

Course Code	Course Name	Credits
26PL109	BASIC RESEARCH METHODS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE	04

Course Objectives

- To understand the basic concepts and types of research.
- To examine the process and importance of literature review in research.
- To analyse methods of collecting primary and secondary data.
- To develop skills in preparing and writing research proposals.

Learning Outcomes

After the completion of course, the students will be able to

- Understand what research is, why it matters, and the different types of research.
- Learn how to find, read, and review existing research and literature.
- Gain basic skills in collecting and using both primary and secondary data.
- Develop the ability to write a clear and structured research proposal.

Unit I: What is Research? (10 hrs)

Meaning and characteristics; Importance of research

Unit II: Types of Research (13 hrs)

Qualitative research; Quantitative research

Unit III: Review of Literature (12 hrs)

Functions of literature review; How to review a literature?

Unit IV: Data Collection (13 hrs)

Collection of primary data; Collection of secondary data

Unit V: Research Proposal (12 hrs)

Synopsis writing; Importance of research proposal

Suggested Readings:

1. Guthrie, Gerard. 2010. *Basic Research Methods: An Entry to Social Science Research*. New Delhi: Sage Publications.
2. Kothari, C.R. 2011. *Research Methodology: Methods and Techniques*, 2nd Edition, New Delhi: New Age International Publishers.
3. Kumar, Ranjit. 2011. *Research Methodology: A Step-by-Step Guide for Beginners*, 3rd Edition, New Delhi: Sage Publications.
4. Oliver, Paul. 2008. *Writing Your Thesis*, 2nd Edition. New Delhi: Sage Publications.
5. UCP. 2017. *The Chicago Manual of Style: The Essential Guide for Writers, Editors, and Publishers*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

COs and Bloom's Taxonomy Level (BTL) Mapping- 26PL109		
Course Outcomes	On completing U.G. program in Political Science the students will be able to	BTL
CO1	Understand the basic concepts, tools, and techniques in research and their importance in academic studies.	K1, K2
CO2	Develop skills in qualitative and quantitative data analysis and conduct an informed critique and analysis influencing both methods.	K2, K3, K4
CO3	Develop an understanding of the existing literature and relevant debates on the study area and present the knowledge in the form of any gaps in the literature and alternative viewpoints.	K2, K4, K6
CO4	Develop theoretical and practical skills in the collection of data as well as analyzing both primary and secondary data to assess political phenomena and to construct arguments on different policies and programmes.	K2, K3, K4, K6
CO5	Demonstrate the ability to present the research topic area and its importance based on the literature source and suggest data for solving the questions.	K2, K3, K5, K6

BTL K1 and K2 – Remembering and Understanding, K3- Applying, K4 – Analyse, K5- Evaluate and K6- Create

Relationship Matrix- 26PL109													
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	3	3	2	2	3	3	3	2	2	3	3	2.7
CO2	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	2	2.8
CO3	3	3	3	1	2	2	3	2	3	3	3	3	2.6
CO4	3	3	3	2	2	2	3	3	2	3	3	3	2.7
CO5	3	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2.9
												Total	2.74

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