Name of the Programme: M.Sc. Part-II (Chemistry)

Course Code: CHC-600 **Title of the course:** Research Methodology and instrumental techniques-I

Number of Credits: 4

Effective from AY: 2023-24

Prerequisites for the course:	Students should have studied chemistry courses at MSc-I level.	
Course Objective:	1. To introduce various aspects of research methodology. 2. To provide understanding ethics & scientific conduct. 3. To introduce academic writing. 4. To introduce databases used in chemistry. 5. To provide understanding and importance of lab safety. 6. To understand the usefulness of various instrumental techniques in characterization of chemical compounds.	
Content	**1. Introduction to Research Methodology** Research- meaning, objectives, motivation, types and methodology. Process- formulating the research problem; literature survey; developing the hypothesis and the research design; sample design and collection of the data; execution of the project; analysis of data; testing of hypothesis; generalizations and interpretation, and preparation of the report or presentation of the results & conclusions.	No of hours 5
	2. Scientific conduct and ethics Ethics: definition, nature of moral judgements and reactions, Ethics with respect to science and research. Intellectual honesty and research integrity. Scientific misconducts: Falsification, Fabrication, and Plagiarism (FFP). Redundant publications: duplicate and overlapping publications. Selective reporting and misrepresentation of data.	5
	3. Academic writing Publication ethics: definition, introduction and importance Conflicts of interest Publication misconduct: definition, concept, problems that lead to unethical behaviour and vice versa Violation of publication ethics, authorship and contributorship Identification of publication misconduct, complaints and appeals Predatory publishers and journals	5

	4. Data bases and research metrics Databases: 1. Indexing databases 2. Citation databases: Web of Science, Scopus, UGC-Care List etc. Research Metrics: 1. Impact Factor of journal as per Journal Citation Report, SNIP, SJR, IPP, Cite Score 2. Metrics: h-index, g index, i10 index etc	3
	5. Safety aspects in Chemistry Good laboratory practices. Handling of various chemicals, solvents & glassware. Fires and fighting with fires. Hazardous substances, classification and handling Safety Data Sheet	5
	6. Softwares in Chemistry Data plotting Structure Drawing Reference management software	7
	7. Instrumental methods of analysis: Demonstration and/ or data analysis in following techniques: Elemental analysis: CHNS analysis and AES Infrared (IR), Raman, Ultraviolet-Visible (UV-Vis) Nuclear magnetic resonance (^{1}H, ^{13}C) Chromatographic techniques: HPLC, GC, Hyphenated Techniques: LC-MS & GC-MS, Diffraction methods: XRD Thermal analysis: DSC Microscopy: SEM, TEM Methods for determination of magnetic & dielectric properties. Cyclic voltammetry	30
Pedagogy	Mainly lectures/recorded video lectures/ tutorials, discussions, seminars, internal exams/ assignments, / demonstration/ self-study or a combination of some of these. ICT mode should be preferred. Sessions should be interactive in nature to enable peer group learning.	
References / Readings	1. C. R. Kothari, Research Methodology: Methods & Techniques, New Age International Pvt. Ltd., 2004. 2. Bird, Philosophy of Science, Routledge, 2006. 3. M. Coghill & L. R. Garson, The ACS Style Guide: Effective Communication of Scientific Information, American Chemical Society Washington, DC & OXFORD University Press New York, 2006. 4. Y. K. Singh, Fundamentals of Research Methodology & Statistics, New Age International Pvt. Ltd., 2006. 5. National Research Council, Prudent practices in the laboratory: handling and management of chemical hazards, The National	

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Course Outcome:	1. Students will be able to apply research methodology concepts. 2. Students will be able to apply computer technology to solve their research problems in chemistry. 3. Students will know in advance the safety precautions to be taken in the chemical lab. 4. Students will gain fundamental knowledge on characterization techniques.