

Programme: Ph.D., in Law
Title of the Course: Research Methodology
Course Code: LLM-700
Number of Credits: 4
Effective from Academic Year: 2024-2025

Course prerequisites	Enrolment in the Ph.D. in Law	
Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To identify and discuss the role, importance of social science research in the study and analyse the issues, concepts relevant to the research. 2. To comprehend the complex issues inherent in selecting a research problem, applying an appropriate research design, and implementing a research project. 3. To understand and apply the tools in collection, interpretation of data and report writing 	
Content	<p>Module 1: Introduction to Research & Legal Research</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Definition, meaning, Objectives and significance of Research 2. Scientific Methods of Research and its Characteristics 3. Types of Research – Theoretical v Empirical, Descriptive v Analytical, Fundamental v Applied, Qualitative v Quantitative and Historical v Action Research 4. Concept of Critical Thinking in research <p>Legal Research</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Definition, Objectives of Legal Research 2. Significance of Legal Research 3. Use of Library and e-resources in Research and significance 4. Induction and deduction methods in scientific research 	15 hours
	<p>Module 2: Methods and Stages of Legal Research</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Doctrinal or Empirical Research Methods; characteristics, Merits and De-merits 2. Survey Method: Census and Sample Survey 3. Case study method 4. Historical and Ethnographic Methods <p>Stages in Legal Research</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research Problem: Identification and Defining; steps in problem formulation, significance of Research Problem; Rationale of study 2. Review of Literature & Identification of Research Gaps; significance of Review of Literature; steps in Review of Literature 3. Hypothesis: Meaning and Importance; Formulation and types; Sources of Good Hypothesis, characteristics of Good Hypothesis 4. Research Design: Working out a Research Design, Types of Research Design and significance 	15 hours

	<p>Module 3: Devising Tools and Techniques for Data Collection</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Primary data – sources - Observation, Interview, Questionnaire, Schedule 2. Secondary data - Sources of secondary data 3. Methods for the Collection of Statutory and Case Materials and Juristic Literature 4. Use of Historical and Comparative Research Materials 5. Use of Case Studies <p>Sampling</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Sampling Procedures - Design of Sample, Importance and advantages b. Types of Sampling to be adopted 	15 hours
	<p>Module 4: Analysis and Interpretation of Data</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Analysis of data, legal inputs in analysis – b) Tabulation of data, - Use of Cards for Data Collection – Rules for Tabulation, Explanation of Tabulated Data, Use of graphs, statistics in research c) Simple methods or Mean and Mode methods in interpretation of data, Use of scaling techniques d) Jurimetrics <p>Computerized Research</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) A study of Legal Research Programmes such as Lexis Nexis and West Law coding b) Internet material and its application in legal research c) Library and its use in legal research <p>Research Report</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Parts of a Report, Contents of report, b) Steps in preparing the report in general, Rules of Citation 	15 hours
Pedagogy	The course will be studied through teaching-learning approach. However, the instructor may imbibe the practical aspects of research by a project-based method which will help the learners in implementing the concepts learned through theory	
Recommended readings	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Good & Hatt (1952), Methods in Social Research, New York: Mc Graw Hill Book Co., 2. Young, Pauline. V (1973), Scientific Social Surveys & Research, Delhi, Prince Hall of India Pvt Ltd. 3. Upendra Baxi (1975), Socio-Legal Research in India: A Programs Chirift, ICSSR, 12, Occasional Monograph 4. Ervin H. Pollock (1967), Fundamentals of Legal Research. 5. Goode William J., and Hatt Paul K., Methods in Social Research, McGraw-Hill Book Company, London (1981) 6. Harward Law Review Association, The Blue Book: A uniform system of Citation, 18th Edition (2008) 	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. S.K. Verma and M. Afzal Wani, Legal Research and Methodology, 2nd Edition, ILI Publication (2009) 8. The Craft of Research by Wayne C. Booth, Joseph Williams, and Gregory G. Colomb, fourth edition, 2016. 9. Research Design: Qualitative, Quantitative and Mixed Approaches, John W. Crewel, 4th Edition, 2014. 10. Qualitative Inquiry and Research Design: Choosing among Five Approaches, John W. Creswell, 3rd edition, 2016 11. The Research Methods Knowledge Base, by William M.K. Trochim and James P. Donnelly, 3rd Edition, 2016 12. The SAGE Handbook of Qualitative Research (Sage Handbooks) by Norman K. Denzin and Yvonna S. Lincoln, 4th Edition, 2018 13. Research Methodology, by R. Panneerselvam, second edition, PHI Learning 14. Handbook of Research Methodology by Dr. Shanti Bhushan Mishra, Dr. Shashi Alok, first edition, 2017, Educreation 15. Research Methodology, Methods and Techniques, C.R. Kothari, New Age International Ltd Publishers, 1994 16. Research Methodology: Methods and Techniques, Dr. R.K. Jain, Special Edition, 2021, Vayu Education of India. 17. . Research Methodology: Methods and Techniques by C.R. Kothari and Gaurav Garg, 4th Edition, New Age International Publishers. 18. Legal Research Methodology, Dr. H.N. Tiwari, 2016, Allahabad Law Agency
Additional readings	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Whitney- The elements of Research 2. Sellitiz, Jahoda (1965) Research Methods in Social Relations (Great Britatin, Methuen and Co.) 3. Festinger L., Katz David. (1970), Research Methods in Behavioral Sciences (Delhi Amering Publication) 4. Madge, John (1962), Tools of Social Sciences (N.Y. Free Press) 5. Lin Nan (1976) Foundations of Social Research (McGraw Hill Book Co., New York).
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will be able to analyse and explain key research concepts and issues and comprehend, and write accurately research articles in their academic discipline. 2. Will be able to demonstrate the ability to choose methods appropriate to research aims and objectives and develop advanced critical thinking skills. 3. Will be able to understand and apply the methods in collection of research data, sampling and analysis of data collected. 4. Will be able to test the hypothesis and organize the thesis.