



THE ASSAM  
ROYAL GLOBAL UNIVERSITY  
— GUWAHATI —

# **Course Structure & Syllabus**

## **For PhD programme**

### **Paper – I & II**

### **Cluster 3**

**(RSB, RSC, RSTTM, RSHM, RSFT)**

**WEF AY 2024-25**

Course: Research Methodology

Subject Code: RMP995M101

L-T-P-C – 3-1-0-4

Credit Units: 04

Scheme of Evaluation: T

**Course Objective:**

The primary objective of the course is to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the research process and equip them with necessary knowledge and skills to conduct rigorous research in their chosen field of study.

**Course Outcome:**

On successful completion of the course the scholars will be able to:		
SI No	Course Outcome	Blooms Taxonomy Level
CO 1	Define the concepts and terminologies of research methodology	BT1
CO 2	Understand the tools & techniques of research methodology	BT2
CO 3	Apply various research methodologies to accomplish quality research outcomes.	BT3
CO 4	Analyze research data using suitable statistical methods.	BT4
CO 5	Evaluate the research findings to resolve the research problem.	BT5
CO 6	Develop and present the research report.	BT6

**Detailed Syllabus:**

Module	Course Content	Periods
I	<b>Introduction to Research Methodology</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meaning, Motivation &amp; Objectives of Research</li><li>• Classification of Research and Research Approaches</li><li>• Significance of Research, Research Methods versus Methodology</li><li>• Importance of Knowing How Research is Done</li><li>• Research Process and criteria of Good Research</li><li>• Problems Encountered by Researchers</li></ul>	12
II	<b>Defining the Research Problem:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Research Problem and its selection.</li><li>• Need and Techniques of defining the Problem.</li></ul> <b>Research Design:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meaning, features and need of Research Design</li><li>• Classification of Research Design</li><li>• Basic Principles of experimental designs</li></ul>	18

	<p><b>Sampling Design</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Census and Sample Survey, implications of a Sample Design</li> <li>• Steps in sampling design</li> <li>• Criteria of selecting a Sampling Procedure, characteristics of a good Sample Design and its classification</li> </ul> <p><b>Measurement and Scaling Techniques</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Measurement in Research and measurement scales</li> <li>• Sources of error in measurement</li> <li>• Developing Measurement Tools</li> <li>• Meaning of Scaling and Scale Classifications</li> <li>• Scaling Techniques</li> </ul>	
III	<p><b>Data Collection Methods</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collection of Primary Data and Observation Method</li> <li>• Interview Method and Collection of Data through Questionnaires</li> <li>• Collection of Data through Schedules</li> <li>• Collection of Secondary Data</li> <li>• Selection of Appropriate Method for Data Collection</li> <li>• Case Study Method</li> </ul> <p><b>Processing and Analysis of Data</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Processing Operations</li> <li>• Types of Analysis</li> <li>• Statistics in Research</li> <li>• Measures of Central Tendency, Dispersion, Asymmetry (Skewness), Relationship</li> <li>• Simple Regression Analysis, Multiple Correlation and Regression, Partial Correlation</li> </ul>	18
IV	<p><b>Interpretation and Report Writing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meaning of Interpretation and its need</li> <li>• Technique of Interpretation and its Precaution</li> <li>• Significance and different steps in Writing Report</li> <li>• Layout of the Research Report and classification</li> <li>• Oral Presentation</li> <li>• Mechanics of Writing a Research Report</li> <li>• Precautions for Writing Research Reports</li> <li>• Bibliography and referencing</li> </ul>	12
<b>Total</b>		<b>60</b>

**Textbooks:**

1. Kothari CR & Garg Gaurav (2024). *Research Methodology- Methods and Techniques*, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition, New Age International(P)Limited, Publishers, New Delhi.
2. Chawla, D.& Sondhi (2015). *Research Methodology-Concepts and Cases*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, Noida: Vikash Publishing House.

**Reference Books:**

1. Verma, S.K. and Wani, M.A. (2001). *Legal Research and Methodology*. New Delhi: Indian Law Institute.
2. Malhotra, N.K.& Dash, S. (2012). *Marketing Research: An applied Orientation*. 6<sup>th</sup> Edition. Noida: Pearson Publications.
3. *Concise Rules of APA Style*. (2010). American Psychological Association. Language Arts and Discipline.
4. *The Chicago Manual of Style*. (2003). University of Chicago Press

Course: Computer Applications & Research Publication Ethics

Subject Code: CAR995M102

L-T-P-C - 2-1-2-4

Credit Units: 04

Scheme of Evaluation: T&P

**Course Objectives:**

The objective of the course is to enable the scholars to understand and apply various IT applications and publication ethics in research.

**Course Outcomes:**

On successful completion of the course the scholars will be able to:		
SI No	Course Outcome	Blooms Taxonomy Level
CO 1	Define the basic concepts of IT applications and publication ethics in research	BT 1
CO 2	Interpret the concepts of publication ethics in research.	BT 2
CO 3	Apply appropriate IT tools in the collection and organization of research data by following ethical publication practices	BT 3
CO 4	Analyze the research data by adapting suitable IT applications and publication ethics	BT 4
CO 5	Evaluate research output in the context of publication ethics	BT 5
CO 6	Develop a comprehensive research plan by incorporating various IT tools & applications.	BT 6

**Detailed Syllabus:**

Module	Course Contents	Periods
I	MS-Word-Formatting, Referencing, Citation; MS-Excel-Data entry, analysis, graphical presentation; and MS-Power Point for presentation-preparation of slides, designs & animation.	15
II	Use of SPSS and other statistical software for data analysis.	12

<b>III</b>	<p><b>Introduction to publication Database &amp; Ethics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Definition, nature and scope of publication ethics.</li> <li>• Databases and Research metrics (UGC INFONET, INFLIBNET, ERNET, EBSCO, JSTOR, EMERALD etc.)</li> <li>• Indexing databases</li> <li>• Citation databases: web of science, Scopus etc.</li> <li>• Research metrics</li> <li>• Impact Factor of Journal as per Journal Citation Report, SNIP, SJR, IPP, Cite Score</li> <li>• Metrics: h-index, g index, i10 index, altimetric</li> </ul> <p><b>Scientific conduct:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ethics with respect to science and research</li> <li>• Intellectual honesty and research integrity</li> <li>• Scientific misconducts: Falsification, Fabrication and Plagiarism</li> <li>• Redundant publications: duplicate and overlapping publications salami Slicing, selective reporting and misrepresentations of data.</li> </ul>	<b>18</b>
<b>IV</b>	<p><b>Publication Ethics &amp; Practices:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Definition, Introduction and Importance</li> <li>• Best Practices / Standards setting and guidelines: COPE, WAVE, etc.</li> <li>• Conflicts of Interest</li> <li>• Publication misconduct: Definition, concept, problems that led to unethical behavior and vice versa, types of violation of publication ethics, authorship, and contributorship</li> <li>• Publication misconduct, complaints and appeals</li> <li>• Predatory publishers and journals</li> </ul>	<b>15</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>60</b>

**Textbooks/Reference books:**

1. Fundamentals of Computers by E Bala Guruswami (McGraw Hill Publication)
2. Programming in ANSI C By E Bala Guruswami (McGraw Hill Publication)
3. Microsoft Office System 2012 edition (PHI publication)
4. Kothari CR & Garg Gaurav (2024). *Research Methodology- Methods and Techniques*, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition, New Age International (P) Limited, Publishers, New Delhi.
5. Chawla, D. & Sondhi, N. (2015). *Research Methodology-Concepts and Cases*, 2nd Edition. Noida: Vikash Publishing House.