

**Paper I: Research Methodology****Credit Units: 04****Course Objective:**

The objectives of the course is

- To familiarizing scholars with the various issues involved in research and to impart an in-depth knowledge of the research process.
- To equip the scholars with the various tools used to analyze the collected data and help them in interpreting the results.

**Detailed Syllabus:**

<b>Module</b>	<b>Course Content</b>	<b>Periods</b>
<b>I</b>	<b>Introduction to Research:</b> Overview of Research - Meaning, Types, Objectives of Research, Research Process. Research problem identification, Literature survey, Research Design: Exploratory Research Design- Using Secondary Data, Qualitative Research, Descriptive Research Design - Survey and Observation methods, Causal Research Design - Experimentation and conditions for causality, Ethics in Research.	<b>12</b>
<b>II</b>	<b>Sampling &amp; Scaling:</b> Sampling: Sampling Concepts, Probability and Non-Probability Sampling Designs, Sample Size Determination. Errors in Sampling Measurement and Scaling: Scales of Measurement, Comparative and Non-Comparative scaling techniques, Reliability & Validity of Scale, Questionnaire and Form Design, Fieldwork and Data Preparation	<b>12</b>
<b>Group A</b>		
<b>III</b>	<b>Data Analysis and Hypothesis Testing:</b> Descriptive Statistics, Inferential Statistics, Hypothesis formulation and Testing: t test- One sample, two sample, paired, Z test, F test, Analysis of Variance (ANOVA), Regression, Multiple Regression, Non- Parametric Tests-Chi-square tests, Sign tests, Mann-Whitney U Test, Normality test, Cronbach's Alpha.	<b>14</b>
<b>IV</b>	<b>Advanced Data Analysis:</b> Overview of Advanced Analysis, Factor analysis, Cluster analysis, Conjoint analysis and Multi-Dimensional Scaling. Introduction to SEM. Use of MS-Excel and SPSS in Research. Report Writing and Presentation-Form and Contents of Research Report, Layout, Qualities of a good research report, Bibliography and Referencing.	<b>10</b>
<b>Group B</b>		
<b>III</b>	Legal Research Methodology, Evolution and Motivating factors in Legal Research, Purpose, Steps in Legal Research, Models of Legal Research, Doctrinal and Non-Doctrinal Research, Case Study Method, Induction and Deduction Method, Data Analysis, Research Report, Current trends of Legal Research in India- Socio-Legal trend.	<b>12</b>
<b>IV</b>	Report Writing, Referencing & Citation a) Report Writing—Academic format (Manuscript), Developing a report outline, Report planning, Writing a report  b) Style Guide— Formalized standards for writing documents • MLA • APA • Chicago Referencing and Citation styles -- Citation and referencing Guidelines and rules, Manuscript structure, Preventing Plagiarism, Mechanics of Writing	<b>12</b>

<b>Group C</b>		
<b>III</b>	<b>Data Analysis and Hypothesis Testing:</b> Univariate and Bivariate Analysis, Hypothesis formulation and Testing: t test- One sample, two sample, paired, Z test, F test, Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) - One way and Two way ANOVA, Regression, Multiple Regression. Non- Parametric Tests-Chi-square tests, sign tests, Mann-Whitney U Test, K S one Sample Test, Cronbach's Alpha	<b>14</b>
<b>IV</b>	<b>Advanced Data Analysis:</b> Overview of Advanced Analysis, , Factor analysis, Cluster analysis, Conjoint analysis and Discriminant analysis. Use of MS-Excel and software in Research. Report Writing and Presentation-Form and Contents of Research Report, Layout, Qualities of a good research report, Bibliography and Referencing.	<b>10</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>48</b>

**Text Books:**

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- Chawla, D. & Sondhi, N. (2015). *Research Methodology-Concepts and Cases*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. Noida: Vikash Publishing House.

**Reference Books:**

- Verma, S. K. and Wani, M. A. (2001). *Legal Research and Methodology*. New Delhi: Indian Law Institute,
- Malhotra, N. K. & Dash, S. (2012). *Marketing Research: An applied Orientation*. 6<sup>th</sup> Edition. Noida: Pearson Publications.
- *Concise Rules of APA Style*. (2010). American Psychological Association. Language, Arts and Disciplines.
- *The Chicago Manual of Style*. (2003). University of Chicago Press

**Course Outcome:**

On completion of the course, the scholars will be able to understand various issue involved in a research process. They will be able to use the various tools to analyze the data to draw meaningful conclusion.

