**Programme:** M. A. (Political Science)

Course Code: PSO203

Title of the Course: Rural Development and Research

**Number of Credits:** 4

Effective from AY: 2018-19

<b>Prerequisites for the</b>	Students opting for the course should have a basic	
course:	understanding of issues facing the rural landscape and	
	society in India. Basic knowledge of the variety of state	
	interventions in rural development programmes is	
	expected.	
Objective:	The course intends to introduce students to the concept of	
	rural development. It helps students develop skills that can	
	help in research on the topics related to rural areas. The	
	course also introduces students to the rural issues which	
	require urgent policy interventions.	
Content:	Unit 1: Rural Development, Meaning, Rural Development	
	Theory, Characteristic of Rural Sector	8 hours
	Unit 2: Participation – Concepts and Methods, Rapid and	
	Participatory Rural Appraisal, Participatory Approaches	
	(ranking, scoring, making maps).	8 hours
	Unit 3: Rural Development Policies, Need, Goals,	
	National Rural Mission, Globalization and Rural	
	Development	8 hours
	Unit 4: Rural Poverty and Policy Measures, Rural	
	Employment Scenario, rural distress & migration,	
	MGNREGA, Gender Analysis and measurement	8 hours
	Unit 5: Agriculture and Rural Development. Food	
	Security, Food Security Act	8 hours
	Unit 6: Rural Education and Policy Interventions, Rural	
	Health and Policy Interventions.	8 hours
Pedagogy:	lectures/assignments/self-study	

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	India, New Century Publication,	
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	Publication, New Delhi	
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<b>Learning Outcomes</b>	1. To introduce students to the concept of rural	
	development.	
	2. To help students understanding methods of	
	Participatory Rural Appraisal.	
	3. To enhance their knowledge issues concerning	
	rural India and policy intervention.	