

Research Methodology

Course Content:

I : Research : A Way of Thinking:

- a) Meaning, Definition, Objectives
- b) Types of Research: Empirical, Historical, Descriptive, Analytical, Comparative
- c) Ethics : Honesty, Intellectual Ownership, Plagiarism, Permissions

II : Preparation of Research Design:

- a) Selection of subject, Formation of Objectives, Formation of Hypothesis
- b) Review of Literature: Nature, Functions, Developing theoretical and conceptual frame work
- c) Scheme of Chapters, Importance and Limitations of the Study, Bibliography
- d) Making of a Research Proposal

III : Data Collection and Documentation:

- a) Collection of Historical Data: Primary Sources, Secondary sources and Oral History
- b) Testing the authenticity and credibility of sources; Forgery in historical sources
- c) Skills of Documentation: Technique of Notes-making, Self-regulated card system
- d) Tools of Presentation of Data: Use of Charts, Tables, Statistics, Maps, Glossary, Abbreviation, Appendices and Index

IV : Art of writing History:

- a) Citation: Use of Foot-notes and Bibliography, Logical Arrangement of Chapters, Appropriate Title
- b) Proper chronology, Main Ingredients and Sequence of Research Proposal
- c) Objectivity, Interpretation- Analytical methods of writing, Consistency and Uniformity
- d) Constructive Reasoning: Cogent and Logical Exposition and Valid Conclusion