



# Vel Tech

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(SCHOOL OF LAW)

COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	L	T	P	C
4021PL001	RESEARCH METHODOLOGY	3	1	0	4

**Course Category:** Foundation Course

**a. Preamble :**

Legal Research Methodology is an important tool in the field of Law. Legal Research helps the scholars of Law to focus on the facts of the problem, identify the specific legal provisions with Land mark judgments of the Apex Court. The syllabus for research methodology is prepared to equip scholars with the basics of research methodology and also provide them acquaintance with the main ingredients of collection of data, analysis of data, quantitative methods, Legal report writing.

**b. Prerequisite Courses :**

This course has no prerequisites

**c. Related Courses :**

Research and Publication Ethics.

**d. Course educational objectives :**

To impart Knowledge and skills required for research

- To know formulation of a legal problem, analysis and solution.
- Be able to interpret specific legal provisions and decision of the Court
- To know the Basic methodology in legal research
- To Know the legal drafting and presentation,
- To publish papers with legal language and Legal Writing

**e. Course outcomes**

Upon the successful completion of the course, scholar will be able to

CO Nos.	Course Outcomes	Knowledge Level (Based on revised Bloom's Taxonomy)
CO1	Understand the concept of Research, Hypothesis and Application	K2
CO2	Illustrate the steps and methods involved in legal research.	K3
CO3	Develop research design and perform sampling.	K3
CO4	Analyze research design and use tools to solve research problems.	K3
CO5	Apply reporting knowledge for legal writing and research publication.	K3

## **f. Course content**

### **UNIT-1: INTRODUCTION:**

**L-9+T-3**

Meaning of Research -Objectives of Research-Characteristics of Research - - Meaning of Scientific Method and its application in Legal Research – Concept – Theory- Hypothesis and facts – The nature and inter-relationship.

### **UNIT- II: LEGAL RESEARCH METHODOLOGY:**

**L-9+T-3**

Meaning of Legal Research-Objectives of Legal research-Types of Legal research (Descriptive, Quantitative, Qualitative, Analytical, Applied, Pure, Conceptual and Empirical Legal Research) – Steps involved in Legal research – Methods of Legal research – Doctrinal Legal Research- Characteristics., Non-Doctrinal Legal Research-features-Limitations-Comparative Research-Critical research

### **UNIT – III: TYPES OF RESEARCH DESIGNS AND SAMPLING:**

**L-9+T-3**

(Explorative, descriptive, Diagnostic, Analytical/Experimental) – Nature of Social Survey – Types of Surveys – Planning and Errors in Survey – Use of sample -Type of Samples – Probability samples and Non- Probability samples- Methods of Data Collection, Interview schedule – Questionnaire. Observation– Case Study

### **UNIT -IV: RESEARCH DESIGN AND ANALYSIS:**

**L-9+T-3**

Quantitative Methods, research design-solutions of research problems determination of research design – Research Tools. Classification and Tabulation – Use of Diagrammatic and Graphic Presentation – Computerized Research – Use of Computers in Legal Research – Reporting Writing in Legal Research – Book Review and Case Comments. Role of Bibliography.

### **Unit V : Legal Writing :**

**L-9+T-3**

Ethics in Research, Article Writing in Legal Research-- Research Publication – Use of Definitions-maxims -Concepts – Principles-Doctrines in Legal research – Citations-Methodology- Book Review-Case Comments- Training In final works.

**Total: 60 Hours**

### **Learning Resources**

#### **Reference Books:**

1. Goode and Hatt et.al Methods in Social research, NewyorkMec Grow Hills Publications limited,1962.
2. Watt,Robert and Johns, Francis, Concise Book on Legal rearch, Sydney, Federation Press, 2001.
3. M.O Price, H. Bitner and Bysiewiez Effective Legal research (1978)
4. Pauline V.Young& Schmid Calvin F., Scientific Social Survey and research, Printice, New Delhi (1968)
5. William J. Goode and Paul K. Hatt , Methods in Social Research , McGraw-Hill Book Company, London.
6. Morris L Cohan, Legal research in Nutshell, (1996), West Publishing Co. Harvard Law Review Association, Uniform System of Citations.
7. Kothare, Social Sciences Research, New Delhi, 1968
8. ILI Publication, Legal Research and Methodology,Indian Law Institute, New Delhi.
9. Garg, B.L Karadia, R.,Agarwal, F and Agarwal, An Introduction to Research Methodology, RBSA Publishers, U.K.,2002