

NIRMA UNIVERSITY

Institute:	Institute of Technology
Name of Programme:	BTech (All)
Semester:	VI and VII
Course Code:	4FT901CC24
Course Title:	Research Methodology and Seminar*
Course Type:	Core
Year of Introduction:	2024-25

Teaching and Examination Scheme:

Course Code	Seme-ster	Course Name	Teaching Scheme				Examination Scheme (Weightage)		
			L	T	P	C	Continuous Evaluation (CE)	Lab Project Work (LPW)	Sem End Exam (SEE)
4FT901CC24	VI	Research Methodology and Seminar*	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
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*The course will be spread over two semesters (semester 6 and semester 7). 4 credits will be awarded on successful completion of examination components at the end of semester 7.

Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs)

At the end of the course, the students will be able to

1. formulate a research problem for a given engineering domain. (BL6)
2. analyse the available literature for given research problem. (BL4)
3. solve problem using scientific tools. (BL3)
4. develop technical writing and presentation skills. (BL3)
5. collaborate for research and articulate a document for possible publication. (BL6)

Semester VI:

Total Teaching Hours: 30

	Contents	Teaching hours (Total 30)
Unit I	Introduction: Introduction to research problem, sources of finding a research problem, characteristics of a research problem, pitfalls in selecting a research problem, scope and objectives of research problem, approaches of investigation of solutions for research problem	06
Unit II	Literature Review: Effective literature review approaches, literature analysis, ethics in research, data collection, analysis, interpretation, use of AI tools for literature review	06
Unit III	Technology and Computer Applications: Role of technology in research, Data organization, Software selection and its applications, solving problems by using scientific software and tools, Sample programs for analysis of data	06
Unit IV	Technical Writing and Presentation: Effective technical writing, thesis writing, research proposal writing, research paper writing, presentation skills, tools for technical writing and presentation	06

Unit V Scholarly Publishing: IMRaD concept and design of research paper, citation and acknowledgment, plagiarism and measures to avoid it, reproducibility **06**

Semester VII:

Suggested Work (not restricted to the following):

	Title	Hrs.
1.	Formulate a research problem for a given engineering domain	10
2.	Perform literature survey for a given engineering domain	12
3.	Apply a suitable computer application/software to solve/optimize a research problem for a given engineering domain	12
4.	Perform data analysis using a suitable statistical tool(s) and data representation using appropriate software	08
5.	Writing a review/research paper and communicate the same for publication	18

Suggested Readings/ References:

1. Stuart Melville, Wayne Goddard, Research Methodology: An Introduction for Science and Engineering Students, Juta & Co Ltd.
2. Ranjit Kumar, Research Methodology: A Step-by-Step Guide for Beginners, Pearson
3. C. R. Kothari, Research Methodology: Methods & Techniques, Wishwa
4. D K Bhattacharyya, Research Methodology, Excel Books
5. Loraine Blaxter, Christina Hughes, Molcolm Tight, How to Research, Viva Books Pvt. Ltd.
6. Paul Oliver, Writing Your Thesis, Vistaar
7. Pat Cryer, The Research Student's Guide to Success, Viva Books Pvt. Ltd.
8. R. Kumar, Research methodology a step-by-step guide for beginners, Sage London
9. C.G. Thomas, Research methodology and scientific writing, Ane books, Delhi
10. D C Montgomery, Design and Analysis of Experiments, Wiley
11. Research papers / web articles in the field of research methodology

L = Lecture, T = Tutorial, P = Practical, C = Credit

w.e.f. academic year 2024 - 25 and onwards