

Course Code	Course Name	Credits
26EN555	RESEARCH METHODOLOGY IN HUMANITIES	04

Course Objectives

- To introduce the fundamentals of research, including its meaning, types, approaches, and overall process.
- To develop the ability to identify, define, and analyze research problems across disciplines.
- To provide knowledge of research philosophy, literary inquiry, and discourse analysis in various fields.
- To equip students with skills in data collection methods (including AI-based tools) and use of academic resources.
- To train students in research ethics, interpretation, plagiarism awareness, and effective report writing with proper documentation styles.
- To train students in academic writing, documentation styles (especially MLA), and use of reference management tools like Mendeley.

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course it is intended that student will be able to:

- Demonstrate understanding of research concepts, methodologies, and the scientific research process.
- Formulate and evaluate research problems using appropriate techniques and approaches.
- Apply suitable data collection methods and effectively use library and digital resources.
- Analyze and interpret research data while adhering to ethical standards and avoiding plagiarism.
- Prepare well-structured research reports using proper academic writing conventions, citation styles (MLA), and reference management tools.
- Utilize tools like Mendeley for reference management and organization of research materials.

Unit 1 – Introduction (12 Hrs.)

Meaning and Objectives of Research, Types of Research, Research Approaches, Research Methods versus Methodology, Research and Scientific Method, Research Process, Criteria of Good Research, Problems Encountered by Researchers in India, Necessity of Defining the Research Problem, Technique Involved in Defining a Problem

Unit 2 – The Philosophy of Research and Disclosure Analysis (12 Hrs.)

Research in Literature, The nature of inquiry in Social Sciences and Humanities, The relationship between Scholarship, Criticism and Research. The Literary Object, Textual Criticism, Literary History. Modes of Discourse: Expository Discourse- Argumentative Discourse- Persuasive Discourse

Unit 3 - Data Collection (12 Hrs.)

Observation Method, Interview Method, Collection of Data through Questionnaires, Collection of Data through Schedules, Difference between Questionnaires and Schedules, AI driven data collection, Some Other Methods of Data Collection, Collection of Secondary Data, Selection of Appropriate Method for Data Collection, Case Study Method. Library Resources - Online sources - Web materials

Unit 4 – Interpretation and Plagiarism (12 Hrs.)

Meaning of Interpretation, Technique of Interpretation, and Precaution in Interpretation. Definition of Plagiarism, Consequences of Plagiarism, Unintentional Plagiarism, Forms of Plagiarism, Reusing a Research Paper, Collaborative Work, Research on Human Subjects, Copyright Infringement

Unit 5 - Report Writing (12 Hrs.)

Significance of Report Writing, Different Steps in Writing Report, Layout of Research Report, Types of Report, Mechanics and Precautions of Writing a research Report, Parenthetical Documentation, Mendeley for Reference Management, MLA Style (Latest Edition), Placement of the list of Works Cited, Citing Electronic Publications. Bibliography, Index Appendixes

References:

1. Kumar, Ranjit. *Research Methodology-A Step-by-Step Guide for Beginners*. SAGE Publications Ltd.India, 2010.
2. Kothari, C.R. *Research Methodology – Methods and Technique.*, New Age International Limited Publishers (Second Edition), 2017.
3. *MLA Handbook* Ninth Edition. The Modern Language Association of America, 2021.

COs and Bloom's Taxonomy Mapping – 26EN555

Course Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students will be able to	BTL
CO1	Explain advanced research concepts, methodologies, and the scientific research process.	K1, K2
CO2	Formulate and evaluate research problems using appropriate techniques and approaches.	K3, K5
CO3	Apply data collection methods and utilize academic, digital, and AI-based research tools effectively.	K3
CO4	Analyze and interpret research data while adhering to ethical standards and avoiding plagiarism.	K4
CO5	Develop well-structured research reports using MLA style and reference management tools like Mendeley.	K5, K6

BTL K1 and K2 – remembering and understanding, K3- Applying, K4 – Analyse, K5- Evaluate and K6- Create

Relationship Matrix – 26EN555

Course Outcomes	Programme Outcomes (POs)						Programme Specific Outcomes (PSOs)						Mean Score of Cos
	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5	PO6	PSO1	PSO2	PSO3	PSO4	PSO5	PSO6	
CO1	3	2	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1.42
CO2	3	2	3	3	1	2	3	2	3	2	1	2	2.25
CO3	2	2	3	2	3	1	2	2	3	2	2	3	2.25
CO4	2	2	3	3	2	3	2	3	3	2	2	3	2.50
CO5	2	3	2	3	3	3	2	2	3	3	3	3	2.67
Total													2.22

Mean Score: 3- High, 2- Medium/Moderate, 1-Low

