# Department of History Himachal Pradesh University, Summerhill Shimla-171005



Annexure -A

Scheme & Structure of M.A. (History) Programme under CBCS and the First and Second Semesters' Courses as Approved on 13 July 2022 by the Board of Studies Effective from July 2022

external expert (to be nominated by Department Council) may be invited for the purpose (who will be paid TA/DA as per University norms). The candidate must obtain a minimum of 40 % marks (i.e. 32 marks out of 80 and 8 marks out of 20) separately in both in order to be declared successful.

#### Assessment

Academic assessment in each M.A. course/paper in History shall consist of two components:

- A. Internal Assessment
- B. External Examination

## A. Internal Assessment

Regular Students of PG Centre/Department/College

- Twenty per cent (20%) of the maximum marks in each course/ paper shall constitute the internal assessment component. (Since each paper in M.A. History consists of 100 maximum marks, internal assessment shall have a total value of 20 marks.).
- This 20 per cent component (20 marks) shall be further divided into three parts:
  - a. Weightage for classroom attendance will be of 5 marks and shall be awarded as under:

S.N	Percentage of classes attended	Marks
i.	Up to 75% including condoning of lecture shortage by the competent authority as per provision under University ordinances	Zero
ii.	Up to 75% without condoning of lectures	1 mark
iii.	76 to 80%	2 marks
iv.	81 to 85%	3 marks
v.	86 to 90%	4 marks
vi.	91% and above	5marks

- b. Sit-down Class/Snap Test/Oral/examination: 5 marks (from the total of 20 allocated for internal assessment). Course teacher at Department/College shall conduct the test when at least two units of the course are completed, around the sixth week of study (may be in small group) and shall evaluate the answer scripts. Course teacher may ask questions to the student in spoken form in case of oral test. Answers with deep explanation/examples/expression/style/presentation may get higher marks. Questions may be set/or asked on the pattern of end-semester examination to be answered in note form.
- c. Assessment for Seminar and Presentation (Skill & Value based): 10 marks (from the total of 20 allocated for internal assessment) assessment shall be made on the basis of seminar presentation by the candidate according to the following norms:

S.N	Assessment category	Marks
i.	Content/ subject matter of seminar script	5 marks
ii.	Presentation and defence of seminar (3+2)	5 marks
	Total	10 marks

#### Method of Seminar Assessment:

i. Before submission of the seminar script to the course teacher for assessment, the candidate shall present the seminar in the classroom. The candidate would be expected to answer verbal questions put to her/ him on the seminar topic by those present. The seminar presentation shall

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be jointly evaluated by the course teacher along with another faculty member of the Department of History nominated by the Departmental Council. (Total 5 marks)

ii. The seminar scripts of the candidates shall be evaluated by the course teacher. (Total 5 marks)

In the course HIST 101 <u>History and Historiography</u> regular students instead will be required to write a book review of latest book (s) to be suggested by course teacher on historical topics that should accomplish two main goals, i) Lay out an author's argument, and ii) Most importantly, critique the historical arguments.

## Re-Assessment:

- i. In the event of a candidate desiring a re-assessment of the class or seminar script, she/he should apply in writing to the Chairperson of the Department of History within seven working days of the declaration of the assignment's result. The script would thereafter, be re-assessed by a committee consisting of the Chairperson, the course teacher who evaluated the script in the first instance, and the teacher who was involved in test/ or present in seminar presentation. The student concerned would also be invited to be present during the process of re-assessment. Failed in assessment part s/he shall be provided two more attempts to retake internal assessment component within a year.
- ii. If the Chairperson is herself/ himself the course teacher of a script that comes up for reassessment, the Departmental Council would nominate another teacher of the Department to the re-assessment committee.

## ICDEOL Students

Weightage of 20 percent (20 marks) for Internal Assessment in each course shall be available in the assessment of written assignments of a course/paper. Questions will be set on the pattern of end-semester examination.

Instruction for Written Assignment and Assessment Criteria to Assess the written Assignment:

- a. Each candidate will have to complete Home Assignments (answer all the questions in an assignment) in each course in order to be eligible to appear in the annual examination (theory). Candidates shall submit them in time.
- b. The assignments will be evaluated with useful comments by the teachers/counsellors/tutors at the designated centre and the respective weightage of marks will be added to their percentage of marks obtained at the annual examination (theory).
- c. The Coordinator/In-charge of the subject at ICDEOL will return the evaluated assignments to candidate well before annual examinations. This will also include a copy of assessment sheet containing global comments of the evaluator on candidate's performance in the assignments. This will enable candidate to improve in his future assignments as well as in the annual examinations.
- d. As far as possible students are advised to give the relevant points from the course material and elaborate their answers and explanation in their own language instead of reproducing the language of the course materials.
- e. Following may get higher scores: If answers are logical and coherent/has clear connections between sentences and paragraphs/is written correctly giving adequate consideration to expression, style and presentation/does not exceed the number of words indicated in question.
- f. Candidates shall not copy from the answer sheets of other students. If copying is noticed or established, the assignments of such students will be rejected.
- g. Computer printout/typed assignments will not be accepted.

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