

COURSE OUTLINE

Course Code / Title : HA2023 Research Methodology in Social Sciences

Pre-requisites : HA1003, HA1012

No. of AUs. : 3

Contact Hours : 39

Course Aims

This course targets students who are interested in learning social science research methods. It introduces basic research methods and skills in conducting social science research projects. It will equip students with necessary knowledge reading research papers and conducting research projects, in particular the final year project.

Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)

By the end of the course, you should be able to:

1. Identify a research problem and formulate research questions and hypotheses.
2. Apply principles of research design to a research project.
3. Report findings in a concise and informative manner and make pertinent recommendations.

Course Content

Topics include the theoretical foundation of social research, various techniques for research design, the conceptualization and definition of social and policy problems, the methods of data collection including sampling, interviewing, survey questionnaire, and the interpretation and presentation of research results.

Course Assessment

Class participation : 20%

Projects : 45%

Presentation : 5%

Final test : 30%

Total -----

100%