*Note:*

1. The 1<sup>st</sup> two Units (i.e. UNIT-I & UNIT-II) of the Syllabus is common for all RGU Scholars
2. The next two Units (i.e. UNIT-III & UNIT-IV) is applicable as per the following:
  - a. Group A: For Scholars of belonging to Humanities & Social Science (i.e. RSB, RSC, RSHSS, RSBAS and related Schools)
  - b. Group B: For Scholars of belonging to Arts, Language and Mass Communication (i.e. RSL, RSLA, RSCOM & RSFA and related Schools)
  - c. Group C: For Scholars of belonging to Science & Engineering (i.e. RSET, RSIT, RSAPS, RSA, RSBSC, RSLSC and related Schools)

**Paper II: Computer Applications and Research & Publication Ethics****Credit Units: 04****Objective:** The objectives of the course are

- To give the students the basic idea about Computer Systems.
- To give the students idea about internet for research purpose.
- To give the student basic idea about research publishing tools and software.
- To spread awareness about the publication ethics and publication misconducts.

**Course Outcomes:**

After completion of the course the students are expected to

- Have the basic idea about Computer Systems and its various components.
- Have the idea about issues related to programming and its implementation.
- Have the idea about different computer software and its use in research.
- Have the idea about publication ethics and publication misconducts.

**DETAILED SYLLABUS**

Mod ules	Topics	Course content	Ho urs	Mar ks
I	Computer Fundamentals	<p>Computer basics :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Algorithm, characteristics and generation of computers</li> <li>• components, data representation, input output units,</li> <li>• Computer memory and its organization,</li> <li>• Programming languages, compiler, interpreter, high, low and assembly language</li> </ul> <p>Operating System &amp; Database :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• need, functions, types of OS</li> <li>• basics of open source software</li> <li>• Traditional file based system, need and functions of database</li> <li>• DDL,DML, Basics Normalization</li> </ul> <p>Computer Network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Networking basics and its need, communication media</li> <li>• LAN, MAN, WAN, Topology, OSI layer</li> <li>• Internet, intranet, WWW, email, eBooks and virtual library.</li> <li>• UGC infonet, INFLIBNET and ERNET, role of computer in research</li> </ul>	9	16
II	Philosophy and Ethics	<p>Introduction to philosophy: definition, nature and scope, concept, branches</p> <p>Ethics: Definition, moral philosophy, nature of moral judgements and reactions</p> <p>Scientific conduct :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ethics with respect to science and research,</li> <li>• Intellectual honesty and research integrity,</li> <li>• Scientific misconducts : Falsification, Fabrication and Plagiarism,</li> <li>• Redundant publications: duplicate and overlapping publications, salami Slicing,</li> <li>• selective reporting and misrepresentations of data</li> </ul>	9	17

III	Publication Ethics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Definition, introduction and Importance</li> <li>• Best Practices / Standards setting and guidelines : COPE, WAVE, etc</li> <li>• Conflicts of Interest</li> <li>• Publication misconduct : Definition , concept, problems that led to unethical behaviour and vice versa, types</li> <li>• Violation of publication ethics, authorship and contributor ship</li> <li>• Identification of publication misconduct, complaints and appeals</li> <li>• Predatory publishers and journals</li> </ul>	9	17
IV	Practices	<p>Practices on computer fundamentals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working with Linux</li> <li>• Research Publication, calculation and presentation tool : Word, Excel &amp; PowerPoint, Latex ,</li> <li>• Data analysis software : SPSS, Python</li> </ul> <p>Software tools :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of Plagiarism software like Turnitin, Urkund and other open source software</li> </ul> <p>Databases and Research matrices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indexing databases,</li> <li>• Citation databases: web of science, Scopus etc.</li> </ul> <p>Research Matrices :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Impact Factor of Journal as per Journal Citation Report, SNIP, SJR, IPP, Cite Score</li> <li>• Metrics : h-index, g index, i10 index, altmetrics</li> </ul> <p>Practices on Open Access Publishing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open access publishing and initiatives</li> <li>• SHERPA/RoMEO online resource to check publisher copyright &amp; self-archiving policies.</li> <li>• Software tool to identify predatory publications developed by SPPU</li> <li>• Journal finder/ journal suggestion tools viz. JANE, Elsevier journal finder, Springer, Journal Suggester etc.</li> </ul> <p>Group Discussion :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Subject specific Ethical Issues, FFP, authorship</li> <li>• Conflicts of interest</li> <li>• Complaints and Appeals : Examples and Fraud from India and abroad</li> </ul>	18	50
<b>Total</b>			<b>48</b>	<b>100</b>

**Text/Reference Books:**

1. Computer fundamentals by Pradip K. Singha and Priti Singha (BPB Publication)
2. Microsoft Office System 2012 edition (PHI publication)