

**Programme:** MA International Studies

**Course Code:** IRC 108

**Title of the Course:** Research Methodology in International Relations

**Number of Credits:** 4

**Effective from AY:** 2018-19

<b><u>Prerequisites for the course:</u></b>	Open to all Master Students of Goa University.	
<b><u>Objective:</u></b>	The course seeks to offer insights on the various theories as well as methods and techniques of research in International Relations. Also, students will be given some modest training in the application of the methodological approaches by way of sessional work on themes of current issues related to the discipline so as to benefit them in writing research papers and monographs.	
<b><u>Content:</u></b>	<p><b>1. Meaning and Methodologies of Research:</b> Meaning and Objectives of Research, Formulation of Aims and Objectives; Research Types: Quantitative and Qualitative, Deduction, Induction, Empirical and Normative; Various Other Methods: Participant Observation, Case Study Mode, Survey.</p> <p><b>2. Unit II. Nature and Scope of Research in International Relations:</b> Challenges to Theme Selection, Wide Gamut of Areas: Politics, Society, Economy, History, Science and Technology; General Usage of Concepts and Terms of Research Methodology; Comparative Approach to Research and Analysis.</p> <p><b>3. Unit III. Approaches to Analysis and Concepts:</b> Definition of Analysis, Levels of Analysis, Content Analysis, Analytical Rigour and Richness.</p> <p><b>4. Unit IV. Elements and Style of Research Proposal Writing:</b> Salience of Objectives, Significance, Relevance and Impact of Themes, Tentative Chapterisation.</p> <p><b>5. Unit V. Computer Based Data Analysis and Report Writing:</b> Collection of Data, Challenges to Data Interpretation, Drawing Inferences; Types of</p>	<p>08 Hours</p> <p>08 Hours</p> <p>08 Hours</p> <p>08 Hours</p> <p>08 Hours</p>

	<p>Reports, Salience and Features of Reports, Steps in Report Writing.</p> <p><b>6. Report Writing and Ethics in Research:</b></p> <p>Footnotes, Endnotes, Bibliography, Formatting the Research Paper and Reports; Ethics and Risk in Research--Plagiarism, Role of Integrity in Research.</p>	08 Hours
<b><u>Pedagogy:</u></b>	Lectures/Tutorials/Assignments/Self-Study/Discussions/Audio-Visuals	
<b><u>References/Readings</u></b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Jeffrey S. Lantis, Lynn M. Kuzma and John Boeher. 2000. Eds. <i>The New International Studies Classroom: Active Teaching, Active Learning</i>. Boulder and London: Lynne Rienner Publishers.</li> <li>2. Datlef F. Sprinz and Yael Wolinsky-Nahmia. 2007. Eds. <i>Models, Numbers &amp; Cases: Methods for Studying International Relations</i>. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.</li> <li>3. William J. Goode and Paul K. Hatt. 1982. <i>Methods in Social Research</i>. Tokyo: McGrawHill-Koga Kausha.</li> <li>4. Flyod J. Fowler, Jr. 1984. <i>Survey Research Methods</i>. Beverley Hills: Sage Publications.</li> <li>5. Santosh Gupta. 1995. <i>Research Methodology and Statistical Techniques</i>. New Delhi: Deep and Deep Publications.</li> <li>6. David E. McNabb. 2002. <i>Research Methods in Political Science</i>. New Delhi: Prentice Hall of India Pvt. Ltd.</li> <li>7. Paul Pennings. 2006. <i>Doing Research in Political Science</i>. Thousand Oaks, California: Sage.</li> <li>8. Dina Zinnes. 1976. <i>Contemporary Research in International Relations: A Perspective and a Critical Appraisal</i>. New York: The Free Press.</li> <li>9. Christopher Lamont. 2015. <i>Research Methods in International Relations</i>. New York: Sage.</li> <li>10. Audie Klotz and Deepa Prakash. 2008. <i>Qualitative Methods in International Relations: A Pluralist Guide</i>. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.</li> </ol>	
<b><u>Learning Outcomes</u></b>	A student will be well prepared with the knowledge of the research techniques widely used in the discipline.	