

Name of the Programme : Ph.D. (Sociology)

Course Code : SOC-700

Title of the Course : Research Methodology

Number of Credits : 04

Effective from AY : 2022-2023

Pre-requisites for the Course:	Nil	
Course Objectives:	This course aims to: 1. familiarise Ph. D. students with the typology of social research; 2. train them in developing sociological sensitivity and imagination; and 3. train the students to identify a research issue of their choice and formulate a researchable proposal.	
Content:	1. Introduction to Social Research 2. Types of social research: Basic, applied and action research, Historical inquiry, social survey, Case study and Library research 3. Research procedures: Identification and formulation of research problems, Survey of literature, Pilot study and pre-test and Hypotheses building 4. Sampling: The sampling frame, probability and non-probability sampling techniques 5. Tools and techniques of data collection: Observation, Interview, Questionnaire, Content analysis, case study 6. Processing, analyses, and interpretation of data: Use of Statistics in Social Research, graphical presentation of data, Field and the field worker: Reflexivity in qualitative research Interpretation and Analysis of Qualitative Data 7. Issues in social research: Objectivity and values, Ethical issues, Ideologies and social science	2 Hours 10 Hours 5 Hours 10 Hours 10 Hours 15 Hours 8 Hours
Pedagogy:	Lectures, discussions and assignments	
References/ Readings:	1. Bailey, K. (1994). <i>Methods of Social Research</i> . New York, The Free Press, pp. 81- 104. 2. Barnes, J. A. (1977). <i>The Ethics of Enquiry in Social Sciences</i> . Delhi: Oxford University Press. 3. Bhandarkar, P. L and Wilkinson, T. S. (2013). <i>Methodology and Techniques of Social Research</i> (13th Edition). New Delhi: Himalaya Publishing House. 4. de Vaus, D. A. (1986). <i>Surveys in Social Research</i> . London: George Allen and Unwin. 5. Denzin, N. K., and Lincoln, Y. S. (Eds.) (2018). <i>The Sage Handbook of Qualitative Research</i> (5 th Edition). London: Sage publications. 6. Flick, U. (Ed.). (2014). <i>The Sage Handbook of Qualitative Data Analysis</i> . London: Sage Publications Ltd. 7. Jayaram, N. (2023). <i>Sociological Theory and Research Methods: A study in the Philosophy of the Social Sciences</i> . Shimla: Indian Institute of Advanced study. 8. Kothari, C. R. (1985). <i>Research Methodology</i> . New Delhi: Wiley Eastern. 9. Lal Das, D.K. (2015). <i>Designs of Social Research</i> . Jaipur: Rawat Publication. 10. Punch, K. F. (2014). <i>Introduction to Social research: Quantitative and qualitative approaches</i> . New Delhi: Sage Publication. 11. Raftery, A E. (2000). 'Statistics in Sociology, 1950-2000', <i>Journal of the American Statistical Association</i> , Vol. 95(450). pp. 654-661	

	12. Stockemer, D. (2019). <i>Quantitative Methods for the Social Sciences: A practical introduction with examples in SPSS and Stata</i> . Switzerland: Springer Publication.
Course Outcomes:	After completion of the course, the students will be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. distinguish different types of social research;2. distinguish a 'trouble' from 'issue' and 'biography' and 'historicality';3. decide the methodological issues informing their chosen research issue; and4. launch and complete their doctoral studies.