

**Course: Research Methodology  
Methodology of Social Research**

<b>Semester I</b>	<b>Credits:4</b>	<b>Subject Code: ARMSOC123517</b>	<b>Lectures: 60</b>
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**Course Outcomes**

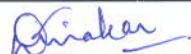
At the end of this course, the learners will be able to:

- CO1- Familiarize with the philosophical foundations and basic concepts of social research.
- CO2- Comprehend the debate and challenges to the positivism paradigm.
- CO3-Get acquainted with the quantitative and qualitative strategies of research.
- CO4-Apply research strategies and conduct research project

<b>Unit 1: Positivism and Sociology</b>	<b>12</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Comte's Notion of Positivism, Vienna Circle's Positivism</li> <li>● Debate on Objectivity Vs. Subjectivity, Quantitative Vs. Qualitative methodology, Concept of Triangulation</li> <li>● Ethical standards in research</li> </ul>	

<b>Unit 2: Alternate Paradigms</b>	<b>12</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Components of research paradigms: Ontology, Epistemology, Methodology, Methods</li> <li>● Alternative paradigms: Interpretivism and social constructionism, Critical realism, Pragmatist, Post positivism</li> </ul>	

<b>Unit 3: Quantitative Research Strategies</b>	<b>12</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Survey</li> <li>● Structured Interview</li> <li>● Content Analysis</li> </ul>	


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<b>Unit 4: Qualitative Research Strategies</b>	<b>12</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ethnography</li> <li>● Narrative analysis</li> <li>● Focus Group Discussions</li> <li>● Visual research</li> </ul>	

# 12 hours for Library work, practical or field work or research purposes

**Recommended Text Books**




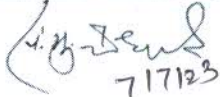
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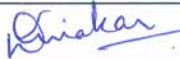
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