

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE -18 (DSC-18)
Anthropological Fieldwork

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Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical / Practice		
Anthropological Fieldwork	04	02	Nil	02	Class XII pass	NIL

(Teaching hours required: Theory, 45 hours; Practical, 30 hours)

Course objective

To train students to apply the methods and techniques of fieldwork in actual field situation to understand social problem and lived realities in a tribal or a rural community.

Learning Outcomes

The students will be able to:

- apply the theoretical perspectives in actual field situation and systematically undertake a study on an anthropological problem.
- write a report based on the field data using qualitative and quantitative methods.

Syllabus:

UNIT 1. Identification of a community for fieldwork, collection of secondary information and preparation of field statements, designing the field study, identification and formulation of research tools, pre-testing and standardization of research tools. **(07 Hours)**

UNIT 2. Survey methods: formation and administration of household census to collect data on socio-economic and biological variables. **(07 Hours)**

UNIT 3. Ethnographic methods: Team Ethnography, rapport establishment, categories of respondents, sources of data, maintaining field diaries and field notes, ethical considerations **(08 Hours)**

UNIT 4. Collection of data on biological variables and their analyses. **(08 Hours)**

Practical (60 Hours)

Students are required to apply these techniques and methods in real social context to have variable experience and make sense of how to use them in research context.

Students will undertake fieldwork of 10-12 days to any rural or tribal area and explore significant dimensions of the community life involving anthropological techniques.

Students are required to submit a dissertation based on the fieldwork taking into account cultural and biological variables.

References:

1. Brewer, John David. 2000. *Ethnography: Understanding Social Research*. Open University Press.
2. O'Reilly, Karen. 2012. *Ethnographic Methods*. Routledge.
3. Patnaik, Soumendra M. *Doing Team Ethnography*. 2006 *The Eastern Anthropologist* 59 (3-4): 295-319.
4. Srivastava, Vinay Kumar. 2004. *Fieldwork and Methodology*. Oxford University Press. New Delhi
5. Madan, T. N., Beteille, André. 1975. *Encounter and Experience - Personal Accounts of Fieldwork*. Vikas Publishing House.

Teaching and Learning process:

Lectures and Discussions, Field visits, Presentations

Assessment methods: Viva voce examination based on submitted dissertation.

Keywords: Ethnography, Field study design, field research tools, report writing