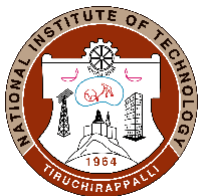




| COURSE PLAN – PART I | | | |
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| Name of the programme and specialization | MA English | | |
| Course Title | Research Methodology | | |
| Course Code | HS604 | No. of Credits | 03 |
| Course Code of Pre-requisite subject(s) | NIL | | |
| Session | Jan. 2021 | Section (if, applicable) | NIL |
| Name of Faculty | Dr. Sathyaraj Venkatesan | Department | Humanities and Social Sciences [HSS] |
| Official Email | sathya@nitt.edu | Telephone No. | Lan: 3699 Mobile: 9894568617 |
| Name of Course Coordinator(s) (if, applicable) | Prof. R. Joseph Ponniah | | |
| Official E-mail | joseph@nitt.edu | Telephone No. | |
| Course Type (please tick appropriately) | Core course | | |
| Syllabus (approved in BoS) | | | |
| <p>Definition of research – Objectives and importance of research – Skills and attributes of a researcher – Types of research – Research methods – Ways to identify a research topic – Idea generation and brainstorming techniques.</p> <p>Developing literature review – Processing and identifying academic literature: online databases, e-tools and library research – Evaluating sources – Importance of note making – Literature review – Bibliography and annotated bibliography – Finalizing and preparing literature review – Developing and formulating research questions.</p> <p>Mechanics of academic writing – Stages of writing – Reading and writing relationship – Outlining and planning – Writing styles and document types – Editing – Reader-oriented writing (register, tone, precision, clarity) – Writer’s block and scheduling your writing.</p> <p>Different types of research presentation (journal article, poster, conferences) – Identifying the right journal – Open access publishing – Fundamentals of manuscript preparation and writing abstracts – Documentation: style sheets – Cover letters – Navigating and interpreting peer reviews (major, minor, rejection) – Dealing with rejection – Promoting and communicating research – Measuring impact and ranking.</p> <p>Professional and research ethics – Definition and consequences of plagiarism – Forms of plagiarism – Avoiding plagiarism – Plagiarism software and similarity check – Copyright issues – Authorship and content ownership.</p> | | | |



| COURSE OBJECTIVES | |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To introduce the nuances of research. • To introduce documentation, research resources, information retrieval and evaluation. • To familiarize academic reading and professional writing. • To create awareness about ethical issues in research. | |
| MAPPING OF COs with POs | |
| Course Outcomes | Programme Outcomes (PO) (Enter Numbers only) |
| Understand basic concepts of research and the research processes. | |
| Demonstrate an understanding of the ethical principles and issues in research. | |
| Understand the conventions of academic writing. | |
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| COURSE PLAN – PART II | | | |
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| COURSE OVERVIEW | | | |
| COURSE TEACHING AND LEARNING ACTIVITIES (Add more rows) | | | |
| S. No. | Week/Contact Hours | Topic | Mode of Delivery |
| | Week 1 | Elements of Research, Importance, Types of Research | Throughout the course, mode of delivery will be a mix of lecture, demonstration and practice. |
| | Week 2 | Resources: Online databases, e-tools and library research. Importance of note making. Literature review | |
| | Week 3 | Bibliography and annotated bibliography Developing and formulating research questions. | |
| | Week 4 | Mechanics of academic writing – Stages of writing – Reading and writing relationship - Editing | |
| | Week 5 | Fundamentals of manuscript | |



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| | Week 6 | preparation Different types of research presentation Documentation: style sheets | |
| | Week 7 | Interpreting peer reviews (major, minor, rejection) – Dealing with rejection. Measuring impact and ranking. | |
| | Week 8 | Oral Presentation | |
| | Week 9 | Oral Presentation | |
| | Weeks 10 and 11 | Research Ethics: Plagiarism, Copyright issues, Authorship and content ownership. | |
| | Week 12 | Final Examination | |

COURSE ASSESSMENT METHODS (shall range from 4 to 6)

| S.No. | Mode of Assessment | Week/Date | Duration | % Weightage |
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| 1 | Oral Presentation | 8 th and 9 th weeks | 15 mintues | 20 marks |
| 2 | Research Article | 11 th week | -- | 30 marks |
| 3 | Assignments | -- | -- | 20 marks |
| CPA | Compensation Assessment* | | One hour | |
| 4 | Final Assessment * | Apr 26-30 | 2 hours | 30 marks |

*mandatory; refer to guidelines on page 4

COURSE EXIT SURVEY (mention the ways in which the feedback about the course shall be assessed)



- Feedback could be provided during the class committee meeting.
- A formal online feedback will be collected by the Institute at the end of the course.

COURSE POLICY (including compensation assessment to be specified)

Late Work Submission:

Late one day: Your mark/grade drops $\frac{3}{4}$, and you cannot get a grade higher than a D for the particular assignment. Exceptions include: a) Valid medical emergencies supported by evidence b) Permission granted from me for late submission.

Mode of Correspondence:

Faculty is available for discussion after class hours. Contact details (email/land line/mobile number) are provided on page one of the course plan.

Compensation Assessment:

One compensation Assessment/Retest will be administered after the last cycle test/assessment. The only valid reasons for missing assessment are a serious illness (documented by a doctor) or an unfortunate death in the family.

Request for reevaluation:

All requests for re-marking/correction must be in writing and must include an explanation of why original marks are not justifying. Oral requests will not be entertained.

ATTENDANCE POLICY (A uniform attendance policy as specified below shall be followed)

- At least 75% attendance in each course is mandatory.
- A maximum of 10% shall be allowed under On Duty (OD) category.
- Students with less than 65% of attendance shall be prevented from writing the final assessment and shall be awarded 'V' grade.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY & PLAGIARISM

- Possessing a mobile phone, carrying bits of paper, talking to other students, copying from others during an assessment will be treated as punishable dishonesty.
- Zero mark to be awarded for the offenders. For copying from another student, both students get the same penalty of zero mark.
- The departmental disciplinary committee including the course faculty member, PAC chairperson and the HoD, as members shall verify the facts of the malpractice and award the punishment if the student is found guilty. The report shall be submitted to the Academic office.
- The above policy against academic dishonesty shall be applicable for all the



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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, IF ANY

FOR APPROVAL

Sathyaraj Venkatesan.
Course Faculty

CC- Chairperson

HOD



Guidelines

- a) The number of assessments for any theory course shall range from 4 to 6.
- b) Every theory course shall have a final assessment on the entire syllabus with at least 30% weightage.
- c) One compensation assessment for absentees in assessments (other than final assessment) is mandatory. Only genuine cases of absence shall be considered.
- d) The passing minimum shall be as per the regulations.

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| 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | |
| 35% or (Class average/2) whichever is greater. | | (Peak/3) or (Class Average/2) whichever is lower | | 40% |

- e) Attendance policy and the policy on academic dishonesty & plagiarism by students are uniform for all the courses.
- f) Absolute grading policy shall be incorporated if the number of students per course is less than 10.
- g) Necessary care shall be taken to ensure that the course plan is reasonable and is objective.