

DSE

Business Research Methodology

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
Business Research Methodology	4	3	0	1	Pass in Class XII	NIL

Learning Objectives

The course aims to inculcate research aptitude among the learners and equip them with knowledge and skills required to successfully undertake various steps in the research process.

Learning Outcomes

After completion of the course, learners will be able to:

1. Define various research concepts, its types and steps in the research process.
2. Analyse and formulate research problems and assimilate various types of research design.
3. Discuss different scales, sampling techniques and design data collection tools.
4. Interpret and get acquainted with various techniques of data analysis and interpretation.
5. Analyse and prepare a complete research report in appropriate format.

Course Contents:

Unit 1: Introduction (9 hours)

Meaning and Scope of Research; Application of research in Business; Types of Research- qualitative, quantitative, longitudinal, cross-sectional, fundamental, applied, conceptual and empirical; Characteristics of Good Research; Steps in Research Process; Terminologies of research- Concept, Construct, Variables, Proposition and Hypothesis. Theory and Model; Literature Review and Formulation of Research Question; Philosophies of Research; Induction and Deduction Approach.

Unit 2: Research Design (9 hours)

Research Design- Meaning and Characteristics; Types of Research Design- Exploratory, Descriptive and Experimental. Meaning, Examples and Characteristics of Exploratory Research Design. Methods of Exploratory Research Design. Steps in Exploratory Research. Meaning, Characteristics and Methods of Descriptive Research Design with examples. Meaning and Types of Experimental Research Design.

Unit 3: Data Collection and Data Analysis Using Spreadsheet (18 hours)

Measurement and Scaling; Primary scales of Measurement (Nominal, Ordinal, Interval and Ratio). Scales for Measurements of Constructs- Likert, Semantic Differential Scale and Staple; Reliability and Validity; Meaning and Sources of Primary and Secondary Data; Questionnaire Design (also using online tools); Census and Survey Method; Probability and Non-Probability Sampling Techniques; Sample Size Determination. Data Preparation and Cleaning; Graphical Presentation of Data; Frequency Distribution, Descriptive Statistics; Steps in Hypothesis Testing; Hypothesis Testing- parametric (z test and t test) and nonparametric (chi- square test).

Unit 4: Report Writing and Ethics (9 hours)

Types of Reports; Steps in Report Writing; Format and Presentation of Report, Referencing (APA, Chicago manual etc.), Ethics in Business Research.

Practical Exercises (30 Hours):

The learners are required to:

1. Prepare literature review from a topic of your choice involving business and economics. Also, comment on the following case 1:

Case 1: A product manager wants to know the viability of a new innovative product being launched by his company. What are the steps that need to be followed in his research?

2. Identify the type of a research design that will be most appropriate in a given scenario as per Case 1.
3. Apply online tools and platforms, design a questionnaire using various kinds of questions including Likert scale statements to address a particular business problem.
4. Use spreadsheet to practice t- test, z-test and Chi- square test on the secondary data from a given sample set of data.
5. Prepare a brief report following proper format in Word processing software.

Suggested Readings

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- Saunders, M. (2010). Research methods for business. Pearson Education.

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- Sekran, U., & Bougie, R. (2015). Research methods for business: a skill building approach. (6th ed.). United States: Wiley.
- Zikmund, W. G., Babin, B. J., Carr, J. C., & Griffin, M. (2013). Business research methods. (9th ed.). United States: South Western Cengage Learning.

Note: Suggested readings will be updated by the Department of Commerce and uploaded on the Department's website.