



# VINAYAKA MISSION'S RESEARCH FOUNDATION

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## Faculty of Arts Ph.D Program English

### RESEARCH METHODOLOGY- SYLLABUS

**Total Hours:60**

**Credits:4**

#### **Unit-I Research Methods**

Meaning of Research-Objectives of Research-Motivation in Research – Types of Research – Significance of Research –Research and Scientific Method– Criteria of good Research – Problem Encountered by Researchers in India – What is Research Problem? Selecting the Problem – Defining the Problem – Technique involved in Defining the Problem- Research Design – Different research design – Basic principles of Experimental Designs – Significance of Report Writing – Different Steps in writing Report – Layout of the Research Report – Types of Reports – Oral Presentation Mechanics of Writing a Research Report – Precautions for Writing Research Reports-Research metrics and Indexing.

#### **Unit-II Mechanics of Writing**

Spacing, indentation and margin – Methodology in Bibliographical entries – names of persons, common and Latin abbreviations – Use of Acronyms and Alphabetism in the body- punctuations – Titles of works – Direct and in direct quotations – Ellipsis marks –Significance of round and square brackets, and underlining Use of (sic) in quotations.

#### **Unit- III Format of Empirical Thesis**

Experimental and Practical research-Purpose and significance of Empirical thesis –Choosing a field- Formulation of hypothesis – If experimental, at laboratories – new findings remaining unknown – If practical, preparing questionnaire on the basis of hypothesis – Collection of data through on the spot study – Findings by applying statistics – Arriving at a conclusion – Suggestions and recommendations. Computer applications in language research.



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## **Unit – IV Introduction to Theoretical Perspectives**

Background to Contemporary Literary Theory, Russian Formalism, New Criticism, Feminism, Structuralism, Marxism, Modernism, Post-Modernism and Post-Colonialism

## **Unit – V Research and Publication Ethics (Theory) (15 Hours)**

### **PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS:(3 Hours)**

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#### Unit – III Bioinformatics

Biological data bases – DNA sequence data bases & protein sequence data bases.Genome database – Mouse genome database.SRS-Similarity searching pair-wise sequence alignment – BLAST,FASTA.Dynamic programming – local and global alignment,Needlemanalignment.Multiple sequence alignment – Phylogeny.Structure database – Secondary structure prediction, Chou feat pass man,Neural network methods.Predicting 3 dimensional folds (Threading),Homology modeling,Molecular docking.

#### Unit – IV Biostatistics

Principles and practice of statistical methods in biological research – Data collection,presentation of Data – Measures of central tendency – Mean,Median,Mode,Correlation co-



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efficient, Standard deviation, student 't' test, chi-square test. Analysis of variance (ANOVA) and its uses. Basics of computers – types, servers, operating systems – Windows, UNIX and Linux. Finding scientific articles – Pubmed. Outline of SPSS and Mathematica.

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Collection of Data : Primary Data –Meaning, Secondary data –Meaning–Relevance's, limitations and cautions. Data Collection methods: Interview; Observation; Questionnaire, Developing tools –Validity (internal & external), Reliability of the tools. Meaning of Interpretations Techniques of Interpretation, Precautions in Interpretations, Data Processing; Coding, tabulations, classifications.

### **Unit – III Bioethics&Statistical Analysis**

Bioethics: Introduction, Animal rights and animal laws in India, Prevention of cruelty to animals Act1960, Biodiversity Act 2003. Concept of 3 R – conservation (Refined- to minimize suffering, Reduced –to minimize animals, Replaced – modern tools and alternate means) Animal use in research and education ,Laboratory animal use, care and welfare, animal protection initiatives- animal welfare board of India, CDSCO,CPCSEA, ethical commitment. Working with human: consent, harm, risk and benefits.

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Statistical analysis using MS office -Excel, SPSS, Epi –info, R Software, onlinesoftwares, Research management tools like Zotero /Mendeley.

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#### **Unit – III Separation Techniques**

Centrifugation-preparative and analytical,ultracentrifugation,density gradientcentrifugation.Principles and applications of gel – filtration,ion-exchange,affinitychromatography;Thin layer and gas chromatography;High pressure liquid (HPLC) Chromatography,HPTLC,GC-MS,LC-MS.Electrophoresis – Principle,types and applications – PAGE (proteins),Agarose Gel Electrophoresis (Nucleic acids),Pulse field Gel Electrophoresis (PFGE),Two dimensional electrophoresis (IEF).



