



UNIVERSITY OF CALICUT

**Abstract**

General and Academic - Faculty of Humanities - BA Philosophy Programme under CBCSS UG Regulations w.e.f. 2019 Admission- Syllabus of the theory course, Research Methodology, in lieu of Project for SDE/Private registration - Approved subject to ratification by Academic Council- Orders Issued.

**G & A - IV - B**

U.O.No. 7172/2021/Admn

Dated, Calicut University.P.O, 20.07.2021

- Read:-*1. U.O. No. 4368/2019/Admn Dated 23.03.2019.  
2. U.O. No. 10662/2020/Admn Dated 13.11.2020  
3. Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Philosophy SB held on 10.07.2021  
4. Remarks of the Dean Faculty of Humanities dated 17.07.2021.  
5. Orders of the Vice-chancellor dated 19.07.2021

ORDER

1. The Regulations for Choice Based Credit and Semester System for Under Graduate (UG) Curriculum 2019 (CBCSS UG Regulations 2019) for all UG Programmes under CBCSS-Regular and SDE/Private Registration has been implemented w.e.f. 2019 admission, vide paper read (1), and the same was modified vide paper read (2) above.
2. As per Clause 4.15, Every student of a UG degree programme shall have to work on a project of 2 credits under the supervision of a faculty member or shall write a theory course based on Research Methodology as per the curriculum. But SDE/Private Registration students shall write the Research Methodology course instead of project. Board of Studies concerned shall prepare the syllabus for the same.
3. Accordingly, the meeting of the Board of Studies in Philosophy SB, vide paper read (3) above, has resolved to approve the syllabus of Research Methodology for SDE/Private registration BA Philosophy Programme , w.e.f 2019 admission onwards.
4. The Dean, Faculty of Humanities has approved, vide paper read (4) above, the above decision of the Board of Studies in Philosophy (SB).
5. Considering the urgency, the Vice Chancellor has accorded sanction, vide paper read (5) above, to implement the syllabus of Research Methodology for SDE/Private registration BA Philosophy Programme in accordance with the new CBCSS UG Regulations 2019, in the University with effect from 2019 Admission onwards, subject to ratification by the Academic Council.
6. The syllabus of the theory course, Research Methodology in lieu of Project for SDE/Private registration BA Philosophy programme, in tune with the new CBCSS UG Regulations is therefore implemented with effect from 2019 Admission onwards, subject to ratification by the Academic Council.
7. Orders are issued accordingly. (Syllabus appended)

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Assistant Registrar

To

- 1.The Director , SDE
  - 2.The Controller of Examinations
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## **Title of the course: Research Methodology**

**Course Code: PHL 6B 19**

**Credits: 2**

### **Brief description of the course:**

The course provides an introduction to the techniques of research and writing in philosophy

### **Course-Outcome:**

At the end of the course the students will be able to,

- 1) Understand the methodological issues in philosophical research
- 2) To have the skills in doing research and in writing academic papers

### **Unit 1: What is research?**

1.1 Definitions of research

1.2 Nature of research

1.3 Types of research (Qualitative/Quantitative;  
Comparative/Analytical/Expositive; Applied/Fundamental;  
Empirical/Conceptual)

1.4 Difference between research in philosophy and research in natural and social sciences

### **Unit 2: Methodology of Research**

2.1 Method and Methodology

2.2 Significance of Research Problem

2.3 Nature of Scientific Investigation: Identifying a research problem; formulation of preliminary hypothesis; collection of additional facts, formulation of explanatory hypothesis, deducing further consequences, testing consequences, applying the theory.

### **Unit 3: Research Writing**

3.1 Structure of Synopsis: Background of the work; Statement of the problem; Literature Review; Chapter division; Aims and Objectives.

3.2 Introduction to writing styles: MLA, APA and Chicago.

3.3 Mechanics of Writing: MLA Style; Citation from books, journals, periodicals, websites and electronic sources. Endnotes. Format of 'Work cited' and Bibliography;

3.4 Plagiarism:Types and Checking Tools.

### **References:**

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