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Himachal Pradesh University, Summer Hill, Shimla-5  
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"Academic Branch"

Dated: 10-06-2020

To

1. The Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, HPU, Shimla-5
- ✓ 2. The Chairman, Deptt. of History, HPU, Shimla-5.
3. The Director, ICDEOL, HPU, Shimla-5
4. The Controller of Examinations, HPU, Shimla-5.
5. The A.R Exam. (PG) HPU, Shimla-5.
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7. The D.R Secrecy, HPU, Shimla-5. with 5 spare copies.
8. The Principal, HPUCES, Shimla-1
9. The S.O.Exam (PG) HPU, Shimla-5.
10. The Incharge, ERP, Computer Centre, Examination Wing, HPU, Shimla-5.
11. All the Principals of Affiliated colleges where MA History degree course is running.

**Subject:** *Complimentary copy of New/Revised Syllabi of MA History (First Semester).*

Sir/Madam,

I am sending herewith complimentary copy of New/Revised syllabus of MA History (First Semester) duly approved by the Faculty of Social Sciences in the subject of History vide item no. 2 in its meeting held on 19-12-2019 on the recommendations of the concerned Board of Studies (PG) in its meeting held on 16-12-2019 vide Agenda 3 for its implementation from the Academic Session 2020-21 in phased manner.

Encls:-as above.

Yours faithfully,  
*[Signature]* 10/06/2020  
Section Officer (Acad)  
HP University Shimla-5  
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Copy forward for information and further necessary action to:-

1. The Chairman, Deptt. of History, HPU, Shimla-5 with the request to provide the softcopy of above syllabi in pdf format to upload on the University's Website: [www.hpuniv.nic.in](http://www.hpuniv.nic.in)
2. The Web Admn. HPU, Shimla-5, with the request to upload this letter alongwith above syllabi on the University website for availability of all concerned.
3. The DA (Meeting), Academic Branch with the request to place the action taken report in the ensuing meeting of Standing Committee of Academic Council/Academic Council.
4. Guard File

*[Signature]* 10/6/2020  
Section Officer (Acad)





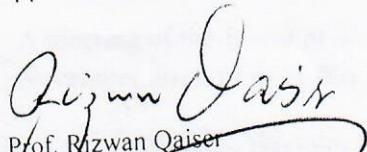






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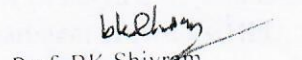
**Decision:** Internal Assessment for each course of M.A. (History) for ICDEOL students was approved as per attached Annexure- B, applicable from academic session 2019-2020.

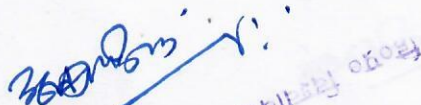
  
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**ANNEXURE-A**  
**REVISED SCHEME AND STRUCTURE OF M. A. (HISTORY) PROGRAMME AS**  
**APPROVED ON 16 NOVEMBER 2019 BY THE BOARD OF STUDIES (POST**  
**GRADUATE) IN HISTORY**

The revised syllabi for M. A. (History) are recommended for introduction from academic session 2020-2021, beginning July 2020.

**Structure**

The M.A. History syllabus structure shall comprise four semesters with four courses in each semester. Each student will be required to successfully complete 16 (sixteen) courses with a total of 1600 marks in order to be eligible for the award of the M.A. degree. The student shall study 4 (four) compulsory courses in each of the first two semesters. During the third and fourth semesters the student shall study 2 (two) compulsory courses and 2 (two) optional/specialisation courses per semester. For optional/specialisation courses, the student shall choose any one of three streams (ancient, medieval or modern Indian history) and shall continue to study courses of the same specialisation in each of the last two semesters. Each course will be of 100 marks.

Wherever the provision for options in courses would exist in a semester, the Departmental Council of the Department of History would periodically decide the options that are to be offered at the Post-Graduate Centre in each semester.

