

BA English Hons

Course Title: Research Methodology

Course Code: SLE 419

Semester V

(Credits: 4)

Objectives:

- to introduce scholars to the philosophy and mechanics of research
- to train scholars in the use of language, style and discourses suitable for thesis-writing,
- to expose and orient scholars to theoretical models for conducting research in literature with examples from feminist and postcolonial theory.

Unit I- Introduction to Research

Definition and Objectives of Research- Research in Language and Literature-Types of Literary Research, Different approaches to Research- Extrinsic and Intrinsic Approaches Identifying a research problem-criteria of good research

Unit II- Form and Style in Thesis Writing

Gibaldi, Joseph. *M.L.A. Handbook 8th edition*. MLA,2016.

Unit III: Research Methods in Literature- I

- Postcolonial Theory—Colonial Discourse Analysis
- “The Adolescence of Kim” in Sara Suleri’s *The Rhetoric of English India*

Unit-IV: Research Methods in Literature- II

- Feminism Feminist Theory
- “Introduction” to *Real and Imagined Women: Gender, Culture and Postcolonialism* by Rajeswari Sunder Rajan.

References:

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2. Phelps, R. Fisher, K. and Ellis, A. (2007) Organizing and Managing Your Research: A Practical Guide for Postgraduates. London: Sage.
3. Punch, K. (2006) Developing Effective Research Proposals, Second Edition. London:

Sage.

4. Ridley,D. (2008) *The Literature Review: A Step-by-step Guide for Students*. London:

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5. Seales, J. M. (2004), *Research Genre: Explorations and Applications*.

6. Altick, Richard D. (1963) *The Art of Literary Research*. New York: W.W. Norton & Company