

PG Course: Core Course VIII

Semester	Two
Paper Number	MPLS4204
Paper Title	RESEARCH METHODOLOGY
No. of Credits	6
Theory/Composite	Theory
No. of periods assigned	Theory: 6 Practical: -----
Name of Faculty member(s)	
Course description/objective	To help students develop appropriate tools for research as well as comprehend the philosophy of undertaking research in the social sciences. Basic Statistics will form a component of this course in order to apply research methods to quantitative studies.
Syllabus	<p><u>Module I (40 marks)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approaches---positivism and post-positivism; critical perspectives; ethics in research 2. Sources and importance of qualitative data---textual analysis, interpretative analysis, techniques of field work: ethnography 3. Types of statistical data; compilation and classification of data; tabulation and diagrammatic representation of data; frequency distribution, cumulative frequency distribution, graphical representation <p><u>Module II (40 marks)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Techniques of data analysis and representation---univariate, bivariate, multivariate data analysis: correlation, regression and principal component analysis 5. Sources of population data: census data and registration data 6. Economic statistics, scale, index, measurement

Texts	
Reading/Reference Lists	1. Alan Bryman, <i>Social Research Methods</i> , Wiley, New York, 2007.

	<p>2. Earl Babbie, <i>The Practice of Social Research</i>, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 2010 edition.</p> <p>3. Matt Henn, Nick Foard, Mark Weinstein, <i>A Critical Introduction to Social Research</i>, Sage, New York, 2006.</p>
Evaluation	<p>CIA: 20</p> <p>End-Semester: 80</p>