

MAHATMA GANDHI CENTRAL UNIVERSITY

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Syllabus

Ph.D. Course Work

(Gandhian and Peace Studies)



**DEPARTMENT OF GANDHIAN & PEACE STUDIES
(SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES)**

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Gandhi Bhawan, Bankat, Motihari, District – East Champaran, Bihar – 845 401

(Programme Code- GNPS06)

Ph.D. in Gandhian and Peace Studies

Programme Objectives

The main objectives of the programme are:

- To develop insights of alternative moral and ethical frameworks for interpreting contemporary discourse on Gandhian principles.
- To acquaint students with Gandhian thought and contemporary issues of Peace and conflict.
- To train scholars, civic actors and political and economic decision makers in all applications of nonviolence and peace (social, political, economic, international, armed conflicts and corporate life).
- To bring together the largest network of people working to promote peace in today's world.
- To apply disciplinary or interdisciplinary learning across multiple contexts, integrating knowledge and practices.
- To develop an exciting and supportive learning environment that is conducive to high quality research and related learning activities including debates, seminars and lectures.
- To engage in a systematic study of both theoretical and practical aspects of Peace Studies and Gandhian thought with strong methodological training.
- To acquaint students with the qualitative and quantitative research techniques for conducting field-based research studies including selection of research problems, sampling, and preparation of research tools and adoption of statistical methodologies.

Programme Outcomes:

After completion of the programme students will be able to:

- PO1: Demonstrate critical understanding, up-to-date knowledge and research methodology of the field.
- PO2: Understand and implement publication ethics in their research.

- PO3: Implement effective academic and personal strategies for carrying out research projects independently and ethically.
- PO4: Response to major issues in their specialized area.
- PO5: Communicate research findings at a diverse range of levels through varieties of media.
- PO6: Organize and participate in workshops on themes related to Gandhian principles, peace and conflict resolution at local and international levels.
- PO7: Effectively apply reading, writing, critical thinking, and analytical skills to address significant issues related to the contemporary issues of Peace and Conflict.
- PO8: Undertake research and scholarship within areas of Gandhian Philosophy and Peace Studies, including, cultures of peace, mediation, and management of peace among others.



Programme Structure

Total Credit- 14
Maximum Marks- 350

Course Code	Course	Continuous Assessment and Attendance (25+5)	End Semester Assessment (70)	Credits
GNPS6001	Research Methodology	Any Two (Presentation/Class Test/Assignment/Discussion) of 20+5 marks	Semester Examination (written)	4
GNPS6002	Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution	Any Two (Presentation/Class Test/Assignment/Discussion) of 20+5 marks	Semester Examination (written)	4
	Discipline Specific Elective Course (Students must have to elect one course from the given list of the DSE courses.)	Any Two (Presentation/Class Test/Assignment/Discussion) of 20+5 marks	Semester Examination (written)	4
GNPS6007	Research and Publication Ethics	Any Two (Presentation/Class Test/Assignment/Discussion) of 20+5 marks	Semester Examination (written)	2
Total Credits				14

List of Discipline Specific Elective (DSE) Courses

Course Code	Course Title
GNPS6003	Political and Social Thought of Mahatma Gandhi
GNPS6004	Economic and Religious Thought of Mahatma Gandhi
GNPS6005	Selected Writings of Mahatma Gandhi-I
GNPS6006	Selected Writings of Mahatma Gandhi-II

Detailed Course Outline

GNPS6001: Research Methodology

(4 Credits)

Course Code: GNPS6001

Course Name: Research Methodology

Credits Equivalent: 4 Credits (One credit is equivalent to 1 hour of lecture per week)

Attendance Requirements:

Students are expected to attend all lectures in order to be able to fully benefit from the course. A minimum of 75% attendance is a must failing which a student may not be permitted to appear in examination.

Evaluation Criteria:

As per relevant University Ordinance(s)/Rule(s) applicable from time to time.

Learning Outcome:

After completion of the course, student will be able to:

- Understand the conceptual aspects of research approaches and techniques in social sciences.
- Critically analyse the methods of data collection in social sciences.
- Identify, explain, and apply the various research techniques in conducting research.
- Prepare a coherent research proposal and report.

