CENTRE FOR EUROPEAN STUDIES
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
PONDICHERRY UNIVERSITY

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN

EUROPEAN STUDIES

SYLLABUS
**Ph.D. in European Studies**

**Course Work**

1. Research Methodology – *CFES 301*

2. Background Paper - European Integration – Policies, Programmes and Institutions  
   *CFES 302*

**Pre-requisite for the admission:**

The members suggested that the pre-requisite for joining the Ph.D. Programme in European Studies may be kept as

**Post-graduate Degree in any subject in Social Sciences and European Languages.**
CFES 301: Research Methodology

Course Rationale

This paper on Research Methodology is a basic introduction to the process and methods of empirical research for achieving scientific knowledge in the subject. An attempt is made to relate social science research methods to other courses in the syllabi of Political Science. This paper enables the student at P.G. level to learn methods of data collection, sampling procedure, analysis of data, report writing and preparation of bibliography.

Course Content:

1. Meaning and nature of social science research- Empirical and Non Empirical
2. Types of research-- descriptive, analytical, conceptual, fundamental, applied and historical research. Empirical methods- Case study, Survey research and Evaluation Research - Qualitative and Quantitative research.
3. Scientific Method and its applications in social science research.
4. Research design.
5. Formulation of hypothesis.
6. Collection of Data- secondary and primary data.
7. Tools for collection of primary data-Observation, Questionnaire and Schedule – online research -
8. Sampling procedure- methods for designing sample and conduct of field work.
9. Analysis of Data- application of statistical techniques in social science research.
10. Report Writing – citation and references -

Reading List:


CFES 302: European Integration – Policies, Programmes and Institutions

Course Rationale

- To enable the students to estimate the role of regional organizations in the contemporary International Politics with a case study of European Union.
- To illustrate and evaluate the alternative concepts of civilian power and security through cooperation.
- To facilitate the understanding of the students of the internal political and economic dynamics of European Union and assess its significance.
- To familiarize the students with the policies and mechanisms of the European Union in dealing with emerging issues and grasp its larger implications.
- To enable students to comprehend the issues and nature of integration in Europe and to analyze its internal and external impacts.

Course Contents

1. Idea of 'Europe" - European unity - historical perspective - early attempts- Evolution of the European Community/Union


5. Decision-making process - Inter-Governmental Conferences - Summits Role of Lobbies

6. Monetary Union - Euro, the single European currency Enlargement Immigration and Refugee Policies. Minorities policy, Common Agricultural Policy

7. Common Foreign and Security Policy Human Rights Dimension


Reading List


Desmond Dinan, Ever Closer Union - An Introduction to European Integration. ,Palgrave Macmillan, 2005.


