



List of Courses which focuses on Professional Ethics, Gender, Human Values, Environment & Sustainability and other value framework

Department : Chemistry

Programme Name : Ph. D.

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Sr. No.	Course Code	Name of the Course
01.	SPC-R1	Research Methodology, Publication Ethics and Computer Applications

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Scheme and Syllabus

Pre Ph.D. Coursework

Paper I

Credit 4

Research Methodology, Publication Ethics and Computer Applications

Unit 1: Philosophy and Ethics

Introduction to philosophy: definition, nature and scope, concepts, branches, Ethics: definition, moral philosophy, nature of moral judgements and reaction.

Unit 2: Research methodology

Definition of Research, Components of Research Problem, Various Steps in Scientific Research: Hypotheses, Research Purposes, Research Design, Literature searching, Literature Survey, defining the question and formulating hypothesis/ hypothesizes, Collection of research data, tabulating and cataloging. Sampling and methods of data analysis.

Unit 3: Laboratory practices and safety guidelines:

Safe working procedure and protective environment, Laboratory safety measures, Handling radiation, Chemical hazards and their types, Safe chemical use, Proper storage and disposal of hazardous materials, Bio-hazardous and other toxic experimental materials, Maintenance of equipments.

Unit 4: Computer applications in scientific writing skills

Curve fitting, Method of least square fit, least square fit (straight line) to linear equations and equation reducible to linear equations. Back ground correction and mathematical manipulation in data using origin.

Structure and Components of Research Report, Types of Report: research papers, thesis, Research Project Reports, Pictures and Graphs, citation styles, writing manuscript in Latex, Steps to better writing.

Types of errors; mean deviation, standard deviation and probable errors; propagation of errors with summation, difference, product and quotient, Estimates of Means and Proportions; Chi-Square Test.

Unit 5: Ethics in Science and Research Publication

The source of ethical issues in science: examples from Physical Sciences.

Publication ethics: definition, introduction and importance, Best practices/standards setting initiatives and guidelines: COPE, WAME, etc., Conflicts of interest, Publication misconduct: definition, concept, problems that leads to unethical behavior and vice versa, types, Violation of publication ethics, the problem of plagiarism and related issues, authorship and contributorship, Identification of publication misconduct, complaints and appeals, Predatory publishers and journals.

IPR and Patent regime: Recording and storage/retention of recorded materials. Management and use responsibilities in proper utilization of the facilities. Socio-legal issues, originality.

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