Course Content:

UNIT-I	Research in social sciences: Objectives and Types, Process of Research. Scientific Method; Formulation of Research Problem
UNIT-II	Research Design; Hypothesis: Meaning, Characteristics and Importance. Source of Primary and Secondary data including library and E-Resources
UNIT-III	Sampling Method: Concept, Types and Problems. Methods of Data collection: Observation, Interview, Questionnaire, Schedule
UNIT-IV	Ethnography and Case Study; Classification & Tabulation Bibliography and References; Report Writing, SPSS.

Recommended Books:

1. Ackoff, R. (1953). Design of Social Research. Chicago: Chicago University Press.
2. Bailey, K. (1978). Methods of Social Research. New York: Free Press.
3. Mueller, J. and Schuessler, K. (1961). Statistical Reasoning in Sociology. Boston: Houghton Mifflin.
4. Festinger, L. and Katz, D. (1953). Research Methods in Behavioural Sciences. New York: Rinehart, Winston.
5. Henry, M. (1977). Sociological Research Philosophy and Methods. Illinois: Dorsey Press.
6. Blalock, H. M. and Blalock, A. B. (1968). Methodology in Social Research. New York: McGraw-Hill Book Company.
7. Goode, W. J. and Hatt, P. K. (1952). Methods in Social Research. New York: McGraw-Hill Book Co.
8. Kothari, C.R. (1997). Research Methodology: Methods and Techniques. Delhi: New Age International Pvt Ltd Publishers.
9. Kumar, R. (2011). Research Methodology. Los Angeles: Sage Publications.

10. Dobbert, M.L. (1982). *Ethnographic Research: Theory and Application for Modern Schools and Societies*. New York: Praeger.
 11. Miles, M. & Huberman, A. (1994). *Qualitative Data Analysis: A Sourcebook of New Methods*, 2nd Edition. Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications.
 12. Denzin, N. & Lincoln, Y. (1994). *Handbook of Qualitative Research*. Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications.
- Taylor, G. R. (2000). *Integrating Quantitative and Qualitative Methods in Research*. Maryland: University Press of America

GNPS6002: Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution

(4 Credits)

Course Code: GNPS6002

Course Name: Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution

Credits Equivalent: 4 Credits (One credit is equivalent to 1 hour of lecture per week)

Attendance Requirements:

Students are expected to attend all lectures in order to be able to fully benefit from the course. A minimum of 75% attendance is a must failing which a student may not be permitted to appear in examination.

Evaluation Criteria:

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Learning Outcome:

After completion of the course student will be able to:

- Understand theories of Peace and Conflict studies at advance level.
- Gain knowledge and interest to pursue research in the vast areas of Peace and Conflict studies
- Understand the different approaches and methods of Conflict Resolution and Transformation.
- Acquire various skills and techniques for Conflict Resolution and Transformation.
- Understand and assimilate the core ideas of Gandhian Philosophy of Peace.
- Acquire knowledge on Gandhian way of conflict resolution.

Course Content:

- UNIT-I** Meaning, Concept and Theories of Peace.
 Understanding Peace: Positive and Negative Peace
 Culture of Peace: Role of Ethics and Virtues with relation of Science
 Development, Peace and Security: An integrated approach
- UNIT-II** Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament and various activists groups.
 Degradation of Environment: A Threat to Peace.
- UNIT-III** Causes & Forms of Violence.
 Direct, Structural and Cultural Violence
 Types and Causes of Conflicts.
 Regional Conflicts: Some selected issues & Peaceful Settlement
 Non-violence as methods of Conflict Resolution.
- UNIT-IV** Gandhian Approach to International Peace & Conflict Resolution.
 Relevance of Gandhian Method to Conflict Resolution
 Gandhian concept of Satyagraha and Constructive Programme

