

Undergraduate Program in Anthropology

Dissertation based on Fieldwork

Semester VI

Paper No- 18

Marks: 100

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The students will be exposed to the research methodology and techniques in the previous semester which would feed into the fieldwork exercise. The course teacher will initiate discussions on the location of the field clearly delineating the complexities involved in it and the research strategy to comprehend it. This will include classroom lectures/ discussions on operationalization of field strategies.

Identification of research problem designing the whole research process and selection and standardization of appropriate tools will be made before undertaking the fieldwork. The fieldwork will depend on both qualitative and quantitative method of data collection such as use of statistics and ethnography, use of household census forms and participant observation, and use of photographs and visuals as important sources of data.

The social and biological profile of the community will be studied in team ethnography under respective supervisors. This will involve up to three weeks of fieldwork in an area chosen by the department. On return from the field the analysis of both qualitative and quantitative data will be carried out as a part of curriculum requirement leading to a dissertation. Students are required to be original and creative in their writing.

The fieldwork will be supported and funded by University of Delhi.