

NeHCA- 571

Research Methodology

Semester – 4th

Paper - III

Credit - 3

Teach. hrs: 48

Course objectives

The main objectives of this course is to provide the basic theoretical background to the students about research and to familiarize them with the basic skills of writing a research proposal, collecting data for research report and compiling the research report

Course Contents:

Unit I Introduction

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- a. Meaning, Types and Signification of Research.
- b. A brief introduction of Nepali Historiography and Pattern of History writing.
- c. Defining, identifying and Selection of the Problem.

Unit II Research Design / Proposal

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- a. Meaning and concept research design
- b. Features of a good research design
- c. Types of research design
- d. Main features of a research proposal

Unit III Nature and Types of Evidences

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- a. Importance of evidence in historical, cultural and social research
- b. Differences between the original and the secondary source materials
- c. Contemporary records and their signification in research
- d. Importance of newspapers and periodicals
- e. Importance of archival sources
- f. Importance of archaeological materials: sculptures, art objects, miniatures, inscriptions and coins, excavated and explored objects.

Unit IV Methods of Collections of Data

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In Historical, Cultural, Social and Archaeological Research:

- 1. a. Consultation of published and unpublished documents and records.
- b. Exploration of sites
- c. Questionnaire methods: types of questionnaire elements of a good questionnaire.
- d. Interviews: meaning and methods, features of good interview
- e. Observation methods
- f. Photography and filming of subjects
- 2. Samples Selection in Social Research
 - a. Principle of sampling and its significance in social research
 - b. Criteria of selecting a sampling procedure
 - c. Characteristics of a good sample design
 - d. Different types of sample designs

Unit V Processing, Analysis and Presentation of Data

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1 i Editing, coding and classification in the tabulation data

ii Problems in processing

iii Types of analysis

2. Format of Writings and Presentation of Research Report

A. Writing :

i Bibliography - current methods to prepare bibliography

ii. Reference notes (footnote , end note, Parenthetical notes forms and format of APA & MLA Method)

iii. Apendix

iv. Glossary

v. Use of abbreviations

vi. Tables and charts

B. Preparation of Manuscript:

i. Margin

ii. Pagination

iii. Footnote

iv. Use of italics

v. Uniformity in the use of titles and subtitles

Note:

1. In 4th semester students must write their research proposals and defend in the department .

Recommended Books:

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3. Black, James and Dean J.Champion. 1976. *Methods and Issues in Social Research*. New York: John Wiley and Sons,
4. CDDS. 2013. Handbook for Research Methodology. T.U.: Cent. Dept of Population Studies,
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6. Dahal, Peshal and S.P. Khatiwada. 2058. *AnusandhanPaddhati* (Vernacular). Kathmandu: M.K. Publishers.
7. Dean's Office. 2009. *Research Materials*. T.U.: Faculty of M.A.S. Sciences,
8. Goodie. J.William. Halt,K,Paul. 1952. *Methods in Social Research*. McCraw: Hill Bood company. Inc.
9. Guthrie, Gerard. 2012. *Basic Research Methods*. India: Sage Publications,.
10. Kothari, C.R. 1997. *Research Methodology*. New Delhi: Vishwa Prakashan.
11. Raya, parasnath. 1989. *Ansundha Parichaya* (Hindi). Agra: L.N. Agrawal.
12. Rahim, F.Abdul. 2006. *Thesis writing: A Manual for Researchers*. New Delhi: New Age International (P) Limited Publishers
13. Sharma, Prem. 2007. *A Handbook of Social Science Research Methodology*. Kathmandu: Kirti Prakashan,
14. Wolf, Howard K.,and P.R.Pant. 1999. *A Handbook of Social Science Research and Thesis writing*. Kathmandu: P.R. Pant.
15. Young, Pauline V. *Scientific Social Surveys and Research* (4th ed). New York: Prentice- H