

M.A H.sc -305
Statistics and research methodology(inter disciplinary)

Objectives:

- To enable students to develop the ability to present and interpret data in a research report or thesis.
- To expose the students to the various statistical techniques, to analyse and interpret data meaningfully.

Unit 1:

1. Meaning of statistics, its scope, uses, and limitation in the field of home science.
2. Primary and secondary data & methods of collecting :
 - primary data: direct personal observation, through agencies, mailed questionnaires.
 - secondary data: precaution in the use of secondary data, its application in various disciplines of home science.
3. Concepts of population and sample: advantages of sampling, methods of sampling, simple and random sampling, stratified and purposive sampling.

Unit 2:

1. Classification of data, construction of a frequency distribution.
 - Concept of central tendency: mean, median, and mode, harmonic mean, geometric mean.
 - Advantages and disadvantages of its application.
2. Measures of dispersion, standard deviation, coefficient of variation.
3. Correlation: coefficient of correlation, Karl Pearson method, coefficient of rank correlation and product moment.
4. Estimation of population: mean, standard error and confidence interval, application in the field of home science.

Unit 3:

1. Introduction to designs CRD, RBD and factorial designs, analysis and application in the field of home science.
2. An introduction to test procedure and hypothesis, test of significance χ^2 , t test and F test, various application in the field of home science.
3. An introduction to research
 - The scientific method and its application in the field of home science.
 - Selection and definition of a problem.
 - Writing research proposal.

Unit 4: research methods and procedure.

1. The historical method and the descriptive method.
2. The correlational method and the casual comparative method.
3. The experimental method.

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2. Spiegel, M.R. Probability and Statistics.
3. Elhence, D.N. Fundamental of Statistics.
4. Bhardvaj and Saxena: Fundamental of Statistics.