

Course Contents M.Phil Social Work

Advance Social Research Methodology

Course Code: **SW-31103**

Credit Hour: **3**

Objectives

This course is designed to provide students with the practical tools of doing social science research and the theoretical background for critiquing and designing research on social issues. This course focuses on quantitative and qualitative methods, engaging in a wide range of methods.

Contents:

1. Research defined
2. Families of research; qualitative and quantitative
3. Research approaches; action research, case study methods, experiments and surveys.
4. The research cycle/ process/ research methodology.
5. Research methods and research methodology
6. Research strategy: induction, deduction.
7. How to select and define your research topic
8. Literature review
9. Research designing

Mid Term Exams

10. Research techniques: tools of data collection
11. Gaining access to the field: covert research and overt researches
12. Correspondence: (Questionnaire: structure and formalities)
13. Discussions: interviews “reflexivity”’s structured interviews, unstructured and semi-structured interviews, focused group discussion
14. Ethno-methodology: participation and observations, roles adopted in ethno-methodology, advantages and disadvantages of different roles.
15. Documents: secondary sources.
16. Sampling issues: typology
17. Some basic statistics: measurement of central tendency
18. Data analysis./tabulation
19. Report writing
20. Bibliography and referencing

Final Term Exams

Recommended Books:

- Babbie, R. (2016). *The Basics of Social Research*. Boston: Cengage Learning.
- Bailey, K. (2007). *Methods of Social Research, 4th Edition*. New York: Free Press.
- Blaikie, N. (2009). *Designing Social Research*. Cambridge: Polity Press.
- Engel, R. J., & Schutt, R. K. (2016). *The Practice of Research in Social Work*. London: SAGE Publications.
- Hall, R. (2008). *Applied Social Research: Planning, Designing and Conducting Real-World Research*. South Yarra: Palgrave Macmillan.
- Kalof, L., Dan, A., & Dietz, T. (2008). *Essentials of Social Research*. Maidenhead, Berkshire: McGraw-Hill Companies, Incorporated.

May, T. (2011). *Social Research: Issues, Methods and Research*. Berkshire: McGraw-Hill Education.

Royse, D. (2016). *Research Methods in Social Work*. Belmont: Cognella Academic Publishing.

Thyer, B. (2010). *The Handbook of Social Work Research Methods*. London: SAGE Publications.