

**Unit-I PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS (3 Hrs.)**

Introduction to Philosophy: Definition, Nature and Scope, Concept, Branches  
 Ethics: Definition, Moral Philosophy, Nature of Moral Judgements and Reactions

**Unit-II SCIENTIFIC CONDUCT (5 Hrs.)**

Ethics with Respect to Science and Research-Intellectual Honesty and Research Integrity  
 Scientific Misconducts: Falsification, Fabrication, and Plagiarism (FFP)  
 Redundant Publications: Duplicate and Overlapping Publications, Salami Slicing-Selective Reporting and Misrepresentation of Data

**Unit-III PUBLICATION ETHICS AND OPEN ACCESS PUBLISHING (11 Hrs.)**

*A. Publication Ethics (7 Hrs.)*  
 Definition, Introduction and Importance-Best Practices/Standards Setting Initiatives and Guidelines: COPE, WAME, Etc-Conflicts of Interest

Publication Misconduct: Definition, Concept, Problems that Lead to Unethical Behavior and Vice Versa, Types  
 Violation of Publication Ethics, Authorship and Contributor-Ship-Identification of Publication Misconduct, Complaints and Appeals-Predatory Publishers and Journals

*B. Open Access Publishing (4 Hrs.)*

Open Access Publications and Initiatives  
 SHERPALROMEO Online Resource to Check Publisher Copyright & Self-Archiving Policies  
 Software Tool to Identify Predatory Publications Developed by SPPU  
 Journal Finder/Journal Suggestion Tools viz. JANE, Elsevier Journal Finder, Springer Journal Suggester, Etc.

**Unit-IV PUBLICATION MISCONDUCT (4 Hrs.)**

*A. Group Discussions (2 Hrs.)*  
 Subject Specific Ethical Issues, FFP, Authorship-Conflicts of Interest-Complaints and Appeals: Examples and Fraud From India and Abroad

*B. Software Tools (2 Hrs.)*

Use of Plagiarism Software like TURNITIN, URKUND and Other Open Source Software Tools

**Unit V DATABASES AND RESEARCH METRICS (7 Hrs.)**

*A. Databases (4 Hrs.)*

1. Indexing Databases
2. Citation Databases: Web of Science, Scopus, Etc.

*B. Research Metrics (3 Hrs.)*

1. Impact Factor of Journal as per Journal Citation Report, SNIP, SJR, IPP, CiteScore
2. Metrics: h-index, g-index, i10-index, Altmetrics

**Total: 30 Hours**

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**Objectives**

Learn to focus on a research problem using scientific methods

- Learn methods to devise and design an experimentation set-up
- Learn basic instrumentation and data collection methods
- Learn parameter estimation and related modelling methods

**UNIT – I Introduction to Research Methods 15**

Motivation and Objectives of Research, Types and Approaches, Methods of Research: Theoretical and Experimental Research Process, Significance of Research - Methods Vs Methodology - Research Process – Components of Research Problem, Various Steps in Scientific Research, Literature Survey – Primary Data and Secondary Data.

**UNIT – II Data Collection and Sampling Design 15**

Sources of Data: Primary Data, Secondary Data; Procedure Questionnaire- Survey and Experiments - Sampling Merits and Demerits, Sampling Errors, Processing and Analysis of Data - Statistics in Research - Measures of Central Tendency -Measures of Dispersion -Measures of Asymmetry (Skewness) – Error Analysis

**UNIT – III Statistical Modeling and Time Series Analysis 15**

Probability Distributions, Fundamentals of Statistical Analysis and Inference, Multivariate Methods, Concepts of Correlation and Regression, Fundamentals of Time Series Analysis and Spectral Analysis, Applications of Spectral Analysis. Use of Statistical Soft Ware SPSS, GRETL Etc in Research, Factorial Design of Experiments, Analysis of Variance.

**UNIT – IV Optimization and Matlab 15**

Introduction to Traditional and Non – Traditional Optimization Techniques, Soft Computing, Computer and Its Role in Research, Basic in Algorithms, Introduction to Evolutionary Algorithms - Fundamentals of Genetic Algorithms, Simulated Annealing, Neural Network Based Optimization, Optimization of Fuzzy and Expert Systems. Parallel Programming Models, Introduction to MATLAB, Numerical Matrix Computation, Data Fitting Techniques and Practical Case Studies, Root Finding and Practical Case Studies

**UNIT - V Report Writing 15**

Structure and Components of Research Report, Types of Report - Techniques of Interpretation, Precautions in Interpretation, Significance of Report Writing, Different Steps in Report Writing, Layout of Research Report, Mechanics of Writing Research Report. Research Publications - Impact Factor, Science Citation Index, Scopus Citation Database, IPR

