DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE - [redacted] (BIOMED-DSE-[redacted]) RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

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)	Department offering the course
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice			
Research Methodology	4	3	-	1	XII Pass with Physics, Chemistry & biology	Basic knowledge of biology, mathematics and computers	Biomedical Science

Learning objectives

The Learning objectives of this course are as follows:

- The syllabus aims to educate students on the fundamentals of research methodology and familiarize them with the different search engines used in literature surveys.
- It will guide them in identifying research problems and developing research strategies to address them.
- The course will cover different approaches used in research, along with ethical considerations related to clinical research.
- In addition, students will learn about scientific writing and presentation skills.

Learning outcomes

Upon completion of this course, students will achieve the following learning outcomes:

- Develop the ability to identify a research problem, design and execute experiments, and analyze the resulting data.
- Comprehend and follow ethical guidelines for conducting research and accurately document research activities.
- Utilize various tools to write research papers and review articles effectively.
- Demonstrate effective presentation skills to communicate scientific work.

SYLLABUS

Unit I: Introduction (6 hrs)

Basics of research methodology: Background of research area and generation of hypothesis, Types of Research: Experimental vs Theoretical; Descriptive vs Analytical; Fundamental vs Applied; Quantitative vs Qualitative.

Unit II: Literature Review (08 hrs)

Importance of literature review, common search engines such as NCBI, Google Scholar etc. used for literature surveys. Exploring various types of academic journals and publications fundamental to research: journals and e-books. Introduction to reference and citation management tools like Mendeley, Zotero and EndNote.

Unit III: Identifying a Research Problem and Designing of Experiment: (10 hrs)

Identification of a research problem (any one disease of national importance: tuberculosis/leprosy/diabetes/cardiovascular disease/neurodegenerative disorders), its national and international status. Experimental strategies: number and types of replicates and control, Statistical analysis of data using MS Excel/ R-Statistical tools.

Unit IV: Methods in Biomedical Research (08hrs)

Clinical Research and associated methodology, Epidemiology: Concepts and methods in the context of illustrative projects. Classical examples of epidemiological studies such as TB and leprosy, its challenges and limitations.

Unit V: Research Ethics and Intellectual Property (07hrs)

Understanding research ethics and its significance in scientific writing, Plagiarism, peer-review, conflict of interest, and research misconduct. Introduction to Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) such as Patent, Trademarks, Copyright, and Trade Secrets. Importance of IPR in research and innovation.

Unit VI: Research Presentation (06 hrs)

To write a research paper and review article. To prepare an oral and poster presentation of a research paper.Steps in writing a research grant proposal

Practical **(30 hrs)**

1. Literature survey on any one disease of national importance: tuberculosis/leprosy/diabetes/cardiovascular disease/neurodegenerative disorders
2. Creating bibliography in different formats using any available tools like Mendeley/ Zotero/ EndNote, etc.
3. Group exercise by students
    1. Writing a review article
    2. Writing a research report
    3. Powerpoint presentation
    4. Poster presentation

Essential Readings

- Walliman, N. (2017) Research Methods: The Basics, **(**2nd ed.), London; New York: Routledge; ISBN-10:1138693995
- Kumar, R. (2014) Research Methodology: A Step-by-Step Guide for Beginners (4th ed.), SAGE publisher; ISBN-10: 9789351501336
- The Craft of Research (Guides to writing, editing and publishing) (2008), Booth, W.C., Colomb, G.G., Williams, J.M., University of Chicago Press, 2008. (ISBN-13: 978-0226065663)

Suggestive Readings

- Research Methodology: A Step-by-Step Guide for Beginners (2010) 3rd ed., Kumar R., Pearson Education. (ISBN-13: 978-1849203012)
- Cresswell, J. (2009) Research Design: Qualitative and quantitative Approaches Thousand Oaks CA, (3rd ed.), Sage Publications
- Research in Education (2005) 10th ed., Best, J.W. and Kahn, J.V., Prentice Hall of India Pvt. Ltd. (ISBN-13: 978-0205458400)
- At the Bench: A Laboratory Navigator (2005) Barker, K., Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press (New York). ISBN: 978-087969708-2.
- Research Methodology - Methods and Techniques (2004) 2nd ed., Kothari C.R., New Age International Publishers. (ISBN-13 / EAN: 9788122415223)