#### **Unit – IV Computing and Networking**

Introduction to computers and computing – hardware, Basic organization of a computer, CPU, Main memory, Secondary storage, I/O device, Software, System and application software. Online search of Chemistry databases, e- journals, search engines for chemistry, chemweb.

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#### Unit – IIIStatistical Methods

Interpolation – significance of interpolation – methods of interpolation – Binomial method – Newton's method – Newton's forward form – Newton's backward form –Finite differences – Lagrange's method – theoretical distribution – Binomial – Poisson – hypergeometric and normal distributions – data fitting-principle of least squares – fitting a straight line – curve fitting – Chi square test – conditions for applying Chi square test – uses and limitations.

#### Unit – IV Introduction to Computing

Introduction to computers and computing – hardware, Basic organization of a computer, CPU, Main memory, Secondary storage, I/O device, Software, System and application software. Programming in C: Constants – Variables – Data types – Operators and Expressions –



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## **Faculty of Science Ph.D Program**

### **COMPUTER SCIENCE**

#### **RESEARCH METHODOLOGY –SYLLABUS**

**Total Hours: 60**

**Credits:4**

#### **Unit-I Research Methods**

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#### **Unit – II Algorithms and Analysis**

Elementary data Structures, Greedy method: Knapsack problem – Job sequencing with deadlines – Optimal merge patterns, Dynamic programming: Multistage graphs – Optimal binary search trees – 0/1 knapsack – Reliability design – the traveling salesperson problem – Flow shop scheduling, Basics search and traversal techniques: The techniques code Optimization – Biconnected components and depth – first search. Backtracking: The 8 – Queen s problem – Sum of subsets – Hamiltonian cycles –Knapsack problem.

#### **Unit – III Software Engineering**

Software Engineering process paradigms – Project management – Process and Project Metrics – Software estimation – Empirical estimation models – Planning – Risk analysis – Software project scheduling. Requirements Analysis and Design: Prototyping – Specification – Analysis modeling – Software design – Abstraction – Modularity – Software Architecture – Effective modular design – Cohesion and Coupling – Architecture design and Procedural design – Data flow oriented design – design patterns. User interface design – Human Computer Interface design – Interface design – Interface standards. Programming languages and coding – Language classes – Code documentation – Code



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efficiency – Software configuration Management-real time systems– Reverse Engineering and Re-engineering – CASE tools – Projects management,tools – analysis and design tools – Programming tools – integration and testing tools – clean room software engineering.

## **Unit- IV Analytical Methods (Omit Theorem and Proof)**

Introduction – types of correlation – scatter diagram method – correlation graph method –coefficient of correlation – Spearman's Rank correlation coefficient – coefficient of concurrent deviation – correlation coefficient by the method of least square – Error of the coefficient of correlation – coefficient of determination. Introduction – graphic methods for studying regression – algebraic method of studying regression – Regression equation in case of correlation table – standard error of estimate – ratio of estimate.

## **Unit – V Research and Publication Ethics (Theory)(15 Hours)**

### **PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS:(3 Hours)**

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predatory publications developed by SPPU 4. Journal finder/journal suggestion tools viz. JANE, Elsevier Journal Finder, Springer Journal Suggested, etc.

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Direct and gradient based methods for constrained and unconstrained optimization problems.

#### Unit – III Applied Mathematics

Fundamental properties of eigen values and eigen functions for symmetric kernels, Hilbert Schmidt theorem and some immediate consequences, solutions of integral equations with symmetric kernels.

#### Unit – IV Computational Methods

Numerical solution of linear and nonlinear ordinary differential equations, numerical solution of linear partial differential equations.

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# **Faculty of Science Ph.D Program**

## **MICROBIOLOGY**

### **RESEARCH METHODOLOGY –SYLLABUS**

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#### **Unit – III Separation Techniques**

Centrifugation-preparative and analytical,ultracentrifugation,density gradientcentrifugation.Principles and applications of gel – filtration,ion-exchange,affinitychromatography;Thin layer and gas chromatography;High pressure liquid (HPLC) Chromatography,HPTLC,GC-MS,LC-MS.Electrophoresis – Principle,types and applications – PAGE (proteins),Agarose Gel Electrophoresis (Nucleic acids),Pulse field Gel Electrophoresis (PFGE),Two dimensional electrophoresis (IEF).Microbial Identification System (MIS).

