

CC 404	Business Research Methodology	3L:1T:0P	4 Credits
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Course Description: Business Research Methodology provides an in-depth understanding of the fundamental concepts and applications of research methods in business. This course covers various research designs, data collection methods, statistical techniques, and the process of writing research reports. Through this curriculum, students will develop the skills required to design sound research, effectively collect and analyze data, and communicate research findings comprehensively.

Course Objectives:

1. To grasp the fundamentals of research methodology and apply them in various research or project works.
2. To identify and utilize appropriate research methods aligned with research objectives.
3. To master the techniques of data collection, editing, and analysis to prepare for advanced studies and professional requirements.
4. To learn the intricacies of interpreting data and writing comprehensive research reports.

Course Contents:

Unit 1: Introduction to Research

This unit explores the definition, history, evolution, and types of scientific inquiry and research. It addresses the ethical considerations in research, the process of research, and the characteristics and components of good research work.

Unit 2: Formulating the Research Problem

Students will learn how to identify and formulate research problems, conduct literature reviews, and develop research questions and objectives. This unit also covers the process of creating effective research designs.

Unit 3: Measurement and Data Collection

This unit focuses on measurement and scaling, discussing different types of data, sources of measurement error, and scale construction techniques. It also covers various data collection methods, including questionnaires, interviews, and observations.

Unit 4: Data Analysis and Interpretation

Topics include sampling methods, data preparation (editing and coding), and hypothesis testing using parametric and non-parametric tests. This unit also discusses the tools and techniques for data visualization like charts, tables, and box plots.

Suggested Case Topics:

- Using Market Research to Assess Willingness to Pay for Pricing Decisions by: Kamel Jedidi, Robert J. Morais (2023) - <https://hbsp.harvard.edu/product/CU378-PDF-ENG>

Textbooks and (Latest Edition):

1. *Malhotra, N. K., Nunan, D., & Birks, D. F. , Marketing research. Pearson UK.*
2. *Research Methodology* by Ranjit Kumar.
3. *Research Methods for Business* by Uma Sekaran.
4. *Methodology of Research* by C.R. Kothari.

Suggested Pedagogy:

The course utilizes a combination of lectures, hands-on projects, case studies, and practical assignments to provide a comprehensive learning experience. Students are encouraged to engage with statistical software for data analysis and participate in group discussions to enhance their understanding and application of research methodologies.

References

Course Outcomes:

1. Prepare a detailed research plan covering all essential aspects of a research project.
2. Construct and administer effective research instruments like questionnaires.
3. Execute data collection strategically to gather relevant information.
4. Apply advanced statistical techniques for data interpretation.
5. Draft comprehensive research reports tailored to specific audience needs.