Recommended Readings

1. Banerjee, Subrata (1985). Non-alignment today: Challenges and prospects. New Delhi: Allied Publishers.
2. Barash, David, P. (2000). Approaches to peace: A reader in peace studies. New York: Oxford University Press.
3. Blinkenberg, Lars (1998). India-Pakistan: The history of unresolved conflicts, Volume I & II: The Historical Part. Odense: Odense University Press.
4. Bondurant, Joan, V. (1958). Conquest of violence: Gandhian philosophy of conflict. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
5. Boulding, Keeneth (1984). Stable peace. Austin: University of Texas Press.
6. Ghali, Boutros Boutros (1992). An agenda for peace research. London: Lynne Reimer
7. Brock, Peter (1970). Twentieth century pacifism. New York: Van Nostrand Reinhold Company.
8. Galtung, Johan (1996). Peace by peaceful means. New Delhi: Sage Publishers.
9. Galtung, Johan (1992). The way is the goal: Gandhi today. Ahmedabad: Gujarat Vidhyapith.
10. Khoshoo, T.N. (1998). Mahatma Gandhi: An apostle of applied human ecology. New Delhi: Teri.
11. Lentz, Theodore (1961). Towards a science of peace. Varanasi: Navachetna.
12. Pauling, Linus (1986). World encyclopaedia of peace, Vol. I-IV. Oxford: Pergamon Press.
13. Rana, A. P. (1976). Imperative of non-alignment, A conceptual study of India's foreign policy: Strategy in the Nehru period. Delhi: Macmillan.
14. Rao, N.P. (1998). Global strategies of clean environment: Safe earth, disaster management, sustainable development and quality life national and international obligations and priority. New Delhi : Atlantic Publishers.
15. Wallenstein, Peter (Ed.) (1988). Peace research: Achievements and challenges. Boulder & London: Westview Press.
16. Weber, Thomas (1991). Conflict resolution and Gandhian ethics. New Delhi: Gandhi Peace Foundation.

GNPS6003: Political and Social Thought of Mahatma Gandhi

(4 Credits)

Course Code: GNPS6003

Course Name: Political and Social Thought of Mahatma Gandhi

Credits Equivalent: 4 Credits (One credit is equivalent to 1 hour of lecture per week)

Attendance Requirements:

Students are expected to attend all lectures in order to be able to fully benefit from the course. A minimum of 75% attendance is a must failing which a student may not be permitted to appear in examination.

Evaluation Criteria:

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Learning Outcome:

After completion of the course student will be able to:

- Understand and assimilate the core concepts and ideals of Political and Social Thought of Mahatma Gandhi.
- Select research problems from Gandhian Philosophy of Truth, Sarvodaya and Satyagraha.
- Realize relevance of Gandhian Political Thought.
- Understand the Ethical approach in Gandhian Thought.
- Have clear views on Mahatma Gandhi's views on Society.
- Acquaint Gandhian Idea of Social Justice.

Course Content:

- Unit-I** Gandhi's Political Thought: Individual, State, Decentralization and Swaraj
Spiritualization of politics; Contemporary politics and Gandhian way
- Unit-II** Satyagraha: Meaning, basic components, methods and application, Satyagraha and Passive Resistance, Gandhi's views on Rights and Duties and End and Means
- Unit-III** Human and Society: Gandhi's view, Gandhi On Women, Marriage and Patriarchy, Gandhi and the Caste system, Untouchability and Fight against Racialism
- Unit- IV** Critique of Modernity and Hind Swaraj: Tradition and Modernity, Gandhi's View on Modern Civilization, Civilizational narratives in Hind Swaraj, Modern Civilization, Technology and Gandhi

Recommended Books:

1. Anand, Y.P. (2006). *Mahatma Gandhi and satyagraha*. New Delhi: National Gandhi Museum.
2. Bharathi, K.S. (2004). *Social philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi*, New Delhi: Concept Publishing Co.
3. Bhattacharyya, Buddhadeva (1969). *Evolution of political philosophy of Gandhi*. Calcutta: Calcutta Book House.
4. Chakraborty, Bidyut (2006). *Social and political thought of Mahatma Gandhi*. London and New York: Routledge.
5. Gandhi, M.K. (2008). *Hind swaraj*. Ahmedabad: Navajivan Publishing House.
6. Gandhi, M.K. (Compiled by Prabhu, R.K.) (1995). *India of my dreams*, Ahmedabad: Navajivan Publishing House.
7. Gandhi, M.K. (2008). *Constructive programme: Its meaning and place*. Ahmedabad: Navajivan Publishing House.
8. Hingorani, T. (Compiled) (1998). *Science of satyagraha*. Bombay: Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan.
9. Iyer, Raghvan N. (1973). *Moral and political thought of Mahatma Gandhi*. Delhi: Oxford University Press.
10. Mashruwala, K.G. (1971). *Towards sarvodaya order*. Ahmedabad: Navajivan Publishing House.
11. Parekh, Bhikhu (1995). *Gandhi's political philosophy: A critical examination*. Delhi: Ajanta Publications.
12. Sridharani, Krishanlal (2007). *War without violence*. Bombay: Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan.
13. Turner, Graham (2010). *Catching up with Gandhi*. New Delhi: Penguin Books.
14. Verma, V.P. (2008). *Political philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi and sarvodaya*. Agra: Laxmi Narayan Aggarwal.