#### **Unit – IV Biostatistics**

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efficient, Standard deviation, student 't' test, chi-square test. Analysis of variance (ANOVA) and its uses. Basics of computers – types, servers, operating systems – Windows, UNIX and Linux. Finding scientific articles – Pubmed. Outline of SPSS and Mathematica.

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## Faculty of Science Ph.D Program ZOOLOGY

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#### **Unit – III**

Test of significance: Parametric and Non-Parametric tests.Parametric tests –t test,F test and Z test – Non Parametric tests – U Test, Kruskal Wallis, Sign test – Multivariate Analysis – Factor analysis,Clusteranalysis,MDS,Discriminate Analysis Correlation and Regression analyses – Statistical Packages and its Applications – Other Tools of Model Building.

#### **Unit – IV**



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Analysis and Interpretation – Significance – Points to be noted in Analysis and Interpretation – Report Writing-Layout of the Report – Types of Report – Steps in writing the Report – Foot note-Bibliography.

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## Faculty of Engineering & Technology

### Ph.D Program

### Engineering & Technology

### RESEARCH METHODOLOGY -

### SYLLABUS

Total Lecture Hours :60

Credits: 4

#### **UNIT I –Objectives and types of research**

Definition of Research – Importance, limitations - Motivation and objectives – Research methods vs. Methodology. Types of research – Descriptive vs. Analytical, Applied vs. Fundamental, Quantitative vs. Qualitative, Conceptual vs. Empirical, concept of applied and basic research process, criteria of good research.

#### **UNIT II - Research Formulations and Design**

Defining and formulating the research problem, selecting the problem, necessity of defining the problem, importance of literature review in defining a problem, literature review-primary and secondary sources, reviews, monograph, patents, research databases, web as a source, searching the web, critical literature review, identifying gap areas from literature and research database, development of working hypothesis.

#### **UNIT III – Data Collection and Analysis**

Computer and its role in research, Effective use of Internet, Execution of the research - Observation and Collection of data - Methods of data collection – Sampling Methods- Data Processing and Analysis strategies - Data Analysis with Statistical Packages (Sigma STAT, SPSS for student t-test, ANOVA, etc.), - Hypothesis-testing -Generalization and Interpretation.

#### **UNIT-IV - Reporting and thesis writing**

Structure and components of scientific reports -Types of report – Technical reports and thesis – Significance – Different steps in the preparation – Layout, structure and Language of typical reports – Illustrations and tables- Bibliography, referencing and footnotes - Oral presentation – Planning – Preparation –Practice – Making presentation – Use of visual aids - Importance of effective



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communication.

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## Faculty of Nursing Ph.D Program Research Methodology - Syllabus

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**Credits:4**

### **Unit-I Research Methods**

Meaning of Research, Objectives of Research, Motivation in Research, Types of Research, Significance of Research, Research and Scientific Method, Criteria of good Research, Problem Encountered by Researchers in India

#### **Research Problem**

Selecting the Problem, Defining the Problem, Techniques involved in Defining the Problem

#### **Literature search using databases**

#### **Research Design**

Different research designs: Quantitative, Qualitative and Mixed Method designs. Basic principles of Experimental Designs.

#### **Construction and Validation of Scales and Tools**

**Data Collection Methods:** Quantitative, Qualitative and Mixed methods.

#### **Significance of Report Writing**

Different Steps in writing Report, Layout of the Research Report, Types of Reports Oral Presentation, Mechanics of Writing a Research Report, Precautions for Writing Research Reports.

### **Unit II Systematic Reviews, Scoping Reviews, Meta-Analysis & Meta Synthesis**

Meaning and its significance, Steps of conducting reviews, Protocol for writing and reporting.

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## **Unit- IV Biostatistics**

Principles and practice of statistical methods in biological research: Data Compilation / Coding,  
Presentation of Data

### **Quantitative and Qualitative data Analysis**

**Descriptive Statistics:** Measures of central tendency, Measures of Variability

**Inferential Statistics:** Parametric and Non-Parametric Test.

### **Basics of computers:**

- Types
- Servers
- Operating systems: Windows, UNIX & Linux.

**Data Analysis Software** - Outline of SPSS, MAXQDA and Mathematica

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**Faculty of Physiotherapy**

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