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<b>Unit – I</b>	<b>Introduction</b>	<b>15</b>
Meaning of Research, Objectives, Types, Research Approaches, Significance, Research Methods and Research Process		
<b>Unit – II</b>	<b>Research Methodology</b>	<b>15</b>
Nature, Types and Scope of Research in Language and Literature, Areas of Research, Areas and Problems of Research in Indian Contexts		
<b>Unit- III</b>	<b>Form and Documentation</b>	<b>15</b>
<i>Scholarly Prose</i> - Names of Persons, Titles of Sources, Quotations, Numbers, Dates and Times, Abbreviations		
<i>Work Cited</i> - Names of Authors, Titles, Versions, Publisher, Locational Elements, Punctuations in the Works Cited List, Formatting and Ordering the Works Cited List		
<i>In-Text Citation</i> - Author, Title, Number in Text Citations, Indirect Sources, Repeated Use of Sources, Punctuations		
Citation in Forms Other Than Print		
<b>Unit - IV</b>	<b>Mechanics of Writing</b>	<b>15</b>
<i>Sentences</i> – Positioning of Words, Length of Sentence		
<i>Types</i> - Simple, Compound, Complex and Compound Complex		
<i>Paragraphs</i> – Orders of Sentences, Making Connections, Topic Sentences, Transitions, Unity, Order, Coherence and Completeness		
<i>Effective Writing</i> - Plain and Unpretentious Style, Brevity and Conciseness, Consistency, Brightness		
<i>Errors to be Avoided in Sentences and Paragraphs</i>		
Redundancy, Tautology, Vague Words, Abusive Euphemisms, Slangs, Sexist Language, Ambiguities		
<i>Plagiarism</i>		
<b>Unit - V</b>	<b>Format of Thesis, Dissertations and Research Papers</b>	<b>15</b>
Report Writing and Its Different Types, Exposure to Latex, structure and Components of a Thesis, Various Steps in Writing a Research Thesis, Layout of the Thesis, Margin, Spacing, Heading and Titles, Sub Titles, Page Numbers, Tables and Illustrations, Works Cited List, Annexures, Publications in Impact Factor and Scopus Indexed Journals		

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- To formulate a viable research question
- To distinguish probabilistic from deterministic explanations
- To analyze the benefits and drawbacks of different methodologies
- To understand how to prepare and execute a feasible research project
- To identify and interpret patterns in data
- To eliminate alternative explanations

**Unit – I Introduction to Research****15**

Research Methodology-An Introduction -Meaning of Research -Objectives of Research-Motivation in Research -Types of Research - Research Approaches -Significance of Research -Research Methods versus -methodology -Research and Scientific Method -Importance of Knowing How Research is Done -Research Process -Criteria of Good Research -Problems Encountered by Researchers in India -Defining the Research Problem -Selecting the Problem -Necessity of Defining the Problem -Technique Involved in Defining a Problem.

**Unit – II Research Design and Sampling Design****15**

Research Design -Meaning of Research Design -Need for Research Design - Research Methodology Features of a Good Design - Different Research Designs -Basic Principles of research Designs -Developing a Research Plan - Hypotheses- Definition – Types -Testing of Hypotheses - Sampling –Meaning -Important Sampling Distributions - Sampling Design -Census and Sample Survey -Implications of a Sample Design -Steps in Sampling Design -Criteria of Selecting a Sampling Procedure -Different Types of Sample Designs – Complex Random Sampling Designs - Measurement and Scaling Techniques - Scaling -Meaning of Scaling - Scale Classification Bases

**Unit – III Data Collection and Processing Techniques****15**

Methods of Data Collection -Collection of Primary Data -Observation Method -Interview Method - Questionnaires - Schedules - Questionnaires and Schedules - Other Methods of Data Collection –Primary and Secondary Data -Selection of Appropriate Method for Data Collection -Case Study Method -(i) Guidelines for Constructing Questionnaire/Schedule -(ii) Guidelines for Successful Interviewing–Processing and Analysis of Data - Some Problems in Processing -Elements/Types of Analysis -Statistics in Research -Measures of Central Tendency -Measures of Dispersion - Simple Regression Analysis -Multiple Correlation and Regression.

**Unit – IV Statistical Tools for Analysis****15**

Statistical tools – Importance - Analysis of data through SPSS - Chi-square Test - Conditions for the Application of  $\chi^2$  Test -Steps Involved in Applying Chi-square Test - Analysis of Variance and Covariance -Analysis of Variance - One-way ANOVA -Coding Method -Two-way ANOVA - Analysis of Co-variance (ANOCOVA) – t test Z test - Multivariate Analysis Techniques -Growth of Multivariate Techniques - Characteristics and Applications -Classification of Multivariate Techniques -Variables in Multivariate Analysis -Important Multivariate Techniques -Important Methods of Factor Analysis

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Testing of Hypothesis: t – Test (Difference of Means and Paired t Test); F Test; Goodness of Fit ( $\chi^2$  Test). Design of Experiments – Random Block Design, Completely Randomized Design and Latin Square Design. Use of Statistical Software: SPSS in Research, Introduction to Matlab – Application in Matrices.

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