**Research Methodology**

*Rationale:*

Research is an ongoing learning process. At the B.S.level of their studies, candidates need to learn more about how to conduct research and then write their research papers for publication purposes. They also need to master the techniques of writing professional BS tracts or proposals, pick on thesis statement and contention, phrase a considerable topic for their research project (thesis or dissertation), prepare bibliography and annotated bibliographies, write book reviews from critical and analytical perspective, get into the process of writing first or later drafts, edit their research as per requirement. During all this process the candidates also need to sharpen their critical thinking and study skills for literary research in order to follow the prescribed style sheet, which in the case of literary writings is the MLA style sheet. They need to learn manual and technological or computational skills and be able to use the world of web on inter-net. All this involves a lot of practice in classroom, in library, and in field of course.

**Suggested Topics:**

Research and writing procedure and data analysis (qualitative versus quantitative, sampling, questionnaire, interviews, etc)

Abstract writing (Topic selection and Thesis statement)

Review of the related literature

The format and documentation

Preparing bibliographies, annotated bibliographies

Preparing footnotes, endnotes and references, including abbreviations and other textual/ theoretical details

Article writing

Dissertation and Thesis writing

MLA and Other Styles

Plagiarism and ethical considerations

**Suggested Secondary Resources:**

Berg, B. *Qualitative Research Methods for the Social Sciences*. Boston: Allyn & Bacon. 1989.

Durant, A and N. Fabb, *Literary Studies in Action.* Routledge, 1990

Silverrman, David (ed.). *Qualitative Research: Theory, Method and Practice.* London: Sage. 1998

Pirie, D. *How to Write Critical Essays*.Methuen, 1985.

Research Methods book <https://edisciplinas.usp.br/pluginfile.php/2317618/mod_resource/content/1/BLOCO%202_Research%20Methods%20The%20Basics.pdf>

Literature Review video link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ny_EUJXHHs>

Writing abstract <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WRYchBAdllk>

Introduction theory <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4YY4CTSQ8nY&list=PLD00D35CBC75941BD&index=1>

Methodology <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hXLm3zZYhc0>

MLA style <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SG2pIUYUB9Y>