

Mewar University, Chittorgarh



NAAC ACCREDITED

Course Work Syllabus

Detailed Syllabus

Paper-I: Research Methodology

- 1. Introduction to Research Methodology:** Meaning of Research, Objectives of Research, Motivations in Research, types of Research, Research Approaches, Significance of Research, Research Methods v/s Methodology, Research and Scientific Methods, Research Process, Criteria of good research and ethics in research.
- 2. Defining the Research Problem:** Concept and need, Identification of Research problem, defining and delimiting Research problem.
- 3. Research Questions and Hypothesis:** Variables and their linkages, characteristics of good Hypothesis. Research question and formulation of hypotheses-directional and non-directional hypotheses, Basis for hypotheses, Design of hypothesis based on deeper ROL by focusing on the citation of relevant researches.
- 4. Research design:** Meaning, Need, Features of Good Design, Concepts, Types. Basic principles of Experimental Design, various methods of Research. Survey, Philosophical, Historical, Experimental, Causal Comparative, Genetic, Case Studies.
- 5. Tools for Data Collection:** Collections of Primary Data, Collection of Data through questionnaire and Schedules, other Observation Interview Methods, Collection of Secondary Data, Selection of appropriate method for data collection, Case Study, Focus Group Discussion, Techniques of developing research tools, viz. Questionnaire and rating scales etc. Reliability and validity of Research tools.
 - a) Sampling:** Probability and Non Probability sampling- types and criteria for selection. Developing sampling Frames, Determination of sample size by using statistical formula.
 - b) Descriptive Statistics:** Measurement Scales, Sources of error in measurement. Measures of central Tendency (Mean, median, Mode), Measures of dispersion (range, mean deviation, standard deviation) Graphical representation of Data.
- 6. Inferential statistics:** Normal Probability Curve- Meaning, characteristics and applications. Standard error. Confidence Interval and Fiduciary limits. Type I and Type II errors. Estimating Population Means.

- a. **Correlations:** Rank Difference Method Pearson's Product Moments Correlation Significance of correlation. Concept of Variance. Other methods of Correlation (Concept and application only)- Partial and Multiple correlation Biserial, Point Biserial, tetra choric and Phi correlation. Regression and Multiple Regression equations (concept and applications)
 - b. Sampling Distribution, Null Hypothesis- Alternative Hypothesis. Testing the Significance of difference between means(z and 't' test)
 - c. Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) and Analysis of covariance (ANCOVA) concept and applications only.
 - d. Factor Analysis and Path Analysis (concept and applications).
7. **Non Parametric Statistics:** Wilcoxon Test- steps, characteristics and application, Sign Test, man- Whitney u Test, Chi Square test- steps, Characteristic sand applications. Relationship between chisquare and phi correlation.
 8. **Logic:** Logical form, deductive and inductive reasoning, consistency, validity, soundness and completeness, western and oriental conception of logic.
 9. **Writing Research Report:** Format and style. Review of related literature its implications at various stages of research. (Formulation of research problem, hypothesis, interpretation and discussion of results). Major findings, Conclusions and suggestions. Citation of references and Bibliography.
 10. **Preparation of Research Synopsis:** Title, Preface, Abstract, Introduction, Geographical location, Objective, Hypothesis, Methodology-Time frame and work plan, Proper chapterization, References, Biblography etc.

Reference Books:

- a) Best and Kahn, Research Methodology, PHI Limited.
- b) Kothari, C.R. Research Methodology (Methods and Techniques), New Age Publisher.
- c) Kerlinger, Foundation of Research.
- d) Fundamentals of modern statistical methods by R and R. wilcox.
- e) Power Analysis for Experimental research A Practical Guide for the Biological, Medical and social Sciences by R. Barker Bausell, Yi-Fang Li Cambridge University Press.
- f) Design of Experience: Statistical Principles of Research Design and Analysis, by Robert O. Kuehl Brooks/cole.

