

BACHELORS WITH SOCIOLOGY AS MAJOR (CT – I)

6th SEMESTER

SOC622J1: SOCIOLOGY _ BASICS OF SOCIAL RESEARCH

TOTAL CREDITS:04 (THEORY: 03; TUTORIAL:01)

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The course introduces the learners to the basic concepts of research in social sciences besides acquainting them with the various methods used in conducting research in society

OBJECTIVES:

The objective of the course is to make students understand the meaning and nature of social research and to acquaint students with tools of social research

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

After going through this course you will be able to learn the concept of social research, the scientific method and its relevance with social research and also the different tools used in social research

1 Introduction

- Meaning of Social Research
- Nature of Social Phenomena
- Scientific Method

2 Research Design

- Meaning and Significance of Research Design
- Elements of Research Design
- Types of Research Design

3 Tools of Social Research

- Questionnaire
- Observation
- Case Study

TUTORIALS

4 TUTORIAL 1:

- Identification of any social problem and formulation of a synopsis on it

Essential Readings

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