

BA (Prog.) with Sociology as Non-Major Semester VI

B.A. (Prog.) Sociology Discipline Specific Core (DSC) 11 Sociological Research-II

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE -11 (DSC 11): SOCIOLOGICAL RESEARCH -II

CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

| Course title & Code | Credits | Credit distribution of the course | | | Eligibility criteria | Pre-requisite of the course (If any) |
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| | | Lecture | Tutorial | Practical/ Practice | | |
| DSC 11: Sociological Research-II | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 12th Class Pass | BA (Prog.) DSC 09 Sociological Research -I or equivalent course Nil |

Learning Objectives:

3. The course aims to introduce students to the systematic methods of social research.
4. It acquaints students to ethical issues in research.

Learning outcomes:

Students will be able to:

4. *Develop* an awareness of the building blocks of research and the basic methods of data collection.
5. *Evaluate* the strengths and weaknesses of various research techniques.
6. *Apply* research methods to study diverse social processes.

SYLLABUS OF DSC: Sociological Research-II

Unit I: Basic elements of Research (9 Hours)

This unit introduces the building blocks of research concepts, hypotheses and sampling methods.

- a. Concepts
- b. Hypotheses
- c. Sampling

Unit II: Methods of Data Collection (18 hours)

This unit describes various tools of doing social science research and how they function.

a. Observation

b. Questionnaire

c. Interview

d. Other Research Designs: Case Study, Community Study, Longitudinal Study, Cross Sectional Study, Focus Groups

Unit III: Challenges in Conducting Research (6 hours)

This unit creates awareness of the ethical dimensions of research and problems that could arise in the field.

a. Ethical Issues in Data Collection and Analysis

b. Methodological Problems in the ‘field’

Unit IV: Statistical Methods (12 Hours)

This unit moves to the basic statistical concepts that are the basis of data science.

a. Measures of Central Tendency: Mean, Mode, Median

b. Measures of Dispersion: Standard Deviation

Practical Component: NIL

Essential/Recommended Readings:

Unit I: Basic elements of Research

a. Concepts

Becker, Howard S. ‘Concepts’ in *Tricks of the Trade : How to Think about Your Research While You’Re Doing It*. Chicago, Ill. :University of Chicago Press, 1998 pp. 152-198.

b. Hypotheses

Schutt, Russell K. *Investigating the Social World : the Process and Practice of Research*. Thousand Oaks, Calif. :Pine Forge Press, 2004.pp.123- 133.

c. Sampling

Bailey, K. (1994). *Survey Sampling in Methods of Social Research*, 4th edition. New York: Free Press. Chapter 5. Survey Sampling , Pp. 81- 98.

Unit II: Methods of Data Collection

a. Observation

Bailey, K. (1994). 'Observation'. In *Methods of Social Research*, 4th edition. New York: Free Press. Chapter 10, Pp. 241-273.

Cargan, L. (2008). 'The Classic Studies'. In *Doing Social Research*. Rawat Publications., Pp.157-174.

b. Questionnaire

c. Interview

Babbie, E. (2016). *The Practice of Social Research*, 14th Edition. Boston: Cengage Learning, Pp. 246-286.

d. Other Research Designs: Case Study, Community Study, Longitudinal Study, Cross Sectional Study, Focus Groups

Cargan, L. (2008). 'Collecting the Data: Some Special Designs' in *Doing Sociological Research*. Jaipur: Rawat Publications. Chapter 9. Survey Research , Pp. 203-227.

Liahana Gordon (2015). 'Focus Group' in *Real Research: Research Methods Sociology Students Can Use*, Sage Publications pp. 467-533.

Schutt, Russell K. *Investigating the Social World : the Process and Practice of Research*. Thousand Oaks, Calif. :Pine Forge Press, 2004.pp. 696-698.

Unit III: Challenges in Conducting Research

a. Ethical Issues in Data Collection and Analysis

Babbie, E. (2016). 'The Ethics and Politics of Social Research' in *The Practice of Social Research*, 14th edition. Boston: Cengage Learning. Chapter 3, Pp. 60-85.

b. Methodological problems in the 'field'

Srinivas, M. N. (2004). 'The Insider versus the Outsider' In, Vinay Kumar Srivastava (Ed.) *The Study of Cultures in Methodology and Fieldwork*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, Pp. 413-420.

Unit IV: Statistical Methods:

Gupta, S. P. (2006). 'Diagrammatic and Graphic Presentation, Measures of Central Value and Measures of Variation' in *Elementary Statistical Methods*. Sultan Chand & Sons. Chapters 6, 7, 8 Pp.101-108, 115- 118, 131-137, 155-168, 173-180, 187-197, 263-277.

Suggested Readings:

Association of Social Anthropologists of the UK and Commonwealth, Ethical Guidelines for Good Research Practice

Seale, Clive (2008). *Social Research Methods: A Reader*. London: Routledge.

Denscombe, Martyn (1999). *The Good Research Guide for Small Scale Social Research Projects*. New Delhi: Viva Books.

Blaikie, Norman. (2000). *Designing Social Research*. Cambridge, UK: Polity.

Note: Examination scheme and mode shall be as prescribed by the Examination Branch, University of Delhi, from time to time.