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Semester IV

Discipline specific course (DSC-SOC-1D)

Methodology of Social Research

The course is a general introduction to the methodology of social research. It will also provide the students with some elementary knowledge of the complexities and philosophical underpinnings of research.

Unit 1: Introduction

- a. Nature and Scope of Social Research
- b. Types of Social Research: Pure and Applied
- c. Qualitative and Quantitative research

Unit 2: Research Design

- a. Concept
- b. Formulation of Research Design
- c. Hypothesis

Unit 3: Sampling

- a. Sampling: Meaning and Significance
- b. Types of Sampling: Random and Stratified
- c. Advantages and Disadvantages of Sampling

Unit 4: Methods of Social Research

- a. Observation
- b. Interview and Questionnaire
- c. Case study

Unit 5: Tutorial -1

- a. Individual presentations on various topics from the main course content.
- b. Term end class test based on the main course content.
- c.

Unit 6: Tutorial – 2

- a. Home assignments to be prepared on various topics from the main course content.
- b. Viva voce on home assignments.



References

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- Kothari, C.R. (1989). Research Methodology: Methods and Techniques, Bangalore, Wiley Eastern.
- Young, P.V. (1988). Scientific Social Surveys and Research. New Delhi: Prentice Hall.

Note: List of readings provided is not absolute and additions may be made to it.

