

Department of Economics

Skill Enhancement Course for CBCS (Hons)

SEC-III: Research Methodology

This course is designed to help undergraduate students appreciate, learn and practice data-based research skills that will help them in writing term papers, project reports etc in their Discipline and Generic Elective courses.

- I. Nature of research
- II. Formulating the research topic
- III. Review of literature
- IV. Approaches to research and research strategy
- V. Research Ethics
- VI. Using secondary data
- VII. Using primary data – collecting data through observation/ interviews / questionnaire
- VIII. Sample selection methods
- IX. Analyzing data
- X. Writing Project Report – Referencing Styles

Note: Internal assessment for this course will include a research paper or project report

Suggested Readings :

1. Ranjit Kumar (2014), *Research Methodology: A Step-by-Step Guide for Beginners*, 4th Edition, Sage Publications.
2. Uwe Flick (2012), *Introducing Research Methodology: A Beginner's Guide to Doing a Research Project*, Sage Publications.
3. Bethlehem, J. (2009), *Applied Survey Methods: A Statistical Perspective*, Wiley.
4. Cochran, William, G. (2008), *Sampling Techniques*, Third Edition, Wiley-India, ISBN 978-81-265-1524-0. Reprint: 2008.
5. Groves, R. M., Fowler, F. J., Couper, M. P., Lepkowski, J. M., Singer, E. and Tourangeau, R. (2009). *Survey Methodology*, Wiley.