

# **COURSES OF STUDIES**

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## **FOR M.PHIL AND PHD PROGRAM (UNDER SEMESTER SYSTEM)**

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## SEMESTER SYSTEM OF M.PHIL & PHD

Sl No.	Paper	Semester	Credit	(Marks) Mid Term + Term End	Teaching Hours
1	611 (Departmental)	Sem-1	4	100 (20+80)	60 Hrs
2	612( Research Methodology-1)	Sem-1	4	100 (20+80)	60 Hrs
3	613( Research Methodology-2)	Sem-1	4	100 (20+80)	60 Hrs
4	Teaching Assignment & Seminar Presentation	Sem-1	4	100 (0+100)	60 Hrs
5	Dissertation	Sem-2	08	200	120 Hrs
<b>TOTAL</b>			24	600 (60+540)	360 Hrs

Revised Syllabus of pre-registration course work for M.Phil. and Ph.D in GMU.

### PAPER-612/712 RESEARCH METHODOLOGY-I

Unit-I

#### SCOPE, PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS OF RESEARCH AND ETHICS

- i) Introduction and Scope
- ii) Introduction to philosophy: definition, nature and scope, concept, branches
- iii) Ethics: definition, moral philosophy, nature of moral judgments and reactions, Research ethics, Institutional ethics committee.
- iv) Ethics with respect to science and research
- v) Intellectual honesty and research integrity

Unit-II

#### SCIENTIFIC CONDUCT

- i) Research problem: Identification, Selection, Formulation of research objectives
- ii) Research design: Components, Types and Importance
- iii) Scientific misconducts: Falsification, Fabrication, and Plagiarism (FFP)
- iv) Redundant publications: duplicate and overlapping publications, salami slicing
- v) Selective reporting and misrepresentation of data

Unit-III

#### TECHNICAL WRITING

- i) Literature search technique, using SCOPUS, Google Scholar, PUBMED, Web of science, Indian Citation Index, and RG
- ii) Types of technical documents; Full length research paper, Short/Brief communications, Letters to editor, Book chapter, Review, Conference report, Project proposal Components of a full length research paper; , Rationale of the paper, Aims and objectives, Hypothesis building, Work plan, Materials and methodology, Results and discussion, Conflict of interest statement,
- iii) Components of a research proposal; Project summary Key words, Origin of the proposal, Major objectives Methodology, Instrument facility available in the PI's department, Overview of status of Research and Development in the subject, Importance of the

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**RESEARCH METHODOLOGY-II**

**Unit-I**

**IPR AND CYBER LAW.**

- i) Patents, Patent laws, process of patenting a research finding
- ii) Intellectual property (IP), Intellectual property right (IPR)
- iii) Copyright, Trademarks, GI
- iv) Cyber laws
- v) COPE

**Unit-II**

**QUANTITATIVE DATA ANALYSIS**

- i) Types of Data, Data Collection – Methods and Tools
- ii) Hypothesis testing
- iii) Normal and Binomial distributions and their property
- iv) Tests of significance: Student *t*- test, *F*- test, *Chi-square* test
- v) Correlation and Regression
- vi) ANOVA – One-way and Two-way, Multiple-range test

**Unit-III**

**COMPUTER FUNDAMENTALS**

- i) Introduction to MS-Office software: MS-Word(Track change)
- ii) MS-Excel
- iii) MS-Power Point
- iv) Features for Statistical Data Analysis Tool Pack, SPSS
- v) Tables, Figures and Pictures using Excel
- vi) Preparation of Posters
- vii) Electronic submission of manuscripts
- viii) Communication skills, oral and poster

**Unit-IV**

**ADVANCED TOOLS & TECHNIQUES IN RESEARCH**

- i) Indexing databases
- ii) Citation databases: Web of Science, Scopus, etc.
- iii) Research Metrics
- iv) Impact Factor of journal as per Journal Citation Report, SNIP, SJR, IPP, Cite Score
- v) Metrics: h-index, g index, i10 index, altmetrics
- vi) Open access publications and initiatives
- vii) SHERPA/RoMEO online resource to check publisher copyright & self-archiving policies
- viii) Software tool to identify predatory publications developed by SPPU
- ix) Journal finder /journal suggestion tools viz. JANE, Elsevier Journal Finder, Springer Journal Suggester, etc.

- iv) proposed project in the context of current status.  
Styles of referencing; APA, MLA, Oxford, Harvard, Chicago, Annotated bibliography,  
Tools for citing and referencing, Grammarly, Endnote etc, How to cite and how to do  
referencing

#### Unit-IV

#### **PUBLICATION ETHICS**

- i) Publication ethics: definition, introduction and importance
- ii) Best practices / standards setting initiatives and guidelines: COPE, WAME, etc.
- iii) Conflicts of interest
- iv) Publication misconduct: definition, concept, problems that lead to unethical behavior  
and vice versa, types
- v) Violation of publication ethics, Subject specific ethical issues, FFP, authorship,
- vi) Identification of publication misconduct, complaints and appeals
- vii) Predatory publishers and journals
- viii) Plagiarism-Pitfall
- ix) Use of plagiarism software like Turnitin, Urkund and other open source software  
tools. Complaints and appeals: examples and fraud from India and abroad