

Research Methodology: 4 Credits



Course outcomes for Ph.D courses including Research Methodologies, Research Ethics and Subject specific courses

- 1. Students after completing the six month course will have in depth knowledge of disciplines related to the topic of research-
- 2. Students will be able to apply mathematical skills to formulate problems in the field of research
- 3. Students will have knowledge of various simulation and hardware tools and utilize their knowledge of using instruments and simulation techniques in their research pursuit.
- 4. Students will develop the skills of critical judgment of previous works and identification of research gaps
- 5. Students will develop skills to access information/data from vast sources and present the information in scientific manner
- 6. Students will abstain from plagiarism and be aware of standard protocols of conducting quality research
- 7. Students will be able to write articles as per the standard format.

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Annexure -3 - Syllabus of Research methodologies

COURSE-1: Advanced Research Methodology for Engineering, Science & Technology streams

Course objective:

To prepare scholars for research work and equip them to carry out individual or team research work according to scientific/technology requirements.

Learning Outcomes:

At the end of the course the scholar should be able to:

- i) Identify and describe researchable ideas, projects and themes;
- ii) design and specify methods for carrying out a scientific research and demonstrate possession of skills and attitudes to conduct such research;
- iii) be able to analyze data using scientific methodologies; and
- iv) present research results in a systematic and objective way

Course Content:

Unit- 1: Research and Types of research: Meaning of Research-Objectives of Research-Motivation in Research. Research methods vs Methodology. Types of research – Descriptive vs. Analytical, Applied vs. Fundamental, Quantitative vs. Qualitative, Conceptual vs. Empirical. Research Process. Criteria of good Research.

Research Formulation – Defining and formulating the research problem - Selecting the problem - Necessity of defining the problem - Importance of literature review in defining a problem – Literature



review – Primary and secondary sources – reviews, treatise, monographs-patents – web as a source – searching the web - Critical literature review – Identifying gap areas from literature review - Development of working hypothesis.

6 hours

Research design and methods – Research design – Basic Principles- Need of research design — Features of good design – Important concepts relating to research design – Observation and Facts, Laws and Theories, Prediction and explanation, Induction, Deduction, Development of Models. Developing a research plan - Exploration, Description, Diagnosis, Experimentation. Determining experimental and sample designs.

Unit-2: Data Collection and analysis - I: Execution of the research - Observation and Collection of data - Methods of data collection - Modeling, Mathematical Models for research, Sampling Methods- Data Processing and Analysis strategies. Data Analysis with Statistical Packages - Hypothesis-testing, Generalization-and-Interpretation.

Reporting and thesis writing – Structure and components of scientific reports - Types of report – Technical reports and thesis – Significance –Different steps in the preparation – Layout, structure and Language of typical reports – Illustrations and tables - Bibliography, referencing and footnotes - Oral presentation – Planning – Preparation – Practice – Making presentation – Use of visual aids - Importance of effective communication.

Application of results and ethics - Environmental impacts - Ethical issues - ethical committees - Commercialization - Copy right - royalty - Intellectual property rights and patent law - Trade Related aspects of Intellectual Property Rights - Reproduction of published material - Plagiarism - Citation and acknowledgement - Reproducibility and accountability.

3 hours

Post Midterm Test:

Session on:

LATEX: Introduction to LATEX and it's usage in documentation, preparation of thesis, technical papers and articles

9 hours

Literature Review: Visit to the Library and do necessary preparation to come up with Literature Review Report and submit the same

21 hrs

Reference Books:



- 1. Garg, B.L., Karadia, R., Agarwal, F. and Agarwal, U.K., 2002. *An introduction to Research Methodology*, RBSA Publishers.
- 2. Kothari, C.R., 1990. Research Methodology: Methods and Techniques. New Age International. 418p.
- 3. Sinha, S.C. and Dhiman, A.K., 2002. Research Methodology, Ess Ess Publications. 2 volumes.
- 4. Trochim, W.M.K., 2005. Research Methods: the concise knowledge base, Atomic Dog Publishing. 270p.
- 5. Wadehra, B.L. 2000. Law relating to patents, trade marks, copyright designs and geographical indications. Universal Law Publishing.
- 6. Leedy, P.D. and Ormrod, J.E., 2004 Practical Research: Planning and Design, Prentice Hall.
- 7. Satarkar, S.V., 2000. Intellectual property rights and Copy right. Ess Ess Publications

