



HIMACHAL PRADESH NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, SHIMLA

SEMESTER- I

LL.M (One Year Programme)

PAPER CODE: LM-101

COURSE TITLE: Research Methods & Methodology

CREDITS-04

A- COURSE-CONTENT

MODULE-I

SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH METHODS

- 1.1. Evolution of Social Science Study Methods: Plato, Aristotle, St. Aquinas etc.
- 1.2. Socratic Methods: Argument/Dialogue, Critical thinking etc., and Metaphysics: Plato, Hegel, and Kant
- 1.3. Positivism: Rene Descartes, Francis Bacon, Galileo, Newton, Thomas Kuhn etc.
- 1.4. Dialectics: Hegel, Marx, Trotsky etc.,
- 1.5. Deconstructions, archaeological and genealogical methods

MODULE-II

SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH DESIGN & TYPES

- 2.1 Research Design: Concept, Meaning, Importance & Types of Research Design: Exploratory, Experimental, Descriptive, Diagnostic.
- 2.2 Qualitative and Quantitative Research
- 2.3 Literature Review
- 2.4 Hypothesis and its type
- 2.5 Formation of research Proposal

MODULE-III

TOOLS & TASKS IN SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH

- 3.1 Sampling: Definition, Importance and Types
- 3.2 Techniques of data collection:
 - (a) Interview Schedule: Features, Advantages, disadvantages, Types & Process
 - (b) Questionnaire: Important Steps, Advantages, disadvantages & Types
 - (c) Observation: Importance and Types
 - (d) Case Study: Features, Sources, Advantages, disadvantages & Types
- 3.3 Theory Building and Causal Inferences
- 3.4 SPSS
- 3.5 Quantitative Data Analysis, Data Editing, Coding, Data entry and Tabulation and Hypothesis testing.

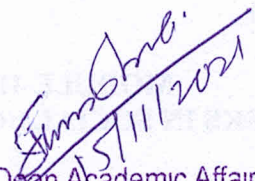
MODULE-IV LEGAL WRITING

- 4.1 Components of Dissertation/Thesis
- 4.2 Organisation of Research work: Chapters, Heading, Writing Style
- 4.3 Summary of results and Conclusion
- 4.4 Different Mode of Citation, Footnotes, Endnotes & Bibliography
- 4.5 Plagiarism

List of Books:

(A) Prescribed Books:

1. Thomas Kuhn, *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions* (1962).
2. Fritjof Capra & Pier Luigi Luisi, *The Systems View of Life: A Unifying Vision* Ch.1, (2014).
3. Immanuel Kant, *The Metaphysics of Morals* (Cambridge Texts in the History of Philosophy, 2017).
4. J. S. Mill, *A System of Logic, Ratiocinative and Inductive: Being a Connected View of the Principles of Evidence, and the Methods of Scientific Investigation*, Ch. Introduction, (Cambridge University Press, 2011).
5. Leon Trotsky, *The ABC of Materialist Dialectics* (Extract from A Petty-Bourgeois Opposition in the Socialist Workers Party, 1939).
6. Metaphysics, Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy; Available at: <https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/metaphysics/#ProMetOldMet>
7. Garry King *et. al.*, *Designing Social Inquiry: Scientific Inference in Qualitative Research* (1994).
8. Kenneth D. Bailey, *Methods of Social Research* (1978).
9. Finch Emily and Fafinski, *Legal Skills*, (Oxford University Press, 2017).
10. Pauline V.Young, *Scientific Social Surveys and Research: An Introduction To The Background, Content, Methods And Analysis Of Social Studies* (2012).
11. S. K. Verma & M. Afzal Wani, *Indian Law Institute's Legal Research & Methodology* (2001).


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