Ananda Kumar Swamy, Hussain Nasr and Mercia Elliaede
3. Dalai Lama, Tich Nath Hanh and T.Ariyaratne

### **Unit V - Thinkers from the State of J & K and their views**

1. Asvaghosh and Vasubandh
2. Utpal Dev and Abinavagupta
3. Rishi Traditions of Kashmir

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## **PAPER 4: BACKGROUND PAPER RELATED TO THE AREA OF RESEARCH**

### **Objective**

- To make scholars to find out their area of research in comparative religions
- To provoke scholars to read related books of those area of research
- To prepare scholars to write book reviews on read books.

The scholar will be required to write reviews of Five books recommended by the concern supervisor and the reviews will be duly evaluated by the concern faculty.