

BA (Hons) in Psychology (8th Semester)

COURSE NAME: MINOR RESEARCH PROJECT

COURSE NO.

MAXIMUM MARKS: 50

CONTACT HOURS:60

CONTACT HOURS PER CREDIT: 30

CREDITS: 02

THEORY: Nil

PROJECT: 02

Course Description

In this course, students will undertake a short-supervised research project, either individually or in small groups. The topic will be chosen in consultation with a faculty mentor and must relate to key areas of applied psychology, such as Clinical, Health, Organizational, or Social Psychology. The project involves formulating a research question, reviewing relevant literature, selecting a suitable method, collecting and analyzing data, and presenting findings in a brief report following APA format. Emphasis will be placed on ethical research practices and basic research skills.

Course Objectives

- To introduce students to the process of psychological research.
- To encourage the application of theory to real-world research problems.
- To build skills in research design, analysis, and presentation.

Course Outcomes

- Identify a simple, focused research problem and formulate objectives.
- Conduct basic data collection and analysis.
- Present findings in a concise research report and oral presentation.

Course Content

- a) Introduction to research process, ethics, and topic selection
- b) Basic literature review and research question formulation
- c) Overview of methods: sampling, data collection tools, ethics
- d) Data collection and simple analysis (manual or using basic software)
- e) Report writing: key sections (Intro, Method, Results, Discussion)
- f) Oral presentation and reflection on learning limitations

Readings

1. Creswell, J. W., & Creswell, J. D. (2018). Research design: Qualitative, quantitative, and mixed methods approaches (5th ed.). SAGE Publications.
2. American Psychological Association. (2020). Publication manual of the American Psychological Association (7th ed.). American Psychological Association.
3. Coolican, H. (2018). Research methods and statistics in psychology (7th ed.). Routledge.