

CENTRE FOR INNER ASIAN STUDIES
SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Course	: Ph.D
Course No.	:
Course Title	: Research Methodology
Course Type	: Compulsory
Course Teacher	: Dr. Mahesh Ranjan Debata
Credits	: 04 (Two)
Contact hours	: 04 hrs per week

Course Objectives:

The importance of Research Methodology has been ironically felt as it is an essential part of curriculum in almost all educational institutions across the globe, including India. It sets the stepping stone to do academic research to have a proper understanding of the society, besides bringing structural change in the life of people by studying more about the social situations. It paves way for critical discourse analysis in the realm of International Relations and Area Studies as well.

This course aims at introducing to Doctoral research scholars of the Centre to effectively and critically read, understand and evaluate research; to understand fundamental relations between theory and method in social science research; and to be able to formulate and articulate answerable research questions and to develop appropriate empirical procedures to answer them, so as to be better prepared to successfully conduct and report research for their Doctoral theses.

Learning Outcomes:

The broad methodological issues in social sciences research with particular reference to International Relations and Area Studies would suffice to the needs of Doctoral research scholars of the Centre. Through this course, research scholars will be trained in both qualitative and quantitative research techniques, which would help them, carrying out their research works.

Evaluation Methods:

Class Assignment (Book Review) & End Semester Examination

Course Content:

1. Defining Social Science Research

Definition; Goals and Objectives of Social Science Research; Characteristics; Functions of Research; different kinds of research; significance of research; limitations of social science research

2. Theories, Facts and Concepts

Importance of Theories and facts in research; definitions; role and functions; concept and its definition

3. Synopsis/Dissertation/Thesis Writing

Writing Research Proposal; Selection of Research Topic; Defining a Research Problem; Sources of Selecting Research Topics; Review of Literature; Developing/formulating research questions; References/Bibliography; Footnotes/endnotes/in-text notes/analytical notes

Readings:

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Leavy, Patricia (2017), *Research Design*, NY & London: The Guilford Press.

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