

Course Type	Course Code	Name of Course	L	T	P	Credit
DE	NHSD519	Doing Ethnography in Social Sciences	3	0	0	3

Pre-requisite

The course requires knowledge of qualitative methods in social sciences.

Course Objective

This course aims to introduce students from different disciplines and background to the basic concepts, epistemology and theoretical foundation of ethnography in Social Sciences. The course will introduce to number of aspects and approaches of doing and writing ethnography in social sciences research. It will also aims to introduce to some major techniques of coding and analysing ethnographic data and also encourage the student to think about their own research and present them in the class.

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Understand the significance of ethnographic fieldwork in social science research,
- To gain knowledge, hands-on training on ethnographic theory and practice in real and virtual settings.
- To gain knowledge about crafting, coding and analyzing ethnographic data.

Unit No.	Topics to be Covered	Lecture Hours	Learning Outcome
1	An Introduction to Ethnography Foundations, Perspective, History	5	Introduce the basic foundational concepts of ethnography, including perspectives and history.
2	Different Approaches to Ethnography Critical Ethnography, Historical Ethnography, Auto-Ethnography, Digital Ethnography, Institutional Ethnography, Urban Ethnography, Multi-sited Ethnography Walking ethnography	9	Introduce the different approaches of ethnography with detailed description. It will focus on various types and forms of doing ethnography that has been developed across different disciplines in social sciences.
3	Methods of Data Collection in Ethnography Sampling, Participant Observation, Interviews, Field notes Collecting data digitally	6	Introduce the different methods and techniques of data collection in ethnography.
4	Challenges of doing Ethnography Subjectivity and Reflexivity, Insider/ Outsider debates in Social Sciences Issues of Gender in doing Ethnography, Ethical Issues	8	The challenges and criticism in doing ethnography will be highlighted in this section by focusing on multiple issues of subjectivity, insider/outsider debates and issues of gender in ethnography as well as larger ethical issue in research.
5	Ethnography as Story Telling Story Telling as a science, Story telling as history, Memories as knowledge.	6	This section deals with idea of storytelling and the role of memories in ethnography as a part of scientific knowledge production.

7	Fieldwork and the Writing Analyzing and coding ethnographic data, “Coming out” of/from the field, Discussion on Ethnographic case studies	8	This unit will help students to understand their relationship with the field as continues process and also focus on the analysis and coding of ethnographic data.
	Total	42	

Text books:

1. Madison, D.S. 2011. *Critical ethnography: Method, Ethics, and Performance*. New York, NY: Sage
2. King, Stephen. 2010. *On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft*. New York: Scribner.
3. Weiner, A. B. 1983. *Women of Value, Men of Renown: New Perspectives in Trobriand Exchange*. University of Texas Press.

References:

1. Murthy, D. 2008. “Digital Ethnography: An Examination of the Use of New Technologies for Social Research,” *Sociology* 42: 837.
2. Marcus, G.E. 1995. “Ethnography in/of The World System: The Emergence of Multi-sited Ethnography”, *Annual Review of Anthropology* 24: 95-117.
3. Srinivas, M. N. 2013. *The Remembered Village*. Oxford University Press (second edition)