Programme	B.S. (4-years), Communication Studies	Course Code	BSCS-306	Credit Hours	3
Course Title	Research Method- II				

Course Introduction

The main objectives of this course are to:

- Develop critical insight among the students, aiming to make them more informed and sensitive consumers of Communication Research
- Unite the Hypothetical and Practical Components of Qualitative Research in the Media Familiarize the students with various Hypothetical Ideal Models of Media research and with an organized examination of contending structures for characterizing the media as question of study

Learning Outcomes

After studying this course, the students will be able to:

- Understand the various Qualitative Research Methods available in different areas of Mass Communication
- Demonstrate a working knowledge of the theories and frameworks to analyze and understand Media
- Exhibit critical ability for analyzing complex Mass Communication Data

Critically review published articles and consequently become capable to write own manuscript for publication

Course Content						
Week 1	1.	Research in Mass Communication				
Week 2		1.1. Aims and Motives of Social Research				
Week 3	2.	Contamo and Descendin Communication and Media Studies				
Week 4	۷.	Contemporary Research in Communication and Media Studies				
Week 5	3.	Qualitative Research Methods				
Week 6		3.1. Overview and Philosophy				
		3.2. Language of Qualitative Research				
Week 7	4.	Ethnography				
Week 8	4.	Ethnography				
Week 9	5.	Phenomenology				
Week 10	6.	Grounded theory				
Week 11	7.	Case Study				
Week 12	8.	Qualitative Data Collection Techniques				
Week 13	9.	Content Analysis (Definition, Uses, Limitations)				
		9.1. Steps in Content Analysis				
		9.2. Examples of Content Analysis				
Week 14	10.	Discourse Analysis				
Week 15	11.	Reference Writing (as per APA Manual)				
Week 16	Week 16 12. Research Report Write up and Formatting					
Textbooks and Reading Material						

American Psychological Association. (2019). Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, 7th edition.

Bertrand, I., & Hughes, W. P. T. (2005). Media research methods: audiences, institutions, texts.

Creswell, J. W., & Clark, V. L. P. (2007). Designing and conducting mixed methods research.

Klaus, J. (2012). A Handbook of Media and Communication Research: Qualitative and Quantitative Methodologies. New York: Routledge

Neuman, W. L. (2005). Social research methods: Quantitative and qualitative approaches. Boston: Allyn and Bacon.

Wimmer, R., & Dominick, J. (2013). Mass media research. Cengage learning.

Teaching Learning Strategies

- 1. Lectures
- 2. In-Class Activities
- 3. Written Assignments

Assignments: Types and Number with Calendar

- 1. Class Participation
- 2. Attendance
- 3. Presentations
- 4. Attitude & Behavior
- 5. Hands-on Activities
- 6. Short Tests
- 7. Quizzes

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Sr. No.	Elements	Weightage	Details
1.	Midterm Assessment	35%	Written Assessment at the mid-point of the semester.
2.	Formative Assessment	25%	Continuous assessment includes: Classroom participation, assignments, presentations, viva voce, attitude and behavior, hands-on-activities, short tests, projects, practical, reflections, readings, quizzes etc.
3.	Final Assessment	40%	Written Examination at the end of the semester. It is mostly in the form of a test, but owing to the nature of the course the teacher may assess their students based on term paper, research proposal development, field work and report writing etc.