

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

1.	Program	BS International Relations										
2.	Title	Research Methods										
3.	Semester	6 th										
4.	Code	BS -IR312										
5.	Rating	03 Credit Hours										
6.	Type	Core Course										
7.	Pre-requisites											
8.	Introduction	Research is a baseline for understanding various phenomenon of Political Science. For the purpose it is necessary to have complete understanding of the basic concepts of scientific method of Research. This course is based on the conceptual understanding that's why it incorporates the fundamental aspects of research.										
9.	Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To develop research orientation among the students to acquaint them with fundamentals of research method. • To develop understanding of the basic framework of the research process. • To develop understanding of various research designs and techniques. • To develop an understanding of the ethnical dimension of conducting research. 										
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to write an abstract • Article / Report / Thesis Writing
	Week 9	Mid Term Exams
	Week 10-11-12	Research Design <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of Qualitative Research Design • Introduction of Quantitative Research Design • Introduction of Mixed Method
	Week 13-14	Use of Library and means of Data Collection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of various methods used in library. • It would be a Workshop to understand basic mechanism, how to use computer and cards system to find out literature. • Use of J. Store / Searching techniques
	Week 15-16	Understanding Citation Styles. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APA Referencing Style. • Cambridge Citation Style.
	Week 17	Research Ethics. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plagiarism Policy.
	Week 18	Final Term Exams
11.	Outcome	<p>After completing this course, students will be able to understand the basic concepts of research. They will also be able to differentiate between research write-up and an ordinary piece of writing.</p> <p>The course will also able the student to conduct research while considering research ethics. The awareness about plagiarism – Policy will make students conscious conducting original research.</p>
12.	Recommended Books / Reference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lamont, C. (2015). <i>Research methods in international relations</i>. Sage. • Neuman, L. W. (2000). <i>Social Research Methods, 4/E</i>. Pearson. • Corbett, M. (2003). <i>Research Methods in Political Science</i>, Melbourne: Thomson Wordsworth. • Jayapalan, N. (2000). <i>Research Methods in Political Science</i>. Atlantic Publisher. • Gravelter, F. (2003) <i>Research Methods for Behavioral Sciences</i>. Melbourne: Thomson Wordsworth. • McNabb, D.E. (2010). <i>Research Methods for Political Science</i>. England: Prestice Hall.

Assessment Criteria:

Requirements	
Assignments/Quizzes/Project/Case Study/Team Presentations	
Mid-Term Exam	
Final Term Exam	