DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE COURSE: Research Methodology (INDSE6C)

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)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
Research Methodology (INDSE6C)	04	03	-	01	Physics + Mathematics /Applied Mathematics / Biology + Chemistry / Computer Science/Informatics Practices	Elementary Statistics

Learning Objectives

The Learning Objectives of this course are as follows:

- To understand some basic concepts of research and its methodologies
- To select and define appropriate research problem and parameters
- To write a research report and thesis

Learning outcomes

The Learning Outcomes of this course are as follows:

- Acquire the basic knowledge of quality concepts and techniques for quality improvement
- Learn to use various control charts for improving the quality of products
- Describe and compare the different sampling plans and methods
- Understand the concepts of reliability

SYLLABUS OF DSE

Unit -1 **(12 hours)**

Introduction and Design of research : Meaning, Objectives and Importance of Research, Types of research, need and purpose of research, approaches to research, components of the research problem, criteria for selecting the problem, necessity of defining the problem.

Unit – 2 **(10 hours)**

Importance of literature review in defining a problem, Critical literature review – Identifying gap areas from literature review - Development of working hypothesis, various tools for literature survey-Searching journals, metrics of Journals, e book, monograph, patents, Citations, Intellectual Property Rights.

Unit -3 **(12 hours)**

Data Collection and Analysis: Observation and Collection of data - Methods of data collection – Modeling, Mathematical Models for research, Sampling Methods- Data processing and Analysis strategies. Data Analysis with Statistical Packages – Hypothesis-testing, Sampling, Sampling Error, Statistical Methods/Tools - Measures of Central Tendency and Variation, Test of Hypothesis- z test, t test, F test, ANOVA, Chi square, correlation and regression analysis, Error Estimation.

Unit - 4 **(11 hours)**

Writing Research Articles and Thesis: Data Presentation- Types of tables and illustrations, Guidelines for writing the abstract, introduction, methodology, results and discussion, conclusion sections of a manuscript. References – Styles and methods, Citation and listing system of documents. Ethical considerations in Research, precautions in preparing report, plagiarism

Practical component: **(30 hours)**

Use latest software package like SPSS/any similar, to conduct experiments based on:

1. Measures of central tendency
2. Normal distribution
3. Chi square test
4. T test
5. Z-test

Essential/recommended readings

1. Ranjit Kumar, Research Methodology, A step by step guide for beginners, SAGE Publications (2015)
2. D. C. Montgomery, Introduction to Statistical Quality Control, 8th edition, John Wiley and sons (2019).
3. Leedy, P. D. and Ormrod, J. E., 2004 Practical Research: Planning and Design, Prentice Hall.
4. C.R Kothari, Research Methodology: Methods and Techniques, New Age International Publishers (2015)

Suggestive readings

1. Prabhat Pandey, Meenu Mishra Pandey, Research Methodology: Tools and Techniques, Bridge Center (2015)
2. S.P Gupta, Statistical Methods, 46th edition, Sultan Chand & Sons (2021)

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