

Department of English, University of Delhi

Outline for PhD Research Methodology Course – 2016

Week 1: **The scope of research** General lecture for the incoming batch on the nature and scope of research within a doctoral programme

Week 2 **The ethics of research** General lecture for the incoming batch on the protocols of scholarship including plagiarism

Week 3 **Resources for research** General lecture for the incoming batch on library, performance and archival resources

Weeks 4-7 **Research tools** Supervisor-directed sessions for each candidate on surveys of available literature in the field. Students need to identify with the help of their supervisor some of the key concepts with which they intend to work and prepare a bibliography of recent work in the field. They will make a presentation that may take the form of an annotated bibliography/bibliographical essay at the end of this segment. The presentation will be graded.

Weeks 8-11 **Research skills and writing:** Candidates to meet colleagues from other disciplines/areas of specialization (where relevant to their work, as their supervisors deem appropriate). We could have a series of mini-workshops to which PhD candidates can bring their writing (of about 3000 words each). Candidates can also be asked to swap their write-ups and. All these can be done prior to the workshop. Issues such as structuring, readability, idiom, and judicious quotations, follow-up on quotations, foot-noting and referencing can be discussed.

Weeks 12-13: Candidate to draft and present **report on work** covered during course, incorporating suggestions from supervisor re: further directions for research. The report will be graded.