

Objectives:

- To understand development of Social sciences with a view to familiarize with tools useful to various stakeholders in imparting information
- To sensitize in planning and designing of local/National information systems pertaining to various Social Science Programmes.

Method of Instruction: A combination of lectures, group discussions, guest lectures (where possible) and special presentations will form methods of instruction. The module will follow with an examination at the end of the semester carrying 80 marks covering all units having three types of questions (long, short and very short) to be solved within 2 1/2hrs. Besides, internal assessment of 20 marks will be assessed on attendance, performance in presentations, assignments and symposiums.

UNIT-I: Social Sciences

- 1.1 Social Sciences: Concept, Scope and Development
- 1.2 Social Sciences Information organizations: National and International:
 - 1.2.1 Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi
 - 1.2.2 National social Science Documentation centre, new Delhi
 - 1.2.3 Tata institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai.
 - 1.2.4 Indian Council of historical Research, New Delhi.
 - 1.2.5 Indian council of Economic Affairs, Calcutta.
 - 1.2.6 International Committee for Social Sciences Information and Documentation.
 - 1.2.7 UNESCO
 - 1.2.8 International Political Science Association.
 - 1.2.9 International Sociological Association.
 - 1.2.10 International Social Science Council.

UNIT II: Information Needs, pattern & sources

- 2.1 Information Sources: Documentary and Non documentary.
- 2.2 Information Sources on the Web. : Online Journals, Online Books, ETDs, Databases, Online proceedings etc.
- 2.3 Information Vocabulary Control Tools
- 2.4 Information Needs and Information Seeking pattern of Social Science Professionals: An Overview

UNIT-III: Information Systems, Services and Tools

- 3.1 Social Science information systems: International and national e.g.
- 3.2 Major search Tools: Search Engines, Portals and Gateways.

UNIT-IV: Information Support, Designing and implementation

- 4.1 National and International Library and Information support to Social science information: Contribution of NASSDOC and Social and Human Science Documentation Centre, -----, -----.
- 4.2. Designing a model Social Science Information System: Planning, tools, problems and perspectives.

Suggested Readings:

Deutcher, C.R., & et al. (1951). Guide to Historical Literature.

New York: Macmillan.

Hoselitz, Bert. F. (1972). Reader's guide to the social

Sciences. Rev Ed. Glencoe: Free Press.

Majumdar, R.C. (1970). Historiography in modern India.

Bombay: Asia Pub.

Mann, Peter. H. (1968). Methods of Sociological Enquiry, New

York: Schocken Books.

Mckenzie, W.J.m, Ed. (1966). Guide to Social Sciences, London:

Weidenfied and Nicolson.

White, C.M, et al. (1973). Sources of information in the social

Sciences, Ed 2. Tolowa, N.J: Bedminster press

Website (Illustrative):

Indian Council of Social Science Research. (2007). Available at

www.icssr.org

International Political Science Association . (2007). Available at

www.ipsa.ca/

International sociological Association . (2007). Available at

www.isa-sociological.org

National social science Documentation centre. (2007). Available at

www.icssr.org/doc_main.htm

Tata Institute of Social science. (2007). Available at

www.tiss.edu/

UNESCO. (2007). Available at

www.unesco.org