Paper-II: ICT

- 1. Word Processing:** Word features, Creating, Saving and Opening Documents in Word, Interface, Toolbars, Ruler, Menus, Keyboard shortcut, Editing, Previewing, Printing and Formatting a Document, Advanced Features of MS Word, Find and replace, using the source, using Auto-Multiple Functions, Mail Merge, Handling Graphics, tables and Charts, Covering word Documentation various Formats like-text ,Rich Text format, Word Perfect, HTML, PDF etc.
- 2. Worksheet:** Excel: Worksheet Basics, Working with single and multiple workbook, working with formula & cell referencing, Auto sum, Copying formulae, Absolute & relative addressing, Worksheet with ranges, Formatting of worksheet, Previewing and printing Worksheet, Graphs and charts, Database, Creating and using Macros, Multiple Worksheets-concepts, Creating and using, data analysis and display.
- 3. Presentation:** PowerPoint, Creating Slide show with animations. Auto Wizard, Creating a Blank presentation, auto layout, Screen layout and views, insert a new slide, applying design template, changing slide layout, recording and hiding a slide4s, slide show and editing custom slide, resizing a text box, Text Box Properties, Delete text Box, Bulleted Lists, number ED lists, adding notes, video and audio, Adding text editing options, Formatting text, Replace fonts, Line spacing, change case spelling check, color schemes, Adding clip art, Adding an image form a file, Editing graphic, Auto Shapes, Word Art, backgrounds, Action Buttons, Slide Animation, Preview Slide transactions, Slide Show options, Slide Master, Header and Footer, Slide Numbers, Date and Time.
- 4. Education and Research Resource son Net:** Encyclopedia, Wikipedia, On-Line Tutorials and lectures, Virtual labs, Open Course-ware, Electronic Journals, E-Books, Digital Libraries, Searching research Information.

- 5. Professional Written Communication:** Students prepare E-mails, Letters, memos, proposals, formal and informal reports.
- 6. Oral Communication:** Impromptu and Extemporaneous methods of delivery. Oral Presentations using usual aids such as handouts, overhead transparencies and presentation software such as Power Point.

Subject:- Research and Publication Ethics

Syllabus in detail

THEORY'

- **RPE01: PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS (3hrs.)**

1. Introduction to philosophy : definition, nature and scope, concept, branches
2. Ethics : definition, moral philosophy, nature of moral judgments and reactions

- **RPE02: SCIENTIFIC CONDUCT (5hrs.)**

1. Ethics with respect to science and research
2. Intellectual honesty and research integrity
3. Scientific misconducts : Falsification, Fabrication, and Plagiarism (FFP)
4. Redundant publications : duplicate and overlapping publications, salami slicing
5. Selective reporting and misrepresentation of data

- **RPE 03: PUBLICATION ETHICS (7hrs.)**

1. Publication ethics : definition, introduction and importance
2. Best practices/standards setting initiatives and guidelines : COPE, WAME, etc.
3. Conflicts of interest
4. Publication misconduct : definition, concept, problems that lead to unethical behavior and vice versa, types
5. Violation of publication ethics, authorship and contributor ship
6. Identification of publication misconduct, complaints and appeals
7. Predatory publishers and journals

PRACTICE

- **RPE04: OPEN ACCESS PUBLISHING (4hrs.)**

1. Open access publications and initiatives
2. SHERPA/ROMEO online resource to check publisher copyright & self-archiving policies
3. Software tool to identify predatory publications developed by SPPU
4. Journal finder/journal suggestion tools viz. JANE, Elsevier Journal Finder, Springer Journal Suggester, etc.

- **PPE05: PUBLICATION MISCONDUCT (4hrs.)**

- A. Group Discussions (2hrs.)**

1. Subject specific ethical issues ,FFP, authorship
2. Conflicts of interest
3. Complaints and appeals: examples and fraud from India and abroad

- B. Software tools (2hrs.)**

Use of plagiarism software like Turnitin, Urkund and other open source software tools

- **RPE 06: DATABASES AND RESEARCH METRICS (7hrs.)**

- A. Databases (4hrs.)**

1. Indexing databases
2. Citation databases: Web of Science, Scopus, etc.

- B. Research Metrics (3hrs.)**

1. Impact Factor of journal as per Journal Citation Report, SNIP, SIR, IPP, Cite Score
2. Metrics: h-index, g-index, i10 index, alt metrics

References

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