

Programme: M. A. Political Science

Course Code: POL-601

Title of the Course: Research Methods in Political Science

Number of Credits: 4

Effective from Academic Year: 2023-2024

<u>Prerequisites for the Course</u>	Students should have studied at undergraduate level in social sciences and any other discipline having an interest in the subject. It is assumed that students have a basic knowledge of what is research and how socio-economic and political issues are understood through exploration and research.	
<u>Objectives</u>	This paper intended to prepare the students to write a dissertation in the final year of M.A. It provides an understanding of the research Process, research design, statistical techniques, leading to report writing.	
<u>Contents</u>	<p>Unit 1: The Research Process - Major steps in Research</p> <p>Unit 2: Research Topic and the Design of Research - Types of Quantitative and Qualitative Designs</p> <p>Unit 3: Quantitative Research -a) Methods of Data collection b) Processing and Analysis of Data</p> <p>Unit 4: Qualitative Research- a) Methods of Data Collection b) Processing and Analysis of Data</p> <p>Unit 5: Report writing - a) Its Significance b) Steps in writing research report.</p>	<p>No. of Hours</p> <p>14 hours</p> <p>12 hours</p> <p>12 hours</p> <p>12 hours</p> <p>10 hours</p>
<u>Pedagogy</u>	lectures/ tutorials/assignments/self-study/ field studies (dialogic and participatory collective learning and teaching)	
<u>References/Readings</u>	<p>Single Author Books</p> <p>BhattacharjeeAnol (2012), <i>Social Science Research: Principles, Methods and Practices</i>,Florida, University of South Florida</p> <p>Flick, Uwe(2017). <i>An Introduction to Qualitative Research</i>, New Delhi, Sage</p> <p>Freire Paulo (1996). <i>Pedagogy of the Oppressed</i>, New Delhi: Penguin Books</p>	

	<p>Krishnaswamy. O.R. (2010). <i>Methodology of Research in Social Sciences</i>, New Delhi, Himalaya Publishing House</p> <p>MahajanGurpreet (1992). <i>Explanation and understanding in the human science</i>, New Delhi: Oxford University Press</p> <p>McNabb, David (2004), <i>Research Methods for Political Science</i>, New Delhi: Prentice Hall</p> <p>Two or More Authors</p> <p>Rai Praveen & Kumar Sanjay (2013). <i>Measuring Voting Behaviour in India</i>, New Delhi: Sage Publication</p> <p>Wilkinson, T.S. and Bhandarkar P.L. (1994). <i>Methodology and Techniques of Social Research</i>, Delhi: Himalaya Publishing House</p>	
<u>Learning Outcomes</u>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will be able to understand the process of social science research with the knowledge of basic tools and techniques. 2. Students will be able to apply research methods in their future pursuit of research. 3. Students will be able to undertake surveys such as poll surveys. 4. Students will be able to employ ethical practices in their future research. 	