GNPS6004: Economic and Religious Thought of Mahatma Gandhi

(4 Credits)

Course Code: GNPS6004

Course Name: Economic and Religious Thought of Mahatma Gandhi

Credits Equivalent: 4 Credits (One credit is equivalent to 1 hour of lecture per week)

Attendance Requirements:

Students are expected to attend all lectures in order to be able to fully benefit from the course. A minimum of 75% attendance is a must failing which a student may not be permitted to appear in examination.

Evaluation Criteria:

As per relevant University Ordinance(s)/Rule(s) applicable from time to time.

Learning Outcome:

After completion of the course student will be able to:

- Undertake research on the Economic and Religious Ideas of Mahatma Gandhi.
- Learn the Gandhian idea of Economics with Indian and Western influences on it.
- Get knowledge in Gandhian concept of production & decentralization.
- Imbibe ideas on Trusteeship and corporate responsibility
- Compare Gandhi's Economic thought with other contemporary Ideas.
- Assimilate the core concepts and ideals of Truth and God.
- Understand the Ethical approach in Gandhian Thought.

Course Content:

- Unit-I** Foundations of Gandhian Economics; Influences on Gandhi's Economic Thought- Indian & Western; Swadeshi: Self Reliance & Self Sufficiency; Sarvodaya (Welfare of All)
- Unit-II** Industrialization, Machinery and Trusteeship; Critique of Industrialization & Modern Civilization; Labour-Capital Relations
Small Scale/Cottage Industries and Economics of *Khadi*
Gandhi, Socialism and the Doctrine of Trusteeship
- Unit-III** Religion, God and Truth; Defining Religion: Absolute values and Eternal Principles.
Dharma and Self-purification; Truth is God, the Vow of Truth,
- Unit-IV** Gandhi's Views on Religion
Sarvdharm Sambhav, Secularism

Recommended Books

1. Biswas, S.C. (1960) (Ed.). Gandhi: Theory and Practice, Social Impact and Contemporary Relevance. Shimla: Indian Institute of Advanced Studies.
2. Dasgupta, Ajit, K. (1996). Gandhi's Economic Thought. London: Routledge.
3. Diwan, Romesh & Lutz (1985). Essays in Gandhian Economics. Delhi: Gandhi Peace Marg Foundation.
4. Kumarappa, J.C. (1962). Gandhian Economic Thought. Varanasi: Sarva Seva Sangh.

5. Mehta, Usha (2008). The multi-dimensional thought of Mahatma Gandhi. Mumbai: Mani Bhavan Gandhi Sangrahalaya.
6. Sethi, J.D. (1996). International Economic Disorder, A Theory of Economic Darwinism & A Gandhian Solution. Shimla: Indian Institute of Advanced Studies), 1996.
7. Dantwala, M. L. (1945). Gandhism reconsidered. Bombay: Padma Publications Publications.
8. Gandhi, M.K. (1982). Hind Swaraj or Indian Home Rule. Ahmedabad: Navajivan Publishing House.
9. Mehta, J. K. (1956). A philosophical interpretation of Economics. London: Oxford University Press.
10. Schumacher, E. F. (1989). Small is beautiful. London: Abacus.
11. Sethi, J.D. (1976). Gandhi Today. New Delhi: Vikas Publishing House.

GNPS6005: Selected Writings of Mahatma Gandhi-I

(4 Credits)

Course Code: GNPS6005
 Course Name: Selected Writings of Mahatma Gandhi-I
 Credits Equivalent: 4 Credits (One credit is equivalent to 1 hour of lecture per week)

Attendance Requirements:

Students are expected to attend all lectures in order to be able to fully benefit from the course. A minimum of 75% attendance is a must failing which a student may not be permitted to appear in examination.

Evaluation Criteria:

As per relevant University Ordinance(s)/Rule(s) applicable from time to time.

