

**Revised Syllabus of Courses of
Master of Commerce (M.Com) Programme at Semester II
(To be Implemented from Academic Year- 2016-2017)**

Core Courses (CC)

1. Research Methodology for Business

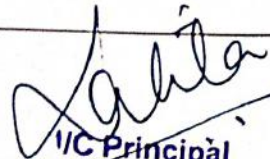
Modules at a Glance

SN	Modules	No. of Lectures
1	Introduction to Research	15
2	Research Process	15
3	Data Processing and Statistical Analysis	15
4	Research Reporting and Modern Practices in Research	15
Total		60

Objectives

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1	To enhance the abilities of learners to undertake research in business & social sciences
2	To enable the learners to understand, develop and apply the fundamental skills in formulating research problems
3	To enable the learners in understanding and developing the most appropriate methodology for their research
4	To make the learners familiar with the basic statistical tools and techniques applicable for research




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SN	Modules/ Units
1	Introduction to Research
	• Features and Importance of research in business, Objectives and Types of research- Basic, Applied, Descriptive, Analytical and Empirical Research. • Formulation of research problem, Research Design, significance of Review of Literature • Hypothesis: Formulation, Sources, Importance and Types • Sampling: Significance, Methods, Factors determining sample size
2	Research Process
	• Stages in Research process • Data Collection: Primary data: Observation, Experimentation, Interview, Schedules, Survey, • Limitations of Primary data • Secondary data: Sources and Limitations, • Factors affecting the choice of method of data collection. • Questionnaire: Types, Steps in Questionnaire Designing, Essentials of a good questionnaire
3	Data Processing and Statistical Analysis
	• Data Processing: Significance in Research, Stages in Data Processing: Editing, Coding, Classification, Tabulation, Graphic Presentation • Statistical Analysis: Tools and Techniques, Measures of Central Tendency, Measures of Dispersion, Correlation Analysis and Regression Analysis. • Testing of Hypotheses – ▪ Parametric Test-t test, f test, z test ▪ Non-Parametric Test -Chi square test, ANOVA, Factor Analysis • Interpretation of data: significance and Precautions in data interpretation
4	Research Reporting and Modern Practices in Research
	• Research Report Writing: Importance, Essentials, Structure/ layout, Types • References and Citation Methods: ▪ APA (American Psychological Association) ▪ CMS (Chicago Manual Style) ▪ MLA (Modern Language Association) • Footnotes and Bibliography • Modern Practices: Ethical Norms in Research, Plagiarism, Role of Computers in Research



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