

**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**

<b><u>Prerequisites for the Course</u></b>	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.	
<b><u>Objectives</u></b>	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.	
<b><u>Contents</u></b>	<p><b>Unit 1: The Research Process</b> - Major steps in Research</p> <p><b>Unit 2: Research Topic and the Design of Research</b> - Types of Quantitative and Qualitative Designs</p> <p><b>Unit 3: Quantitative Research</b> -a) Methods of Data collection b) Processing and Analysis of Data</p> <p><b>Unit 4: Qualitative Research-</b> a) Methods of Data Collection b) Processing and Analysis of Data</p> <p><b>Unit 5: Report writing</b> - a) Its Significance b) Steps in writing research report.</p>	<p><b>No. of Hours</b></p> <p>14 hours</p> <p>12 hours</p> <p>12 hours</p> <p>12 hours</p> <p>10 hours</p>
<b><u>Pedagogy</u></b>	lectures/ tutorials/assignments/self-study/ field studies (dialogic and participatory collective learning and teaching)	
<b><u>References/Readings</u></b>	<p><b>Single Author Books</b></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><b>Two or More Authors</b></p> <p>Rai Praveen &amp; 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>	
<b><u>Learning Outcomes</u></b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Students will be able to understand the process of social science research with the knowledge of basic tools and techniques.</li> <li>2. Students will be able to apply research methods in their future pursuit of research.</li> <li>3. Students will be able to undertake surveys such as poll surveys.</li> <li>4. Students will be able to employ ethical practices in their future research.</li> </ol>	