



**Short Term Course**  
**on**  
***Research Methods in Social Sciences***  
**(Self-Financed)**

**Dates: 01.12.2016 to 12.12.2016**

Organized by  
***School of Social Sciences***  
**Netaji Subhas Open University**  
DD-26, Sector-I, Salt Lake City  
Kolkata-700064

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### **ABOUT SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**

The *School of Social Sciences*, Netaji Subhas Open University (NSOU), is a newly constituted school emanating from the erstwhile *School of Humanities and Social Sciences*. The School of Social Sciences is created to impart quality education and cater the special needs of the learners of social science disciplines both academically and professionally through open and distance mode of education. It consists of the faculty of Political Science, History, Sociology, Economics and Public Administration. The faculty of Social Sciences bears the lineage of strengthening the academic fabric of the NSOU. Many of our faculty members have earned national and international reputations by their intellectual output in their own academic arena. In line with the general mandate of NSOU, the School of Social Sciences is strongly orientated, both in teaching and research. The issues of social justice, questions of caste and class, nation and nationality, Marxism, Post/Neo Marxism, and concept of sustainability are our core area of research. The programs offered through the School of Social Sciences reflect a sustained dedication to critical, interdisciplinary approaches to the study of social relations, social structures, social identities and social phenomena. That is to say, our courses and programs ground their analysis of social practices and relations in and across a range of disciplines and fields of study. The School of also emphasizes the cultivation of critical skills (in developing fresh, innovative and original thinking) that provide students with a firm basis for success in their academic careers.

### **OBJECTIVE OF THE COURSE:**

Social sciences represent scholarly disciplines studying relationship between man and society from different perspectives. The field includes study areas such as sociology, psychology, anthropology, economics, political science and history etc. It is important to note in this connection that the knowledge about human society and human behaviour is essential not only for academic reasons, but also for the betterment of humanity as a whole. Again, given the dynamism of the society, researches in social sciences became more rigorous and complicated day by day. Hence, the researchers use various methodologies combining quantitative and qualitative research techniques. As such, potential researchers and the students of different branches of social sciences have to equip themselves with cross-cultural awareness, social research skills, critical thinking and communication skills. Many Masters in Social Science provide knowledge and skills on how to identify and analyse social concerns, and develop positions and proposals on social issues. Students examine historical and contemporary problems and gets involved in intellectual debates to flourish. They are encouraged to question and challenge assumptions to comprehend the world we live in more deeply. Specialized

degrees in economics, psychology, humanities, geography and other social sciences stimulate students' intellectual curiosity and allow them to broaden their perspective. The objectives of the course are as under:

- To make the participants aware of the contours of social science research in India and abroad in general with emphasis on new areas of research, methodological innovations and the value of interdisciplinary approaches.

\*To empower the participants in identifying research problems, developing appropriate approaches to respective research problems and helping them to develop research designs in a scientific manner.

- To enhance efficiencies towards formulation and testing of hypothesis based on the very nature of the research project.

- To comprehend and also to handle the statistical software packages for data analysis.

- To enable the participants to develop standard research proposals and also to finally prepare the research report.

#### **COURSE CONTENT: (Proposed)**

1. Social Science Research: Philosophy and Methodology
2. Methods/Techniques in Social Science Research
3. Empirical Research in Social Sciences: Survey Methods and Field Studies
4. Inter-disciplinarily Approaches and Methodologies: Perspectives from Different Disciplines
5. Trends in Social Research : Issues, Challenges and Strategies
6. Understanding Caste, Gender, Community and Culture: Methodological Dilemmas
7. Social Science Research Today : Strategies for Quality Assurance

#### **SPEAKER/EXPERTS:**

Experts in different fields of study drawn both from Netaji Subhas Open University and from other universities and higher educational institutions will constitute the team of speakers/experts for the course.

#### **VENUE:**

School of Social Sciences, Netaji Subhas Open University, Academic Building (Second Floor)

Kalyani Campus, Kalyani, (Near Kalyani Ghosh Para Railway Station), P.O- Kalyani, Dist- Nadia, Pin – 7412345.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

Faculty members of any branch of social sciences at any under graduate college and university, research scholars and/or post graduate students are eligible to apply.

**IMPORTANT DATE:**

**Last Date of Application: 20.11.2016**

**Date of Notification of Selection: 21.11.2016**

**Last date of Submission of Registration Fee: 25.11.2016**

**REGISTRATION FEE:**

- **Registration Fee: Rs.2000.00 (Rupees Two Thousand only) has to be paid for the Registration.** Registration Fee should be made through NEFT/ RTGS mode only to designated bank account, which will be notified to the selected candidates. **(Cash Payment/Bank Draft will not be entertained in any way).**
- One filled-in scanned copy of the application form must be sent as an advanced copy through email : ([shorttermcourseesss@gmail.com](mailto:shorttermcourseesss@gmail.com) )
- The hard copy of Bank Receipt along with duly filled-in Application Form needs to be submitted in the time of registration on 01.12.2016.
- ❖ **Without full payment of Registration Fees within due date, candidate will not be selected for the course.**
- ❖ **Travel & DA shall be borne by the participants.**
- ❖ **University shall not provide accommodation for the participants.**



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### Application Form for Short Term Course

**Short Term Course:** Research Methods in Social Sciences

**Duration of the Course:** From 01.02.2016 to 12.12.2016

Passport Size  
Photograph

**Name (Block Letters)** Dr/Mr./Ms.....

**Date of Birth:**

<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>

Category: UR/SC/ST/ OBC-A/OBC-B

MALE / FEMALE

Whether Visually Challenged/ Physically Challenged:

Present Designation:

Present Pay Scale:

Institutional/College/University Address	Mailing Address:
Name of Institution:	
P.O-	P.O-
Pin:	Pin:
State:	State:
Fax No.	<b>Telephone:</b>
Telephone No. (STD code)	<b>Mobile:</b>
Website URL	<b>Email:</b>

**Academic Career:**

Examination	Subject (s) & Specialization	% of Marks/Grade	University	Year
Post Graduation				
M. Phil				
Ph. D.				

**Research Interest/Post-Doctoral Work:**

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**Details of Employment (in chronological order):**

Institution	Designation	Period		Nature of Duties
		From	to	

**Details of courses attended (RC/OC) previously:**

NAME OF COURSE	ASC WHICH CONDUCTED THE COURSE	WHEN THE COURSE WAS HELD

*I hereby declare that the entries made in this application form are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.*

**Dated:****Signature of Applicant**

**No-Objection Certificate from College/University:**

Certified that Dr/Mr./Ms.....

has been working in this College/University as Assistant Professor in the pay scale of Rs.15,600-39,100 in (subject) .....We have no objection if he/she participates in the Short Term Course on 'Research Methods in Social Sciences' to be organized by the School of Social Sciences, Netaji Subhas Open University, Kolkata from 01.12.2016 to 12.12.2016.

\*Also Certified that this College is included in the list of Colleges under Section 2(f)&12-b of the UGC Act.

Date:

Signature of Principal/Registrar

Name:

Designation:

Address:

Office Seal