



**GOKUL GLOBAL UNIVERSITY, SIDDHPUR.**

**FACULTY OF LAW**



**Program:** Master of Law (LL.M)

**Branch:** ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

**Year** : 2022-23

**Semester:** I

**Course title:** Research Methods and Legal Writings **Course code:** FLLM110101

**Course type:** Compulsory **Course credit:** 03

**Pre-requisite** : Graduation in Law, Basic understanding of research and data analysis

**Rationale** : Being an academic degree, research component is must in PG course of study.  
Particularly legal research enhances the professional skill of an individual.

**Teaching Examination Scheme:**

Teaching (Hours/week)			Examination Scheme		
Lecture	Tutorial	Practical	Internal	External	Total
3	0	0	CE		
			40	60	100

**Course Objective :**

- (a) To acquaint the students with scientific methods of social science research.
- (b) To provide the knowledge of the technique of empirical and doctrinal research.
- (c) To emphasize on practical training of the research through clinical research projects.

**Course Outcome :**

The student shall be able to

- (i) develop a scientific approach to socio legal problems
- (ii) design and execute different types of research problems
- (iii) develop practical skill in conducting research
- (iv) develop legal writing, paper presentation

### Content

Unit	Description in detail	Credit	Weightage
I	<p>Introduction</p> <p>Meaning of research, Nature and scope, Objective of research, Classification of Research, Types of research, Qualitative – quantitative, Inductive – deductive, Fundamental – action, Doctrinal – Empirical, Scientific method.</p> <p>Legal Research, Purpose, nature and kinds of Legal Research, Research Methods, Process of Legal Research.</p>	0.5	16 %
II	<p>Socio-Legal Research, Elements, utility, Various approaches: Sociological, anthropological, Economic, etc.</p> <p>Legal Reasoning, Components of reasoning, Deductive and Inductive method.</p> <p>Research Problem, Characteristics, Identification of research problem, Literature survey, Aim, objectives and research questions, Statement of Research problem, Various types of problem</p>	0.5	16 %
III	<p>Research Design, Meaning and nature, Literature review, Purpose of research design, Substantive and Procedural design, Qualitative and Quantitative research design, Doctrinal and Empirical research design.</p> <p>Hypothesis, Nature and importance of hypothesis, Sources of hypothesis, Types of hypothesis, Formulation of hypothesis, characteristics of hypothesis, Testing of hypothesis.</p>	0.5	18 %
IV	<p>Doctrinal and Qualitative research, Elements of qualitative research, Tools for doctrinal and qualitative research, Advantages and limitations.</p> <p>Quantitative research, Comparison and with qualitative research, Formulation and data analysis.</p>	0.5	16 %
V	<p>Sampling, terminologies, sampling design, purpose and classification of sampling, sampling technique, principles and precautions of sampling.</p> <p>Data Collection, doctrinal, empirical Primary and secondary data.</p> <p>Tools of data collection, various techniques, Questionnaire, Interview, case study, etc. Data analysis, processing, analysis,</p>	0.5	18 %

	types of analysis, statistical analysis, interpretation and inferences, presentation of analysis.		
VI	<p>Jurimetrics, concept of jurimetrics, scope in judicial research.</p> <p>Legal Writing, Writing of : Research proposal, Case analysis, Article / paper, Book review; Significance of research report, structure of the report, format and structure of research report, Citations, Citation of case law, -legislative material, - reports, - legal material, etc.</p> <p>Research Ethics, importance and need of ethics, Ethical research, code of ethics, plagiarism, Types of plagiarism.</p>	0.5	16 %

#### **Reference Books :**

1. Legal Research Methodology – Anwarul Yaqin
2. Legal Research Methodology – A N Tiwari
3. Legal Research Methodology – S R Myneni
4. Research Methodology – C R Kothari

#### **Suggested Readings :**

1. Robert Watt- Concise book on Legal Research
2. Stott D.-Legal Research
3. Madhava Menon, N.R. ; A Handbook of Clinical Legal Education, Tata McGraw Hill
4. Pauline Young- Research Methodology

#### **Online Resources :**

1. <https://epgp.inflibnet.ac.in>

#### **Practical / Activities :**

1. Doctrinal Research and
2. Empirical Research for Clinical Paper 1