

NIRMA UNIVERSITY

Institute:	Institute of Law
Name of Program:	B.A.,LL.B (Hons.) and B.Com.,LL.B(Hons.)
Course Code:	0FL005VA25
Course Title:	Skill Lab V - Research Writing Skills
Course Type:	Supplementary
Year of Introduction	2023-24 (for B.A.,LL.B. (Hons.) and B.Com.,LL.B. (Hons.)); 2027 (for B.B.A.,LL.B. (Hons.))

Course Learning Outcomes (CLO):

After completing this course, student will be able to:

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1. Demonstrate the various facets of legal research and writing (BL-2);
2. Develop basic skills such as reviewing literature, problematizing, hypothesizing, creating research design, writing precise (BL-3),
3. Utilize legal research and writing skills to produce academic works like project work, dissertation, academic papers and articles, reviews (BL-3)

Content

Total teaching hours: 30
05 Hours

Unit I

Research: Its Meaning and Significance

- 1.1 Meaning, Definition, Objective and Scope of Research
- 1.2 Types of Research
- 1.3 Empirical and doctrinal research.
- 1.4 Pure and applied research
- 1.5 Steps in research

Unit II

Source and Material of Legal Research

05 Hours

- 2.1 Primary (interview, questionnaire, observation etc.) and Secondary Source (historical, documentation, reports, on line sources etc.)
- 2.2 Types of legal Source
 - (a) Statutory Sources
 - (b) Case Reporter, Case Digest and Index
 - (c) Non-Statutory Sources: Dictionary, Reports of Statutory Commissions (Law Commissions, NCW, NHRC, SC Commission, ST Commission.)
- 2.3 Online Sources (Jastor, Heineonline, Manupatra, India Code, SCC Online, Judis, Westlaw etc.)
- 2.4 Statistical Reports: NSSO, Census of India, Crime in India, U-DISE etc.

Unit III	Research Design, Reference Style and Research Ethics	05 Hours
	3.1 Definition, meaning and characteristics of Research Design	
	3.2 Types of Research Design	
	3.3 Steps in Research Design	
	3.4 Styles of writing headers and sub headers	
	3.5 Legal Research Methodology, Research Design and Structure and Framework of Research based Academic Activities (Synopsis, Projects, Article/ Paper, and Dissertation).	
	3.6 Research Ethics and Plagiarism.	
	3.7 Research Based Conference cum Consultation.	
	a. Contemporary and Socially Relevant Research (Empirical and Doctrinal).	
	b. Emerging Debates and Discourses and Socio-Legal Interplay.	
	c. Quantitative and Qualitative Research	
	d. Case Studies	
	3.8 Blue Book 19 th Edition	
Unit IV	Legal Writing: Craft and Style	05 Hours
	4.1 Learning to Write Literature Review	
	4.2 Article / Paper Review	
	4.3 Book Review	
	4.4 Research proposal	
	4.5 Research paper	
	4.6 Research report.	
Unit V	Learning to Write Legal Review	05 Hours
	5.1 Case Notes, Case Comments and Case Review	
	5.2 Policy note and review	
	5.3 Brief writing	
Unit VI	Legal Drafting	05 Hours
	6.1 Writing Moot Court Memorials	
	6.2 Affidavit / Declaration / Undertaking on Oath	
	6.3 Legal Notice	

Self-Study:	1. Research in Education, 10th Edition	Best & Kahn
	2. Case Study Research	John Mcleod
	3. Understanding the research problem	Paul Oliver

Suggested List of Experience: N/A

Suggested Reading	1. Flick U., <i>Introducing Research Methodology</i> , Sage Publications.
Reference:	2. Verma, S. K. <i>Research Methodology</i> , ILI Publication.
	3. Yaquin, Anwarul., <i>Legal research and Writing Methods</i> , Lexis Nexis, Butterworths.
	4. Denicolo P. and Becker L., <i>Developing Research Proposals</i> , Sage Publications.
	5. Kitchin R. and Fuller D., <i>The Academic's Guide To Publishing</i> , Sage Publications.
	6. Gerard G., <i>Basic Research Method</i> , Sage Publications.
	7. Shah Vimal P., <i>Research Design</i> (Papers on Research Methodology) Rachna Publications.