

SANT GADGE BABA AMRAVATI UNIVERSITY, AMRAVATI

Faculty of Humanities Board of Studies in English

Course Title	:	Research Methodology in English
Programme	:	PhD Course Work
Credits	:	2
Duration	:	One Semester (15 Weeks)
Teaching Hours	:	30 Hours (2 hrs/week)

Course Objectives

The course aims to:

1. Introduce students to the fundamentals of literary research.
2. Familiarize students with various research methods and approaches in literary studies.
3. Develop skills in academic writing, documentation, and citation.
4. Train students in preparing research proposals, dissertations, and scholarly articles.
5. Enable students to use digital resources and research tools effectively.
6. Promote ethical research practices.

Course Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Understand the principles and processes of literary research.
2. Formulate research problems and hypotheses.
3. Apply appropriate theoretical and methodological frameworks.
4. Conduct literature reviews and bibliographic research.
5. Use MLA style documentation effectively.
6. Write research papers, dissertations, and articles following academic conventions.

Unit I: Introduction to Research and Literary Research

1. Meaning, Nature, and Scope of Research
2. Types of Research:
3. Basic and Applied Research
4. Quantitative and Qualitative Research
5. Interdisciplinary Research
6. Research in Humanities and Literature
7. Characteristics of Good Research
8. Research Process: Stages and Procedures

Unit II: Literature Review and Documentation

1. Review of Literature: Purpose and Techniques
2. Bibliography and Annotated Bibliography

3. Primary, Secondary, and Tertiary Sources
4. Library and Digital Research
5. Academic Databases and E-resources
6. Documentation Styles:
7. MLA Handbook (Latest Edition)
8. Avoiding Plagiarism

Unit III: **Literary Theory and Research Frameworks**

1. Theoretical Frameworks in Literary Research:

- Formalism
- Structuralism
- Poststructuralism
- Marxism
- Feminism
- Ecocriticism
- Postcolonialism
- Cultural Materialism
- Queer Theory
- Digital Humanities

2. Application of Theory in Research

Unit IV: **Academic Writing and Research Ethics**

1. Structure of a Research Paper
Writing Abstracts, Introductions, and Conclusions
2. Thesis and Dissertation Writing
3. Academic Integrity and Ethics
4. Plagiarism Detection Tools
5. Peer Review Process
6. Publishing in Journals

Evaluation Pattern Internal Assessment

Writing Research Proposal -	20
Seminar Presentation-	10
Writing Research Paper -	10
Viva –Voce -	10
Total -	50

Recommended Books:

1. Banerjee Prantik : A Handbook of Research in English (Macmillan Education Pvt. Ltd.) 2023
2. Das Ajay : Research Methodology in English Literature (Pearl Books) 2021
3. Sinha M. P. : Research Methods in English (Atlantic Publishers & Distributors),2024