## The Islamia University of Bahawalpur

## Department of Political Science

PhD Political Science 1st &2nd semester

**Course Title:** Dissertation Writing and PhD Proposal Writing

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**Class Schedule: Thursday (4:00 pm to 5:30pm)**

**Friday (2:30pm to 4:00pm)**

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**Course objectives :**

This course is designed to provide practical know how to the students of PhD about dissertation Writing and PhD proposal writing. 

**Methodology:**

I will introduce the day's topic in the first 50 minutes of the class. The rest of the class will be devoted to serious discussion of the readings and pertinent questions. All students are required to participate , irrespective of their academic level.

**Assessment Criteria**

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| **Exam/Assessment** | **Marks** |
| Mid Term | 30 |
| Final Term | 50 |
| Assignments, Quiz, Presentations | 15 |
| Class Participation & Attendance | 05 |
| **Total** | **100** |

**Course Description / Outlines**

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| **No** | **Session** | Content Description |
| **1** | **1-2** | Dissertation Writing: Introduction, definition, basic features, structural difference with 'thesis' and its importance in doctorial studies. |
| **2** | **4-6** | First step to doctorial Study: Writing a research proposal for PhD dissertation, its key components and its importance in dissertation writing. |
| **3** | **7-9** | Step by step guide to write a good research proposal: key steps before selection of research topic, writing problem statement , significance of study and fictitious chapterization etc. |
| **4** | **10-11** | Key components to write an introduction of research proposal: information about title, context in which topic is chosen, scope and relevance, research questions and objectives and an overview of dissertation structure. |
| **5** | **12-13** | Literature Review: definition, major steps to review a literature for example, selection and evaluation of resources, identification of themes, debates and gaps etc. |
| **6** | **14-16** | Selection and writing of methodology to collect and analyzes the data: evaluation and justification of selection of any methodological approach( qualitative, quantitative or mix method), description of methods of data collection and data analysis etc. How to Write Dissertation table of contents: main components of table of contents, how we can automatically create and update table of content in word. |
|  |  | Mid Term Examination |
| **7** | **17-18** | Reference and Bibliography: difference between reference and bibliography, APA style of referencing and bibliography. |
| **8** | **19-20** | Step by step guide to write a dissertation: designing of title page, acknowledgements, abstract, Table of contents, List of figures and etc. |
| **9** | **21-22** | How to Write Dissertation table of contents: main components of table of contents, how we can automatically create and update table of content in word. |
| **10** | **23-24** | Writing an abstract of dissertation: what is proper time to write an abstract, aims and key features of abstract, tips to write good abstract through different  Examples. |
| **11** | **25-26** | Writing discussion and conclusion sections of dissertation. |
| **12** | **27-28** | Appendixes: definition, need and importance in dissertation etc. |
| **13** | **29-30** | Problems and Hindrances in Dissertation Writing: issues of time management and stress management. |
| **14** | **31-32** | Revision of previous lectures and assessment of course through oral quiz and written Assignment |
|  |  | Final Term Examination |

**Recommended Books:**

* Ramamurthy,G.C.(2011).Research Methodology. WILEY Publishers: India.
* Neuman, W.L.(2011). Social Research Methods. Pearson Education.

**Note:** Lecture briefs and related reference material (in case if it is not included in course bundle)will be sent to the students through whatsapp group/ email.