



**Master of Arts**  
**M.A. in Sociology Semester I**

<b>Course Code</b>	PA01CSOC52	<b>Title of the Course</b>	Methods of Social Research
<b>Total Credits of the Course</b>	05	<b>Hours per Week</b>	05

<b>Course Objectives:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Explain the technical and theoretical issues and interpreting data.</li><li>2. Clarify the nature of social phenomena and understanding social reality.</li><li>3. Students recognize the various research techniques and methods.</li></ol>
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<b>Course Content</b>		
<b>Unit</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Weightage* (%)</b>
1.	Philosophical Roots of Social Research, Issues on the Theory of Epistemology, Importance, Limitations, Characteristics and Types of knowledge, Getting knowledge of different ways, Problems of knowledge, Philosophy of Social Science, Enlightenment, Methodological Perspectives in Sociological Theory.	20
2.	Scientific Nature of Social Research, Main Attributes of Scientific Attitude, Qualities Required in Social Science Pure and Applied Research, Selection and Mutation of a Research Problem, Characteristic of Social Phenomena, Inter – Disciplinary research, Action Research.	20
3.	Major steps in Social Research, Meaning & Definition, Function, Sources and Limitations of Hypothesis.	20
4.	Key Terms in Sampling, Types, Need of Sampling, Characteristics of Good Sampling, Sampling and Non –	20





	Sampling errors, Scientific Method of Social Research, Logic in Sociological Research, Methods of Logic, Utility of Logic, Problems of Logic.	
5	Meaning & Definition, Characteristic, Steps and Types of Research Design; Exploratory, Descriptive and Experiment.	20

<b>Teaching-Learning Methodology</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Lecture delivered</li><li>- Class Discussion</li><li>- Group Discussion</li><li>- Debate on current issues</li><li>- Assignments</li><li>- Learn through ICT</li><li>- Students presentation</li><li>- Tutorial Lesson</li><li>- Research Project</li><li>- Brainstorming session</li><li>- Guest Speakers</li></ul>
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<b>Evaluation Pattern</b>		
<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Details of the Evaluation</b>	<b>Weightage</b>
1.	Internal Written / Practical Examination (As per CBCS R.6.8.3)	15%
2.	Internal Continuous Assessment in the form of Practical, Viva-voce, Quizzes, Seminars, Assignments, Attendance (As per CBCS R.6.8.3)	15%
3.	University Examination	70%

**Course Outcomes: Having completed this course, the learner will be able to**





1.	Students will be able to understand the technical and theoretical issues and interpreting data.
2.	Students will be able to evaluate the nature of social phenomena and understanding social reality.
3.	Students will be able to describe the various research techniques and method.

**Suggested References:**

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2.	Beteille A. and T.N. Madan. 1975. Encounter and Experience: Personal Accounts of Fieldwork, Vikas Publishing House Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi.
3.	Bleicher M. 1988. The Hermeneutic Imagination, Routledge and Kegan Paul, London (Introduction Only)
4.	Bose Pradip Kumar, 1995: Research Methodology, ICSSR New Delhi.
5.	Bryman, Alan. 1988. Quality and Quantity in Social Research, Unwin Hyman, London.
6.	D.A. de Vaus. 1986. Surveys in Social Research, George Relen and Unwin, London.
7.	Fayeraband, Paul 1975. Against Method: Outline of an Anarchistic Theory of Knowledge, Humanities Press, and London.
8.	Hawthorne. Geoffrey, 1976. Enlightenment and Despair: A history of sociology, Cambridge University, Cambridge.
9.	Hughes, John, 1987. The Philosophy of Social Research, London, Longman.
10.	Irvine, J., L. Miles and J. Evans (eds.). 1979. Demystifying Social





	Statistics, Pluto Press, London.
11.	Kuhn, T.S. 1970. The structure of scientific revolutions: The University of Chicago Press, London.
12.	Madge John. 1970. The Origins of Scientific Sociology, Tavistock, London.
13.	Marsh, Catherine. 1988. Exploring Data, Policy Press, Cambridge.
14.	Mukherjee, P.N (eds.) 2000. Methodology in Social Research: Dilemmas and Perspectives, Sage (Introduction), New Delhi.
15.	Popper K. 1999. The Logic of Scientific Discovery, Routledge, London.
16.	Punch, Keith. 1986 Introduction to Social Research. London: Sage.
17.	Shipman, Martin. 1988. The Limitations of Social Research, London: Longman.
18.	Sjoeberg, Gideon and Roger Nett. 1997. Methodology for Social Research, Rawat, Jaipur.
19.	Srinivas M.N and Shah 1979, Field Worker and the Field. New Delhi: OXFORD References
20.	Smelser, Neil J. Comparative Methods in Social Science.

**On-line resources to be used if available as reference material**

On-line Resources of Human Rights And Society

1. "Arhat" in Gujarati, Centre for Social Studies, Udhana, Surat.
2. "Yojana" in Gujarati, Monthly, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
3. "Sociological Bulletin" tri – annually, Indian Sociological Society, [www.sagepublishing.com](http://www.sagepublishing.com)
4. "Social Action" A Quaterly Review of Social Trends, Delhi, India. [www.isidelhi.org.in](http://www.isidelhi.org.in)





5. N. List (Inflibnet) Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
6. UGC – Online Network resources
7. MOOC Program through SWAYAM.
8. Online Books of IGNOU, TECH-ED, BRITANICA EN CYCLOPEDIA
9. Sociologyguide.com – Free Sociology Notes, Sociology/ <a href="https://www.sociologyguide.com/">https://www.sociologyguide.com/</a>
10. Basic Concepts & Terms Sociology/ <a href="https://www.sociologyguide.com/basic-concepts">https://www.sociologyguide.com/basic-concepts</a>
11. A Text – Book of Sociology/ <a href="https://www.pdfdrive.com/a-text-book-of-sociology-e111909html">https://www.pdfdrive.com/a-text-book-of-sociology-e111909html</a> .
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