

Government Degree College (Autonomous), Baramulla

**Syllabus**  
**BA(Hons) Public Administration**  
**Semester-VIII (Major)**

Course Title: Dissertation  
Credits: 02

Course Code:PADC4822M  
Contact Hours:32

**Course Objectives:**

This course will guide students through the entire research lifecycle, from formulating a research question to data collection and analysis. Encourage them to apply theoretical public administration concepts to contemporary governance, public policy, and local administrative issues. And train them to objectively evaluate administrative practices, identify societal challenges, and propose feasible policy recommendations.

**Course Outcome:**

- To demonstrate an in-depth understanding of a specific area of public administration.
- To understand research methodologies, ethical research standards, and data collection tools applicable to social sciences.
- To gain the ability to recognize administrative constraints, socio-political challenges, and institutional opportunities within the public sector.
- To synthesize research findings into actionable, coherent, and evidence-based policy recommendations.
- Write a clear, well-structured dissertation and present complex administrative findings professionally.

**Suggested Readings:**

Nicholas, Walliman (....); Your Research Project (11nd Edition); Vistar Publications, New Delhi.

Misra, R.P.:(1988); Research Methodology: A Hand Book; Concept Publishing Company, New Delhi.

Kumar, Ranjit; (2005); Research Methodology: A Step-by-Step Guide for Beginners; (11nd Edition); Pearson Education, Singapore.

Bhattacharjee Anol; (2011); Social Science Research: Principles, Methods and Practices, University of Florida, U.S.A.

Caltung, John; (1980); Theory and Methods of Social Research.

Neuman Lawrence W., 1997, Social Research Methods: Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches, Boston, Allyn and Bacon.