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**Course Name: RESEARCH METHOD AND
LEGALWRITING (CORE COURSE)**

Course Code: LLM 101

Class: LLM1styear Semester: I

Credit: 5

Course Objective-

To acquaint the student of law with the scientific method of social science research.

To provide the knowledge of the technique of selection, collection and interpretation of primary and secondary data in socio-legal research.

It Emphasis would be laid on practical training in conducting research in this course.

It will also emphasis on Evaluation of the research tools and process of legal research.

To instill rational tools of analysis in the students o that their research contributes to the developments of socio-legal dimensions

Course Outcomes: Students will be able to:

CO1: understand the nature and techniques of legal research;

CO2: distinguish the methods and techniques of legal research from that of social sciences research; CO3:

apply the techniques of legal research to legal communication and writings;

CO4: develop the proposal for research to write master level dissertation;

CO5: to apply the research techniques to prepare class lectures/ lessons based on principles, theories, legislations and cases.

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Unit-1 An Introduction to Legal Research

- a. Evolution, Meaning, Scope and Purpose
- b. Kinds of Legal Research-Doctrinal or Traditional Research
- c. Non-Doctrinal or Empirical Research
- d. Descriptive and Analytical Research
- e. Applied and Fundamental Research
- f. Quantitative and Qualitative Research
- g. Mono-Disciplinary and Trans disciplinary Research

Unit-II Research Design

Identifications and Formulation of Research Problem

Hypothesis and Research Design (Characteristics and contents)

Data base for Legal Research:

Legislations, Judicial Decisions, Juristic Writings and Traditional and Online databases

Unit-III Research Technique

- a. Methodology: Tool and Technique for Collections of data collection of case materials and juristic literature, use of historical and comparative research material and use of questionnaire and interview
- b. Census and Survey
- c. Sampling: Types, Merits and Demerits
- d. Observation
- e. Interview, Questionnaire

Unit-IV Data Processing Report writing

- a. Data Analysis and interpretation
- b. Report Writing
- c. Supervision
- d. Guidelines for researchers
- e. Research Ethics

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Unit-V Legal writing Meaning and Signification

- a. Forms and Essential of Legal Writing
- b. Research Report Writing- Dissertation and thesis
- c. Footnotes-blue book citations ILI format-MLA format
- d. Bibliography
- e. E-resources and plagiarism

What is research

Research means to investigate, inquire or probe in any particular area of discipline. It is a careful and detailed study of a topic to gather more information about it. This can be done by adding, deleting, updating, separating, or correcting the previous knowledge. People intentionally or unintentionally are involved in the process of research in their day-to-day life. The human mind is full of curiosity. It conducts an inquiry about something at some point in a day. The term research is itself made up of two words, 'Re' and 'Search'. Re means again, and Search is to scrutinize or probe. In other words, searching, again and again, is what we call research.

Purposes of legal research

Law is dynamic as our society is. It operates in a complex structure of society. Behavioural norms and attitudes are controlled and moulded by the law. However, with the nature of these norms changing with time and space, it becomes essential that law becomes adaptable to the changing order of society.

Legal research is also essential to write plagiarism-free content. Plagiarism is a common practice with severe consequences. Most students avoid legal research and stick to paraphrasing or plagiarizing from the content written by others. This can lead to serious consequences such as a copyright complaint, a Google penalty, deduction of marks in universities, etc. So, legal research is an essential step to avoid resorting to such practices. Some students also order free from plagiarism essays from professional writers to succeed with the tasks and help them in their assignments

Types of Research Methodology



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"Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony"

