



SEMESTER-VIII

HISDSM401

HISTORIOGRAPHY

Contact Hours: 60

Full Marks = 100 [ESE (70) CCA (30)]

Course Objective:

The course aims to provide thorough knowledge regarding the various features of History, its objectives, nature, scope etc. and to familiarize the students with the various Historical theories and methods used in historical research.

Unit-I

1. History: Definitions; Nature and Scope. History as Science, History as Literature.
2. Sources of History: literature, archaeology (12 Lectures)

Unit-II

1. Causation and Objectivity in History: Concept & Debate
2. History and the other Social Sciences: Relations with a) Archaeology, b) Economics, c) Political Science and d) Geography. (12 Lectures)

Unit-III

- Greek Historiography - Herodotus, Thucydides,
Roman Historiography: Livy & Tacitus
Arab Historiography - Ibn Khaldun (12 Lectures)

Unit-IV

1. Modern trends in Historiography: Enlightenment Historiography, Romanticist Historiography
2. Modern Historiographers: Toynbee, Karl Marx. (12 Lectures)

Unit-V

1. Trends in modern Indian Historiography:
 - a) Imperialist Historiography: James Mill
 - b) Orientalist Historiography: William Jones
 - c) Nationalist Historiography: R. C Majumdar
 - d) Marxist Historiography: D.D. Kosambi (12 Lectures)

Expected learning outcomes:

After completing this course, the students will be able to understand about the various features of History, its objectives, nature, scope etc. and will be to familiarize with the various Historical theories and methods used in historical research.

Reading List:

1. E.H. Carr, What is History.
2. R.G. Collingwood, The idea of History.
4. Arthur Marwick, The Nature of History
5. Romila Thapar, Interpreting Early India.
6. John C.B. Webster, Studying History.
7. E. Sreedharan, A Textbook of Historiography 500 BC Ad 2000.
8. B. Sheikh Ali, History: Its Theory and Method.



9. Keith Jenkins, Rethinking History
10. C.H.Phillips, Historians of India, Pakistan and Ceylon
11. Patrick Gardiner, Theories of History
12. Michael Bentley, Companion to Historiography
13. Aviezer Tucker, A Companion to the Philosophy of history and Historiography
14. Aviezer Tucker, Our Knowledge of the Past, A Philosophy of Historiography.