

A.P. State Council of Higher Education
Semester-Wise Revised Syllabus under CBCS, 2020-21

Course Code:

Three-Year B.A
Domain Subject: **ECONOMICS**
III Year B.A.-Semester-V

Max Marks: 100

Course 7D: **Project Designing and Report Writing**
(Skill Enhancement Course (Elective), 4 Credits)

I. Learning Outcomes:

The Student at the successful completion of the course shall be able to:

1. Demonstrate the knowledge relating to research, its role in enhancement of knowledge in social sciences in general and economics in particular;
2. Formulate a good research design to undertake mini research projects with a view to studying the socio-economic problems of the society;
3. Undertake a field survey by himself/herself to collect relevant data and information relating to his/her project work;
4. Develop capacity to write a simple project report with all relevant components on the research project undertaken by him/her.

II. Syllabus: (Hours: Teaching: 60, Training: 10, Others Including Unit Tests: 05)

Unit 1: Foundations of Research

Meaning and Importance of Research - Scientific Research – Social Science Research – Methods of ensuring Objectivity in Social Science Research – Limitations of Research in Social Science – Ethics in Research.

Unit 2: Classification of Research

Pure and Applied Research – Exploratory and Descriptive Research – Diagnostic Research – Action Research – Analytical Research – Evaluation Research – Experimental Research Design – Concepts of Independent and Dependent Variables – Case Study method.

Unit 3: Planning of Research Project

Selection of a Research Problem – Criteria for Selecting a Research Problem – Review of Theoretical and Related Research Studies - Choice of Secondary and Primary Data for the Study - Choice of Census and Sample Data – Preparation of a Research Proposal – Components of a good Research Proposal.

Unit 4: Implementation of a Project Design

Field Work and Collection of Data – Choice of Schedules and Questionnaire – Pilot Study – Role of Observation and Participation – Documentary Evidences - Projective Techniques: Functions and Types - Editing Data – Graphical and Statistical Analysis of Data using Appropriate Statistical Techniques.

Unit 5: Report Writing

Types of Research Report – Target Audience – Nature of Language to be used in Research Report - Outlines of a good Research Report – Prefatory Items – Body of the Report – Terminal Items: Differences between References and Bibliography – Appendices - Ethical values in Research Report - Plagiarism Test - Components of a good Research Paper.

III. References:

1. C. T. Kurien: *A Guide to Research in Economics*, Sangam Publishers for Madras Institute of Development Studies, Chennai, 1973.
2. O. R. Krishnaswami and M. Ranganatham: *Methodology of Research in Social Sciences*, Himalaya Publishing House, Mumbai, 2018.
3. C. R. Kothari: *Research Methodology: Methods and Techniques*, New Age International (Pvt.) Ltd. Publishers, New Delhi, 2004.
4. K. V. S. Sharma : *Statistics Made Simple: Do it yourself on PC*, (Second edn.) Prentice Hall of India, New Delhi, 2010.
5. John W. Creswell and J. David Creswell : *Research Design: Qualitative, Quantitative, and Mixed Methods Approaches*, Sage Publications, New Delhi, 2018.
6. Shanti Bhushan Mishra and Shashi Alok, *Handbook of Research Methodology*, Educreation, Bilaspur, 2017.
7. Wayne C. Booth, Gregory G. Colomb, and Joseph M. Williams: *The Craft of Research*, University of Chicago Press, Chicago, 2016.
8. Dr. Ranjit Kumar: *Research Methodology: A Step-by-Step Guide for Beginners*, Sage Publications, New Delhi, 2014.
9. Geoffrey Marczyk, David DeMatteo, and David Festinger: *Essentials of Research Design and Methodology*, John Wiley and Sons, New Jersey, 2005.
10. Sharan B. Merriam: *Qualitative Research: A Guide to Design and Implementation* Jossey Boss, San Francisco, 2009.
11. Mark Balnaves & Peter Caputi: *Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods: An Investigative Approach*, Sage Publications, New Delhi, 2001.
12. Relevant web resources suggested by the teacher and college librarian.

IV. Co-Curricular Activities:

a) Mandatory (*Training of students in the related skills by the teacher for a total 10 Hours*)

1) **For Teacher:** Training of students by teacher in the classroom and in the field for a total of not less than 10 hours on skills and hands on experience like evaluation of program, selection of research problem, doing literature survey, preparation of research proposal, data editing, graphs and statistics, writing research report and paper etc. and make field visit to study a simple research issue. The expertise of practicing researcher can be utilized for this purposes.

2) **For Student:** Students shall take up small research issue of their interest and visit a field area related to that problem. They shall write their individual observations in the given format, not exceeding 10 pages, and submit to the teacher, as Fieldwork Report

3) **Suggested Fieldwork Format** (*Report shall not exceed 10 pages*):

Title Page, Student Details, Acknowledgments, Index page, Objectives, Step-wise process, Findings, Conclusion & References.

4) Max Marks for Fieldwork Report: 05

5) Unit Tests/Internal Examinations.

b) Suggested Co-Curricular Activities

1. Invited Lectures with academic experts and researchers.
2. Hands on experience by field experts.
3. Assignments.
4. Debates on related topics.
5. Seminars, Group discussions, Quiz, etc.