

Course: Discipline Specific Core C06

Semester ____	3
Paper Number	HSOCR3061T
Paper Title	Sociological Research Methods I
No. of Credits	6
Theory/Composite	Theory
No. of periods assigned	5 + 1
Name of Faculty member(s)	
Course description/objective	<p>i) This module provides the foundation to understand the research methods which implies the use of research.</p> <p>ii) It also seeks to realize the scope of research and its relevance in social science.</p> <p>iii) It aims to teach the student about the different paradigms of social research, the processes of theory construction as well as familiarize students with quantitative methods of data collection i.e. sampling and survey.</p> <p>In short the thrust of this paper is to imbibe a sense of methodology and prepare the student in a way such that he/she would be able to examine evidence objectively.</p>
Syllabus	<p>Logic of social research (3 weeks)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is sociological research? • Paradigms: Positivist, Interpretive, Critical • Objectivity • Reflexivity <p>Conceptualization, Operationalization and Theory-building (2 weeks)</p> <p>Quantitative methods of data collection(3 weeks)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey method and Sampling

	<p>Social statistics(4 weeks)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Levels of measurement • Graphical and Diagrammatic Presentation of Data • Measures of central tendency • Measures of dispersion
Texts	
Reading/Reference Lists	<p>Henn, Matt et al. 2006. 'What is Social Research' in <i>A Short Introduction to Social Research</i>. New Delhi: Vistar Publications. pp: 7-25.</p> <p>Durkheim, E. 1958, <i>The Rules of Sociological Method</i>, New York: The Free Press, Chapter 1, 2 & 6 Pp. 1-46, 125-140</p> <p>Weber, Max. 1949, <i>The Methodology of the Social Sciences</i>, New York: The Free Press, Foreword and Chapter 2 Pp. 49-112</p> <p>Fook, J. (ed.) (1996) <i>The Reflective Researcher: Social Theories of Practice Research</i>. Sydney: Allen and Unwin</p> <p>Babbie, Earl. 2004. 'Conceptualization, Operationalization and Measurement' in <i>The Practice of Social Research</i>, 10th edition, Belmont: Wadsworth/Thomson, pp: 119-126, 132-138.</p> <p>Baker, Therese.1998. 'Operationalization and Measurement: From Concepts to Variables' in <i>Doing Social Research</i>, Boston, Madison, New York: Mc-Graw Hill, pp:102-122.</p> <p>Bailey, Kenneth. 1982. <i>Methods of Social Research</i>. Free Press. pp.38-43, 53-59.</p>

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