

EN818 Understanding Research Methods 4-0-0 4

Objectives: To introduce the scholars to research and research methods. It will provide an understanding of the fundamentals of doing research. Aiming at a student-centric learning through regular presentations and discussions, the course will impart an understanding of various approaches to research in Language and Literature. It will enhance the scholars' research approaches and skills, ability to deplENoy these skills in their area of research.

Unit 1 Research – A form of Exploration

Purpose of Writing – Identification of a problem and the choice of subject – Types of Research – selecting sources – Bibliography – Plagiarism.

Unit 2 The Mechanics of Writing

Spelling, Punctuation, Italics, Numbers, Title of Work, Quotations. Format and documentation of research paper.

Unit 3 Documentation

Works cited – Citing Works, Essays, Articles, Newspapers, journals, internet-sources

Unit 4 Analalysis of Research Writings

Analysis of specimen research writing. Motivate students for critical thinking.

Unit 5 Research Methods for English Studies: An Introduction

Introduction – Different Methods like Archival Methods, Auto/biography as a Research Method, Oral History, Visual Methodologies, Discourse Analysis, Ethnographic Methods in English Studies, Quantitative Methods for Scholars of Texts, Textual Analysis as a Research Method, Interviewing, Creative Writing as a Research Method, Digital Humanities, etc.

Unit 6 Practising writing Research Papers

Writing a Research Paper on scholar's area of interest

Prescribed Text:

Gibaldi, Joseph. *MLA Handbook for writers of Research Papers*, New Delhi: EWP,
2009(10th edition)

Ed.by Gabriel Griffin. *Research Methods for English Studies*. Second Edition. Rawat Publications: New Delhi. (First Edition by Edinburgh University Press Ltd.: UK) ISBN 978-81-316-0785-5.

References:

Anderson, Jonathan, B.H Durston and M.Pcole. *Thesis and Assignment Writing*. New Delhi: Wiley Eastern, 1970.

Kothari, C.R. *Research Methodology: Methods and Techniques*. Delhi: New Age International Ltd., 1985.