Programme: M.A Women's Studies

Course Code: WSO 121

Title of the Course: Basic Research-enhancing Skills

Number of Credits: 2

Effective from AY: 2018-19

Prerequisites for the course:	Any student registered for a Master's Programme in Goa University can apply for this course	
Objective:	This course aims to enhance the research skills, sampling techniques, methods of data collection, particularly referencing using software and quantitative methods for social science research.	
Content:	Module 1: Meaning and scope of statistics, representation of statistical data. What numbers can tell. Using secondary data quantitative sources to make inferences about society. Graphical representation . Sources of data	8 hours
	Module 2: Basic quantitative research methods and sampling techniques . administering standardized questionnaire , data collection , data entry and using computer programmes for analysis and data presentation Practical sessions	8 hours
	Module 3: Manual of style, using Zotero for referencing ,endnote, adding references to the research project or report practical.	8 hours
Pedagogy:	lectures/ practical sessions / hands on training in collecting data/ entering and interpreting	
References/Readings	Bhattacherjee, Anol.(2012). "Social Science Research: Principles, Methods, and Practices" Textbooks Collection. 3 http://scholarcommons.usf.edu/oa_textbooks/3 Kothari ,C.R. (2012) Research Methodology .New Delhi:New Age International Pvt. Ltd. Kothari C.(1985). Research Methodology: Methods and Techniques.New Delhi: Wiley Eastern Limited. MLA Handbook for Writers Of Research Papers 7th Edition. New Delhi: Affiliated East-West Press Pvt. Ltd. Thamilarasan M.(2014). Research Methodology for Social Sciences , New Century Publication Zotero software link : https://www.zotero.org/download/	
Learning Outcomes	1. Students' research skills will be enhanced 2. Students will learn styles of referencing 3. Students will be able to apply the learning in conducting future research like in dissertation, project work	