

Course title: Research Methods for Public Policy			
Course code: PPS 115	No. of credits: 3	L-T-P: 39-04-04	Learning hours: 45
Pre-requisite course code and title (if any): None			
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Course type: Core		Course offered in: Semester 1	
Course description			
<p>This course is designed to orient students to essential research methods helpful for understanding and conceptualizing policy research and tools for administrative decision-making. Policy research often employs the methods of social science disciplines. The course aims to create a firm base on basic quantitative and qualitative research methods and tools, their appropriate application in policy research and to help students build perspectives based on robust evidence. This course comprises five modules: the first module discusses the basic features of research, with special reference to policy research; the second module provides crosscutting methods; the third and fourth modules provide an overview of qualitative and quantitative analytical methods, respectively; and the fifth module focuses on organizing and documenting analytic evidence.</p>			
Learning objectives:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To orient students to basic and unique features of research in public policy. • To enable students to design and carry out an independent study using quantitative or qualitative or mixed-method approaches. • To help students develop the ability to select appropriate methods and tools for quantitative and qualitative data analyses and to draw inferences. • To support students in developing or strengthening their skills in organizing, synthesizing, and documenting analytical evidence in the form of research/technical reports. 			