

UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS
M.A. DEGREE PROGRAMME IN HISTORICAL STUDIES
 SYLLABUS WITH EFFECT FROM 2023-2024

FIRST YEAR – SEMESTER- II

Course code:	403E2A	HISTORIOGRAPHY AND HISTORICAL METHODS	L	T	P	C
Core/Elective/Supportive	Core		4	0	0	4
Pre-requisite	Basic knowledge on Historical methods and approach		Syllabus Version		2023-2024	
Course Objectives:						
The main objectives of this course are to:						
Study the origin of historiography Understand the interdisciplinary nature of the subject Analyse the contribution of pioneers in historical writings Evaluate the diversity and the importance of emerging trends in history writings Identify the selection topics Develop the skill for history writings						
Expected Course Outcomes:						
On the successful completion of the course, student will be able to:						
1	Understanding the subject					K1
2	Receive the diversity of historical writings					K2
3	Analyse the political, cultural and economic aspects of the society					K3
4	comprehend and acquired holistic perspective of the society					K4
5	Evaluate research methodology					K5
K1 - Remember; K2 - Understand; K3 - Apply; K4 - Analyze; K5 - Evaluate;						
Unit:1	Interdisciplinary Nature				14 hours	
Meaning of History – Science or Art – Definition of History – Nature and Scope of History – Uses and abuses in history – Historicism – Philosophy of History – History and Social Sciences – Historical Anthropology – Historical Sociology – History and Literature – History and Memory – Digital History.						
Unit:2	Evolution Of Historiography				14 hours	
Historiography : Greeks and Romans – Ancient Indian Historiography – Medieval Ages : Christian Historiography St. Augustine – Muslim Historiography – Ibn Khaldun – Impact of Renaissance – Historiography – Scientific Revolution and Historiography – Francis Bacon – Medieval Indian Historiography – Muslims and the Mughals – Regional historical writings.						

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Unit:3	New Perspectives	14 hours
Modern Historiography: Age of Enlightenment and Historiography – Romanticism: Herder – Hegel – Positivism in History – Marxist Historiography – E.P Thomson Eric, Hobbsbawn and D.D.Kosambi – Modern Indian Historiography – Imperialist Historiography – Nationalist Historiography – Subaltern Studies – Ranajit Guha – Regional perspective of History.		
Unit:4	Selection And Identification	14 hours
Research Methodology – Selection of Research Topic – Primary – Secondary and other sources – External Criticism and Internal Criticism – Objectivity and Subjectivity in Historical Research – Computer and Historical Research.		
Unit:5	Manuals	14 hours
Bibliography – MLA Chicago – Oxford – Foot Notes – End Note – Selection and Arrangement of Source materials – Hypothesis – Preparation of Research Proposals – Writing Dissertation.		
Total Lecture hours		70 hours

Text Book(s)

1	B.Sheik Ali, B., History: its Theory and Method (Macmillan, 1998)
2	S. Manikam S. On History and Historiography (Padumam Publishers, Madurai)
3	Arthur Marwick, The Nature Of History, Penguin, 1979.
4	Sreedharan E, A Text Book of Historiography (Orient Blackswan, New Delhi)
5	Carr. E.H, What is History (Cambridge University Press, 1987)
6	Philips, C.H., (ed.) , Historians of India, Pakistan and Ceylon, Oxford University press, London, 1961

Reference Book(s)

1.	Collingwood, C.G., Idea of History (OUP, New Delhi, 1994)
2.	Marc Bloch, The Historian's Craft (Manchester University Press, 1992)
3.	Sastri, K.A.N, Historical Method with reference to India, University of Mysore, 1956
4.	Sen. S.P, Historians and Historiography in Modern India, Institute of Historical Studies, Calcutta, 1973.

Mapping with Programme Outcomes

COs	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5	PO6	PO7	PO8	PO9	PO10
CO1	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	M	S
CO3	S	S	L	S	S	L	S	S	S	S
CO3	S	S	S	M	S	M	M	S	S	S
CO4	S	S	L	S	S	M	S	S	S	S
CO5	S	S	M	S	S	M	S	S	S	S

*S-Strong; M-Medium;