

Mother Teresa Women's University ,

Kodaikanal

Ph.D Social work-Course Work

Syllabus- Research Methodology

Unit I

Introduction to Social Work Research: Meaning-objectives --Scope - importance Social Work Research and its relationship with other methods of Social Research.

Scientific Method: Meaning-assumption-steps.

Unit II

Identification of Research Topic -Review of Literature. Research Design: Exploratory- Descriptive- Diagnostic-Experimental-Quasi-experimental

Sources of Data: Primary- Secondary- Tertiary.

Unit III

Tools of Data Collection: Interview Guide-Interview Schedule- Questionnaire-Observation- Case Study- Case History- Scales-Reliability- Validity of tools.

Unit IV

Census Method - Sampling Techniques: Probability and Non Probability Sampling-Criteria for a good sample-determination of sample size.

Hypothesis: sources of hypothesis-criteria for good hypothesis-types-testing of hypothesis-errors in hypothesis testing.

Report writing-: Methods-Bibliography-Footnotes.

Unit V

Quantitative techniques: Measures of Central Tendency-Measures of Dispersion-Chi-square test-Correlation- t-test -Importance of Computers in Social Work Research-Uses of SPSS- Code of ethics and research to demonstrate particular sensitivity to vulnerable populations, issues of social justice, conflicts of interest, and respect for dignity and privacy.

Code and Policies of Research Ethics-Promoting Ethical conduct in Social Research-Ethical principles- Ethical issues in Research-Contemporary issues in research ethics- Benefits and harms of participation in research-Informed consent in research-Plagiarism -

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- Kothari C.R., Research Methods and Techniques, Viswaprakashan, New Delhi.
- Gupta SP, Statistical Methods, Sultan Chand & Sons, New Delhi.

