Semester: IV	
Programme : Sociology	
Course : Research Methods	
Paper code: C2BG230431T	**Credits: 4**
Hours/week : 4 Hours/week	
Category: Core/MDC/SEC/VAC :	
Theory / Practical / Composite : Theory	
No of Modules : 2	

Course Overview:

The course focuses on the nature and types of Social Research and will discuss the steps and design in social research. Quantitative and qualitative research methods and modes of data collection will be taught along with introducing sampling techniques. The course also highlights the ethical concerns that manifest in the research process.

Course Outcome:

1. Define and describe the nature, purpose, and types of social research.
2. Explain the key steps involved in the social research process and differentiate among various research designs.
3. Apply appropriate quantitative and qualitative research methods to collect and organize social data.
4. Analyse and compare different sampling techniques used in social research.
5. Evaluate the ethical concerns and responsibilities of a social researcher in conducting fieldwork and data collection.
6. Design a basic research proposal integrating research questions, methodology, and ethical considerations.

Prerequisites: ***Basic knowledge about any prior course***

SYLLABUS

UNIT/Module	CONTENT	HOURS or NUMBER OF CLASSES	CO Mapping	COGNITIVE LEVEL
I.	1.**Quantitative research (Survey)** **2.The Research Process and**	**2 hours/week**	**CO1** **CO2** **CO3** **CO4** **CO5** **CO6**	**K1** **K2** **K3** **K4** **K5** **K6**

	3.Research Design **4.Sampling techniques**			
II.	**6. Qualitative Research (Field Research)** **7.Mixed Methods** **8.Ethics in Social Research**	**2 hours/week**	**CO1** **CO2** **CO3** **CO4** **CO5** **CO6**	**K1** **K2** **K3** **K4** **K5** **K6**

Text Books

1. Babbie, Earl. 2004. *The Practice of Social Research*, 10th edition, Belmont: Wadsworth/Thomson
2. Baker, Therese.1998. *Doing Social Research*, Boston, Madison, New York: Mc-Graw Hill
3. Henn, Matt et al. 2006. *A Short Introduction to Social Research.* New Delhi: Vistar Publications

Suggested Readings

1. Bernard, H. R. (2017). Research methods in anthropology: Qualitative and quantitative approaches. Bloomsbury Publishing PLC

Web Resources

1. A Book Discussion on Mapping Scientific Method: Disciplinary Narrations (Doing Sociology) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rJo69CgkND0

Evaluation:
CIA: 30
Semester Exam: 70

Paper Structure for Theory Semester Exam Module :
Modules -2 (35 marks each)
Module A 1 long question out of 2 : 1X 15=15 4 short answer type questions out of 6 : 4X5= 20
Module B 1 long question out of 2 : 1X 15=15 4 short answer type questions out of 6 : 4X5= 20

Course outcomes (COs) and Cognitive Level Mapping

COs	CO Description	Cognitive levels
CO1	Define and describe the nature, purpose, and types of social research.	K1
CO2	Explain the key steps involved in the social research process and differentiate among various research designs.	K2
CO3	Apply appropriate quantitative and qualitative research methods to collect and organize social data.	K3
CO4	Analyse and compare different sampling techniques used in social research.	K4
CO5	Evaluate the ethical concerns and responsibilities of a social researcher in conducting fieldwork and data collection.	K5
CO6	Design a basic research proposal integrating research questions, methodology, and ethical considerations.	K6