



Code	Subject Title	Cr. Hrs	Semester
SOCW-308	Social Research Methods	3	VI
Year	Discipline		
3	Social Work		

**OBJECTIVES:**

To help undergraduates students to understand how social researchers investigate the social world and how they seek to gain systematic, reliable and valid knowledge of that world. This module will enable them to develop skill in the practice of independent researches

**CONTENTS:**

1. Research defined
2. Families of research; qualitative and Quantitative
3. Research approaches; Action research, case study methods, experiments and surveys.
4. The Research Cycle/ Process/ research methodology.
5. Research methods and research methodology
6. Research strategy: Induction, deduction.
7. How to select and define your research topic
8. Literature Review
9. Research Designing
10. Research techniques : tools of data collection
11. Gaining access to the field: covert research and overt researches
12. Correspondence= (Questionnaire: structure and formalities)
13. Discussions = Interviews, Structured interviews, Unstructured and semi-structured interviews, Focused Groups
14. Participation and Observations, advantages and disadvantages of participation and observation.
15. Documents: secondary sources.
  - Sampling Issues= Typology
  - Some basic statistics= Measurement of central tendency
  - Data analysis./tabulation
  - Report writing
  - Bibliography and referencing

**Recommended Books:**

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23. May Tim, 1997, *Social Research: Methods, Issues and Process*. Buckingham: Open University Press.
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26. Moser CA, *Survey Methods in Social Investigation* (London: William Heinmann Ltd. 1958.
27. Moser, C. A.1958, *Survey Methods in Social Investigation*. London: William Heinemann Ltd.
28. Park, R.E.1952. *Human Communities*. New York: The Free Press.
29. Schwartz and Schwartz, . 1955, "Problems in Participant Observation" in *American Journal of Sociology* Vol.60. No.4
30. Selltitz, et al, *Research Methods in Social Relations* (3<sup>rd</sup>.edn) New York: Holt, Rinehart 7Wilson, 1976.
31. Shirley Jenkin, "Collecting Data by Questionnaire and Interview" In Norman, A. Polansky (ed), *Social Work Research: Method for Helping Professions* (Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1973.



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