

UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS
M.A. DEGREE PROGRAMME IN PHILOSOPHY
SYLLABUS WITH EFFECT FROM 2023-2024

Subject Code	Subject Name	Category	L	T	P	S	Credits	Inst. Hours	Marks		
									CIA	External	Total
507C4A	Research Methodology in Philosophy	Core - XI	Y	-	-	-	5	6	25	75	100

Learning Objectives

1	To understand the technique of research methodology
2	To enlighten the philosophical underpinnings of research methods
3	Teaches us to properly select our research topic
4	It helps in pursuing a research career in future.
5	To understand doing philosophical researches in a university setting.

UNIT

Details

1	Situating the question of method in the history of western and Indian philosophies; study the traditional methods of reading and interpreting classical texts; study the salient theories of meaning (Kunjunni Raja); study the philosophical underpinnings of hermeneutics (Paul Ricoeur, Gadamar – Truth and Method);
2	Study of the philosophy of social sciences, which involve in modern researchers; study the relationship between the hermeneutical approach of philosophy, and the research methods of social sciences
3	Contemporary constructivist paradigm of Truth and method; Inter-disciplinarily and trans-disciplinarily in approaching truth and method
4	Study of the research process: Choosing a research topic – making the research design – choosing a method of research (quantitative, qualitative, etc) – implementing the study – identifying the findings
5	Writing the research report (dissertation) – Introduction and Methodology – Review of Literature – Presentation of Data – Interpretation of Data – Presentation of Findings – Conclusions.

Course Outcomes

CO	On completion of this course, students will
1	Students understand the technique of research methodology
2	Becomes aware of philosophical underpinnings of research methods
3	Learns to properly select the research topic
4	Students becomes confident of pursuing a research career in future.
5	Students understand to do research in a university setting.

Text Book

1	Collingwood, R. G. An Essay on Philosophical Method. Oxford
2	T P Ramachandran, <u>Research Methodology</u>
3	Lourdunathan, S. Presenting you Thesis/paper, Guidelines to Research in Philosophy and Social Sciences

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4	Perry, C. “A Structured Approach for Presenting Theses”
5	Peters, Pam. The Cambridge Australian English Style Guide, Cambridge
Reference Books	
1.	Bhanwar Lal Garg, <u>Introduction to Research Methodology</u>
2.	Timothy Williamson, <u>Philosophical Method: A Very Short Introduction</u>
3.	Kerry E Howell, <u>The Philosophy of Methodology</u>
4.	Isaac E. Ukpokolo, <u>Methodology of Research and Writing in Philosophy</u>
5.	Denzin, Norman K. And Yvonna S. Lincoln. The Sage Handbook of Qualitative Research
Web Resources	
1.	https://research-methodology.net/research-philosophy/
2.	https://fikpani.wordpress.com/2012/11/23/mpye-007research-methodology-in-philosophy/

Mapping with Programme Outcomes:

	PO 1	PO 2	PO 3	PO 4	PO 5	PO 6	PO 7	PO 8	PO 9	PO 10
CO 1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1
CO 2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
CO 3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2
CO 4	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2
CO 5	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2

Strong (3) Medium (2) Low (1)

Mapping with Programme Specific Outcomes:

	PO 1	PO 2	PO 3	PO 4	PO 5	PO6	PO7	PO8	PO9	PO10
CO 1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
CO 2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
CO 3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
CO 4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
CO 5	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Weightage	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
Weighted percentage of course contribution to POS	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0

Strong (3) Medium (2) Low (1)