**Learning & Teaching Modes**

Face-to-face teaching in classroom consists of five lectures and one tutorial per week. Lectures and Tutorials shall begin in Week 1 of semester. The weekly tutorials will involve numerous small-group activities in which students will be given problems to address relating to primary and secondary source materials.

**Workload**

The information below is provided as a guide to assist students in engaging appropriately with the course requirements.

Students will need to devote approximately 12 hours per week to each course (divided over least 12 weeks of study). This consists of about 4 x 1-hour lectures and one tutorial per week, and 7 hours per week of independent study, during which time students will work for/on tutorials/assignments and prepare for examinations.

**Medium of Instruction**

The M.A. History is available both in English and Hindi mediums.

**Dissertation for Foreign students**

In place of any one of the compulsory course (to be decided by Department Council) in semester 4, foreign students will be required to write the Dissertation of minimum 16000 words to maximum 20000 words, including footnotes and bibliography. Topic shall be decided in consultation with course teacher/supervisor allied to the History discipline. The overall weightage of dissertation shall carry 100 marks (80 marks for evaluation and 20 for viva-voce). In the event of credit system dissertation shall carry 4 (four) credits and viva-voce shall have 1 (one) credit weightage. Dissertation will be jointly evaluated by the course teacher/supervisor and the Chairman of the department. Viva voce will be conducted by department council. The candidate must obtain a

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minimum of 35 % marks (i.e. 28 marks out of 80 and 7 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*

1. 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.).
2. 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	<b>5marks</b>

- 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 three units of the course are completed, around the eighth 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 Presentation: **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
	<b>Total</b>	<b>10 marks</b>

#### 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 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**)

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*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 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.
- ii. If the Chairperson is herself/ himself the course teacher of a script that comes up for re-assessment, 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 (answered 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, the assignments of such students will be rejected.
- g. Computer printout/typed assignments will not be accepted.

*Re-Assessment (ICDEOL Students):*

In the event of a candidate desiring a re-assessment of the assignment answered script, she/he should apply in writing to the Director of the ICDEOL 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 Coordinator/In-charge of the subject at ICDEOL, the course teacher who

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evaluated the script in the first instance, and another teacher of the subject. The student concerned would also be invited to be present during the process of re-assessment.

## B. External Examination

The remaining eighty per cent (80%) marks of the course/paper shall consist of a written examination at the end of the semester.

### *Scheme of Question Paper-Setting by the External Examiner*

Each Course has been divided into four units. There shall be 9 questions in all divided into five sections. The candidate will be required to attempt 5 questions. Examiner should use Indian numerals for question one to nine (i.e., 1, 2, 3 ...). Each four section (Unit-I—Section A, Unit-II—Section B, Unit-III—Section C and Unit-IV—Section D) shall have two essay type questions, and the candidates shall be given internal choice of attempting one question from each Unit- 4 in all. Each essay type question will carry 14 marks. The last question, No. 9 (Section E) is compulsory (conceptual/thematic) and shall be short answer type containing 10 short questions (to be numbered in Roman, i, ii, iii ... ) spread over the whole syllabus to be answered about 100 words each. The candidates are required to attempt any 6 short questions with deep explanation and examples, carrying each 4 marks.

### *The External Examination shall be as follows*

Each course will be of 80 marks. Time allowed: 3 hours. The Examiner shall set 9 questions. Candidate is required to attempt five questions selecting one question from each section of A, B, C & D of 14 marks and any 6 short-answer questions from Section C of 4 marks each.

### *Pass Percentage*

The candidate must obtain a minimum of 35% marks (i.e. 28 marks out of 80 and 7 marks out of 20) separately in the Internal Assessment and External Examination in order to be declared successful in each course.

**The list of new courses recommended for introduction from academic session 2020-2021, beginning July 2020, is given below:**

### FIRST SEMESTER

<b>Course-HIST 101.</b>	History and Historiography
<b>Course-HIST 102.</b>	Ancient Societies
<b>Course-HIST 103.</b>	Aspects of Medieval Society
<b>Course-HIST 104.</b>	Aspects of Society and Culture in Early Modern Europe, c. 1450-1700

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