

<b>Course title:</b> Research methods and legal writing			
<b>Course code:</b> MPL 173	<b>No. of credits:</b> 3	<b>L-T-P:</b> 24-9-18	<b>Learning hours:</b> 51
<b>Pre-requisite course code and title (if any):</b> None			
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<b>Course type:</b> Core		<b>Course offered in:</b> Semester 1	
<p><b>Course description:</b></p> <p>The course aims to build scientific perspective, attitude and skills for systematic enquiry by developing understanding of philosophical foundations of research, various elements of research design and methods and tools for data collection and analysis.</p> <p>The course will enable comprehension of principles and elements of research methodology, to formulate research problem, objectives and questions. It will introduce students to various methods, tools and techniques related to social and legal research. The focus of the course would be designing studies for applied research. It will also guide them to deal with various ethical and methodological concerns in doing research. The course will also discuss the limitations, benefits, appropriateness, and challenges of using qualitative and quantitative techniques in applied research.</p> <p>The course has a strong practical component. Field visit is an essential part, which will help students understand the real challenges of conducting social research.</p>			
<p><b>Course objectives:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To provide an understanding of various perspectives, methods and tools in social and legal research.</li> <li>2. To equip students with tools for data collection</li> <li>3. To enable students to undertake independent legal research</li> </ol>			