

SKILL BASED PAPERS FOR HONOURS

Honours Course: Skill Based I

Semester	Three
Paper Number	HPSSE3011T
Paper Title	Research Methodology I
No. of Credits	2
Theory/Composite	Theory
No. of periods assigned	Th: 2 Pr:
Name of Faculty member(s)	
Course description/objective	This course will introduce the students to the basic aspects of research in the social sciences with particular reference to political studies.
Syllabus	<p>Module I (40 marks)</p> <p>1. Fundamental issues in Research Methodology: concepts, variables, propositions and hypothesis; hypothesis construction and verification; measurement---scales: nominal, ordinal, interval, ratio. (5 lectures)</p> <p>2. Research design: definition, purpose of research, units of analysis---ecological fallacy and fallacy of reductionism, factors affecting research design. (5 lectures)</p> <p>3. Ethics in research---issues and problems. (2 lectures)</p> <p>Module II (40 marks)</p> <p>4. Sampling---definition, probability and non-probability sampling. (4 lectures)</p> <p>5. Statistical method: definition of statistical analysis; types of statistics--- descriptive and inferential; measures of central tendencies; measures of dispersion; graphic representation of data (bar graph, histogram, pie chart, ogives). (6 lectures)</p> <p>6. Sources and techniques of data collection---quantitative and qualitative data. (2 lectures)</p>
Texts	
Reading/Reference Lists	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Earl Babbie---(2004, 10th edition) The Practice of Social Research. 2. Therese L Baker---(1998, 3rd edition) Doing Social Research. 3. Leonard Cargan---(2007) Doing Social Research. 4. Gerard Guthrie---(2010) Basic Research Methods: An Entry to Social Science Research. 5. Matt Henn, Mark Weinstein, Nick Foard---(2009, 2nd edition) A Critical Introduction to Social Research. 6. W Lawrence Neuman---(2011, 7th edition) Social Research Methods: Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches.
Evaluation	<p>CIA: 20 End-Sem: 80 Short Notes: 2 out of 3 of 5marks each (2x5=10) Essay Type: 3 out of 4 (3X10= 30) (40 marks per module) 40+40 (Module I + Module II= 80) (80+20 CIA=100)</p>