Learning Outcome:

After completion of the course student will be able to:

- Learn the thoughts given by Mahatma Gandhi in his book India of My dreams.
- Understand Gandhian Idea of Village swaraj.
- Select research problems form the Gandhian perspective.

Course Content:

1. India of My Dreams by M.K. Gandhi
2. Gram Swaraj by M.K. Gandhi

GNPS6006: Selected Writings of Mahatma Gandhi-II

(4 Credits)

Course Code: GNPS6006
 Course Name: Selected Writings of Mahatma Gandhi-II
 Credits Equivalent: 4 Credits (One credit is equivalent to 1 hour of lecture per week)

Attendance Requirements:

Students are expected to attend all lectures in order to be able to fully benefit from the course. A minimum of 75% attendance is a must failing which a student may not be permitted to appear in examination.

Evaluation Criteria:

As per relevant University Ordinance(s)/Rule(s) applicable from time to time.

Learning Outcome:

After completion of the course student will be able to:

- Learn the thoughts given by Mahatma Gandhi in his books.
- Understand Gandhi's experiments of Satyagraha in South Africa.
- Understand Gandhian Philosophy of Education and its aim.
- Gain knowledge on Gandhian way of solving the educational problems
- Relate and compare Gandhi's New Education and Present education system.
- Understand emergence of the Satyagraha technique.
- Imbibe Gandhian Idea of Village and cottage industries.

Course Content:

1. Satyagraha in South Africa by M. K. Gandhi
2. Towards New Education by M. K. Gandhi
3. Village Industries by M. K. Gandhi

GNPS6007: Research and Publication Ethics

(2 Credits)

Course Code: GNPS6007

Course Name: Research and Publication Ethics

Credits Equivalent: 2 Credits (One credit is equivalent to 1 hour of lecture per week)

Attendance Requirements:

Students are expected to attend all lectures in order to be able to fully benefit from the course. A minimum of 75% attendance is a must failing which a student may not be permitted to appear in examination.

Evaluation Criteria:

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Overview

This course has total 6 unites focusing on basics of philosophy of science and ethics, research integrity, publication ethics. Hands-on-sessions are designed to identify research misconduct and predatory publications. Indexing and citation databases, open access publications, research metrics (citations, h-index, Impact Factor, etc.) and plagiarism tool will be introduced in the course.

Learning Outcome:

After completion of the course student will be able to:

- Apply ethics and morality in publication and Research.
- Familiar with Scientific conduct in research.
- Build a strong foundation for research work in a systematic manner by applying notions of Research and Publication Ethics.
- Identify publication misconduct and predatory journals.
- Use various software of plagiarism check.

Course Content:

Theory

Unit-I: Philosophy and Ethics

1. Introduction to philosophy: Definition, nature and scope, concept, branches
2. Ethics: definition, moral philosophy, nature of moral judgements and reactions

Unit-II: Scientific Conduct

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

Unit-III: Publication Ethics

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

Unit-IV: Open Access Publishing

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.

Unit-V: Publication Misconduct

A. Group Discussion

- a. Subject specific Ethical issues, FFP, authorship
- b. Conflicts of interest
- c. Complaints and appeals: examples and fraud from India and abroad

B. Software tool

use of plagiarism software like Turnitin, Urkund and other open source software tools

Unit-VI: Databases and Research Metrics

A. Databases

- a. Indexing databases
- b. Citation databases: Web of Science, Scopus, etc.

B. Research Metrics

- a. Impact Factor of journal
- b. Metrics: h-index, g-index, i10 index, almetrics.

Recommended Readings

1. Bird, A. (2006). Philosophy of Science. Routledge.
2. MacIntyre, Alasdair (1967). A Short History of Ethics. London
3. Comstock, G. (2012). Research Ethics: A Philosophical Guide to the Responsible Conduct of Research. Cambridge: New York
4. Muralidhar, K. & others. (2019). Ethics in Science Education, Research and Governance. Indian National Science Academy : New Delhi
5. Chaddah, P. Plagiarism of Scientific Ideas: An Indian victim's travails of partial closures (<https://publish.pothi.com/preview/?sku=SKU11580>)
6. Sandu, A. & others (2019). Ethics in Research : Practice and Innovation. IGI Global :USA