

Core Course - 102 RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Objective

This course plan aims to provide exposure to the fundamentals of various research techniques and methods. It tries to build upon the basic assumptions in adopting different methodologies for different kinds of research themes. It includes certain philosophical ideas underlying the emergence of different methodologies in social sciences.

Course Outline:

Unit - 1 Philosophical Roots of Social Research

Empiricism, Rationalism, Positivism foundation of Social research and its critique - Comte, Durkheim and Weber

Unit -2 Nature of social reality and Approach to it.

Positivism, Phenomenology, Ethnomethodology and Symbolic Interactionism
Interpretative Understanding.

Unit - 3 Logic of inquiry in Social Science Research

- Theory building
- Measurement and Scaling
- Scientific Method in Social Research
- Research Design

Unit - 4

- Explanatory design
- Diagnostic
- Historical design
- Descriptive design
- Experimental
- Comparative design

Unit - 5 Questionnaire construction, Report writing, use of Computer in Social research.

Recommended Books :

- Bailey, Kenneth D. : Methods in Social Research, MacMillan Publishing Co, New York, 1982.
- Black, James A., and Champion, Dean J. : Method and issues in Social research : John Wiley and Sons, Inc., New York, 1976.
- Bose, Pradip Kumar : Research Methodology; ICSSR, New Delhi, 1995.
 - D. A. de Vaus; Surveys in Social Research; George Allen and Unwin, London; 1986.
 - Giddens, A; Positivism and Sociology; Heinemann, London; 1974.
 - Hughes, John; The origins of scientific Sociology; Tavistock, London, 1970.
 - Punch, Keith; Introduction to Social Research; Sage Publications, London, 1986.
 - Education's Book.