



**PONDICHERRY UNIVERSITY**

**SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES**

**DEPARTMENT OF FRENCH**

**Ph. D FRENCH**

**SYLLABUS**

**2021– 2022 onwards**

## Paper - 1

### Course Title: Research and Publication Ethics

**Objective:** Research and Publication Ethics (RPE)-Course for awareness about the publication ethics and publication misconducts.

Course Level: 2 Credit course (30 hrs.)

Eligibility: Ph.D. students

Fees: As per University Rules Faculty, Interdisciplinary Studies

Qualifications of faculty members of the course: Ph.D. in relevant subject areas having more than 10 years of teaching experience

#### About the course

#### **Course Code: CPE- RPE**

#### Overview

- This course has total 6 units 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 tools will be introduced in this course.

#### Pedagogy:

- Classroom teaching, guest lectures, group discussions, and practical sessions.

#### Evaluation

- Continuous assessment will be done through tutorials, assignments, quizzes, and group discussions. Weightage will be given for active participation. Final written examination will be conducted at the end of the course.

#### Course structure

- The course comprises of six modules listed in table below. Each module has 4-5 units.

Modules	Unit title	Teaching hours
<b>Theory</b>		
RPE 01	Philosophy and Ethics	4
RPE 02	Scientific Conduct	4
RPE 03	Publication Ethics	7

<b>Practice</b>		
RPE 04	Open Access Publishing	4
RPE 05	Publication Misconduct	4
RPE 06	Databases and Research Metrics	7
	<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>

## Syllabus in detail

### THEORY

- RPE 01: PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS (3 hrs.)

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

- RPE 02: SCIENTIFIC CONDUCT ('hrs,)

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

- RPE 03: PUBLICATION ETHICS (7 hrs.)

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 behaviour and vice versa, types
5. Violation of publication ethics, authorship and contributorship
6. Identification of publication misconduct, complaints and appeals
7. Predatory publishers and journals

### PRACTICE

- RPE 04: OPEN ACCESS PUBLISHING (4 hrs.)

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.

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● RPE 05: PUBLICATION MISCONDUCT (4hrs.)

A. Group Discussions (2 hrs.)

1. Subject specific ethical issues, FFP, authorship
2. Conflicts of interest
3. Complaints and appeals: examples and fraud from India and abroad

B. Software tools (2 hrs.)

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

● RPE 06: DATABASES AND RESEARCH METRICS ('hrs.)

A. Databases (4 hrs.)

1. Indexing databases
2. Citation databases: Web of Science, Scopus, etc.

B. Research Metrics (3 hrs.)

1. Impact Factor of journal as per Journal Citation Report, SNIP, SJR, IPP, Cite Score
2. Metrics: h-index, g index, i10 index, altmetrics

**Reference materials:**

Alasdair MacIntyre, A short History of Ethics, London, 1967.

P. Chaddah, Ethics in Competitive Research: Do not get scooped; do not get plagiarized, 2018.  
ISBN: 978-9387480865

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**Paper - 2**

**Course Title: Research Methodology**

**Objective:** The objective of this paper is to introduce the methodology of research to the students who are pursuing the research in French.

**Topics to be covered:**

Choix du sujet,  
Démarche générale de la recherche,  
Problématique et de travail,  
Question principale,  
Recherche bibliographique,  
Consulter les articles, thèses, livres, rapports,  
Bon usage d'Internet.  
Travail de rédaction,

Citation, notes de bas de page, annexes  
Bibliographie  
Annexe

**Reference materials :**

1. Michel Beaud, *L'art de la thèse*, Paris, Editions de la Découverte, 2006.
2. Jean-Pierre Fagnières, *Comment réussir un mémoire*, Paris, Dunod, 2001.

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**Paper - 3**

**Course Title: Area paper**

**Objective:** The objective of this paper is to help the scholar to get an in-depth knowledge on the subject of his / her research enabling the scholar to prepare his thesis.

**Contents of the Course:** Will be decided by the respective supervisor in consultation with the scholar.

**Reference material:** Will be decided by the supervisor relevant to the research domain of the scholar.

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