

MANGALORE UNIVERSITY
Department of Sociology
MA Sociology

SYP 557 - Research Project Course – Dissertation

Course Outcome:

- CO1. Ability to conceptualize, formulate and conduct research projects.
- CO2. Assess the research studies and findings.
- CO3. Skills for library work and documentation.
- CO4. Logical thinking and critical analysis.
- CO5. Favorable attitudes for the integration of research and theory.
- CO6. Field-work skills and experience.
- CO7. Writing skills, reference skills
- CO8. Techniques of data collections
- CO9. Methodologies in social analysis

Objectives:

Research skills are very important for sociological analysis. Through this course, in addition to the theoretical input, an opportunity is given to the students to acquire research skills by undertaking a research project as a part of the academic activity. This project course will help to:-

1. Develop the ability to conceptualize, formulate and conduct simple research projects.
2. Learn to assess the research studies and findings.
3. Develop the skills for library work and documentation for research.
4. Develop favorable attitudes for the integration of research and theory.
5. Develop logical thinking and critical analysis.

Guideline for Research Project:

1. A Student shall select the research topic in the third semester itself in consultation with the faculty member assigned as in-charge or guide for Research Project Course and report the same to the Head of the Department/College Principal in writing.
2. The topic of such research project shall be relevant to sociology course on the whole.
3. The topic of such research project shall be finalized only after the Department/College approves the same.

4. The tools of data collection should be finalized and data collection shall be completed by the mid of the fourth semester.
5. The student has to submit two bound copies of Research Dissertation to the Head of the Department/College Principal on or before the last working day of the IV semester in a prescribed format.
6. Each student shall be compulsorily supervised in the Research Project by a faculty member, preferably who has PhD research degree in sociology and is a full-time teaching faculty in the department/college. The supervisor will guide the student in methodology and the course of the study.
7. The list of such eligible faculty members in the Department/College is prepared and approved by the BOS in Sociology.
8. The allotment of the students to a faculty for supervision shall be done by the Department Council.
9. Periodic individual conference, related to Research Project of each student, shall be conducted by the supervisor.
10. Each student shall be required to take part in Class Room Presentations in the context of Research Project. Assignments regarding such presentations (colloquium) shall be related to the research methodology and tools of research being developed by the student.
11. The student's performance in such assignments is considered in assigning the Internal Assessment marks allocated for Research Project.
12. The type of research project (qualitative, quantitative or combined) should be based on the consensual decision of both the student and the supervisor.
13. The sample size for quantitative research shall not be less than 50 respondents; and minimum of 10 cases if it is qualitative.
14. Not less than 5 class hours per week or 80 hours in 4th semester shall be spent by the student for such Research Project.
15. A total of 5 Credits shall be allocated to the Research Project Course.
16. The project course will be evaluated on the basis of the dissertation and the continuous internal assessment. (Dissertation 70 + continuous Internal Assessment 20 + colloquium 10 = Total 100).
17. A certificate from the Institution/ Industry/ Panchayath/ hospital / agency should be enclosed with the research report if the project fieldwork is done in such institution.
18. Plagiarism should be avoided and the Department/college should check the project report for plagiarism.
19. On time submission of the dissertation is mandatory.

Research Project Report shall consist of the following sections.

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| Section A | : | Preliminaries |
| Section B | : | Body of the Report |
| Section C | : | Annexure / Appendix |

Section A is a formal general section and shall include:

1. Title page - having details as the title of the study, name of the researcher, register number, name of the guide, department/institution through which the

study has been undertaken under University, and the year of the research project work.

2. Forward/Acknowledgement.
3. Table of contents with Page Numbers.
4. List of Tables, Charts, Graphs.
5. Certificate from the candidate stating the originality of the research report content.
6. Certification from the guide/supervisor.
7. Certification from the agency if the study has been carried out in a particular institution.

Section B is a formal technical section and shall include the chaptarisation of the report

1. Executive summary in the form of abstract (200 words)
2. Introduction
3. Objectives
4. Review of literature.
5. Methodology
6. Data presentation and analysis
7. Major Findings and conclusions
8. Suggestions and recommendations.

Section C shall include such information that is not included in the body of the report, but is relevant to the study.

1. Reference
2. A copy of the tool of data collection.
3. Additional statistical tables.
4. Photographs, figures, maps, etc.

Technical specifications of the report:

1. Printed and bound a minimum of 25 pages to a maximum of 50 pages, excluding the preliminary content pages and the annexure/appendix.
2. Use A4 size paper, 1 inch margins on all 4 sides; font Times New Roman 12 size, double spaced.
3. Referencing in ASA/APA style, with author-date system.
e.g. for a book by Pitirim Sorokin published in 1978; title of the book 'Contemporary Sociological Theories'; published by Kalyani Publisher, from New Delhi.
 - a. In text referencing:
(Sorokin 1978)
 - b. In text quoting the statement:
(Sorokin 1978: 236)
 - c. Reference:
Sorokin, Pitirim. 1978. *Contemporary Sociological Theories*. New Delhi: Kalyani Publishers.

Areas of Job orientation in completion of the courses:

Government departments
Research groups
Development agencies
Teaching - Universities and colleges
Market research firms
Legal cells / bodies

Fields open:

In research: survey designer, market research analyst, data analyst, social statistician, population analyst, health researcher, criminology researcher, environment policy analyst.

In education: teacher, lecturers, administrative officer, career counsellor, public health education.

In Community work: social worker, community worker, child and youth worker, family therapist, addiction counsellor.

In correction centres: police officer, correction officer, criminal law legal advisor.

Course specific future orientations:

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1	Research Methodology Social Statistics Methods in Social Research Themes in Sociological Analysis Project Work	Survey designer, Market research analyst, Data analyst, Social statistician Development research
2	Indian Society; Society in Karnataka Rural and Urban Society in India Sociology of Marginalised Groups Sociology of Social Movements Sociology of Religion	Social work Community work Social counsellor
3	Sociology of Health and Sanitation Sociology of Ageing Sociology of Disaster and Social Crisis	Health researcher Fire service safety worker Disaster relief worker
4	Crime and Society Social Psychology Gender and Society Education and Society	Criminology researcher Correction centres Family counsellor Police department
5	Social Entrepreneurship Industry and Society Sociology of Development Globalisation and Society	Social entrepreneur Employment exchange office Career guidance HRD