

**BA 4<sup>th</sup> SEMESTER**  
**DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC COURSE (CORE-4)**  
**SOC420C: SOCIOLOGY: METHODOLOGY OF SOCIAL RESEARCH**

**CREDITS: THEORY: 4, TUTORIAL: 2**  
**MAXIMUM MARKS: THEORY: 60, TUTORIAL: 30**  
**MINIMUM MARKS: THEORY: 24, TUTORIAL: 12**

**Course Objectives:**

*The course seeks to introduce the students to methodology of social research. Besides acquainting the students with fundamentals of research, the course also intends to unravel the various complexities and philosophical underpinnings of research.*

*The course serves to achieve following major objectives:*

- *To enable the students to develop fundamental familiarity with the research.*
- *To familiarize them with the various tools and techniques of research.*
- *To enable the students to understand the essence of the research.*

**Learning Outcomes**

*Upon completing the course, the students are expected to have a good command upon the fundamentals of research. The students are also expected to be able to make use of basic statistical tools in analysis of the research data*

**Unit 1 Introduction**

- a. Meaning of Social Research
- b. Nature and Scope of Social Research
- c. Types of Social Research

**Unit 2 Research Design**

- a. Meaning
- b. Types of Research Design: Descriptive, Explanatory and Exploratory
- c. Significance of Research Design

**Unit 3 Sampling**

- a. Sampling: Meaning and Significance
- b. Types of Sampling: Probability and Non-Probability Sampling
- c. Advantages and Disadvantages of Sampling

**Unit 4 Tools and Techniques of Social Research**

- a. Questionnaire
- b. Interview
- c. Observation

**TUTORIALS: PROJECT WORK/PRESENTATION/DEBATES/TERM PAPER (2 CREDITS)**

**TUTORIAL 1:**

- a. Nature and Significance of Social Science Research in Contemporary times
- b. Significance of Research Design
- c. Sampling as a technique in Social Research

**TUTORIAL 2:**

- a. Formulation and administration of Interview Schedule
- b. Participant Observation as a method in Social Research
- c. Qualitative vs Quantitative Research

**REFERENCES**

- Ahuja, Ram. 2001. *Research Methods*. New Delhi: Rawat Publications
- Bose, Pradip Kumar. 1995. *Research Methodology*. New Delhi: Indian Council of Social Science Research
- Bryman, Alan. 1988. *Quality and Quantity in Social Research*. London: Unwin Hyman
- Kothari, C.R. 1989. *Research Methodology: Methods and Techniques*, Bangalore, Wiley Eastern.
- Young, P.V. 1988. *Scientific Social Surveys and Research*. New Delhi: Prentice Hall.

**Note: List of readings provided is not absolute and additions may be made to it.**