

## SECOND YEAR- FOURTH SEMESTER

H-503: DISSERTATION

(4 Credits)

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### Objectives:

The course is aimed to provide students with the knowledge base and practical tools to critically evaluate historical and archaeological research, formulate research questions and undertake research. Students at the end of the Course will acquire and develop research aptitudes to undertake further advanced research after the Post-graduate program.

1. Out of the four core papers in the Fourth Semester, a student may opt for writing a Dissertation in lieu of any of the core papers of the Fourth Semester under the supervision of a regular Faculty of the Department.
2. Application for Dissertation shall be submitted by the student within 2 months after the commencement of Third Semester with mention of the paper in lieu of which dissertation is opted.
3. A student will have the choice to select a Supervisor and the topic of research. The topic of the dissertation should be related to either history or archaeology.
4. By the 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester, a student opting for dissertation will have to select a Supervisor and submit their dissertation synopsis guided by their Supervisor to the Department. Students may start library and fieldwork by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester.
5. The Supervisor need not only be the teacher in-charge of a specific paper that the student has opted out in lieu of a dissertation but may be any Faculty of the Department of the student's preference.
6. Limit of students' intake by a Supervisor will be limited to 05 students per supervisor. However, if there is an increase in the number of students opting for dissertation, the intake capacity per Faculty may be increased.

7. Orientation classes on Research Methodology for students opting for dissertation will be conducted during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester by the respective Supervisors.
8. Application shall be submitted along with necessary dissertation fee along with a detailed synopsis in accordance with the rules of the University.
9. The student will proceed with the dissertation only after approval in the DRC and further approval thereafter in the BPGS.
10. The synopsis shall be signed by the student and the Supervisor concerned with the following details:
  - a. *Title of Research*
  - b. *Introduction on current status of knowledge in the particular area of research*
  - c. *Review of Literature*
  - d. *Statement of the Problem*
  - e. *Objectives*
  - f. *Hypothesis*
  - g. *Methodology*
  - h. *Significance of proposed research.*
  - i. *A detailed Reference on the topic of research selected.*
11. The student shall complete the dissertation under a Supervisor approved by the Departmental Research Committee.
12. If the research proposed by the student is of an inter-disciplinary nature, an additional Co-Supervisor from the related discipline within the University may be assigned to assist the student.
13. On change of topic and Supervisor, such matters will be recommended by the Departmental Research Committee (DRC) and further approved by the BPGS.
14. The Dissertation Cover shall contain the following details:

*Title of Research*

*Dissertation submitted to Nagaland University in partial fulfillment for the award of  
Degree of Master of Arts in History & Archaeology*

*Name of Student*

*Logo of University*  
*Department of History & Archaeology*  
*Nagaland University, Kohima campus, Meriema*  
*Kohima, Nagaland.*  
*Month & Year of Submission*

15. The dissertation will also contain the following certificate from the Supervisor:

**CERTIFICATE**

Certified that the work incorporated in this dissertation (entitled) submitted by Shri/Smt. (Name of student) was carried out under my supervision. Such material as has been obtained from other sources has been duly acknowledged in the dissertation.

(Signature of Student)

(Signature of Supervisor)

Dated:

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16. The last date of submission of dissertation will be within 30 days after the 4<sup>th</sup> Semester examination.

17. Recommended dissertation format:

**Font style:** Times New Roman; **Font size:** 12; **Line spacing:** 1.5 lines

18. The student shall prepare 5 (five) hard bound + soft copies of the dissertation out of which a copy will be retained by the student. The remaining 4 (four) copies will be submitted to - Academic In-Charge for Controller of Exams and Supervisor (to be submitted to Campus Library), and Department Library.

19. Citation format in References: APA Format

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Marks</b>
1.	Content of Dissertation	70
2.	Viva-Voce	30
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>