

Paper II: Research and Publications Ethics

02 Credit course (30 hrs.)

Overview

This course has total 6 units focusing on basics of Philosophy of Science and Ethics, Research Integrity, Publications Ethics. Hands-on-session are designed to identify research misconduct and predatory publications. Indexing and citation databases, open access publications, research metrics (citations, h-index, Impact Factor, etc.) and plagiarism tools will be introduced in this course.

Pedagogy:

Class room teaching, guest lectures, group discussions and practical sessions.

Evaluation:

Continuous assessment will be done through tutorials, assessments, quizzes and group discussion. Weightage will be given for active participation. Final written examination will be conducted at the end of the course.

Eligibility:

- M.Phil., Ph.D. students and interested faculty members (It will be made available to Post-graduate students at later date)

1. PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS (3 hrs.)

- a) Introduction to philosophy: definition, nature and scope, concept, branches
- b) Ethics: definition, moral philosophy, nature of moral judgments and reactions.

2. SCIENTIFIC CONDUCT (5 hrs.)

- a) Ethics with respect to management studies and research
- b) Intellectual honesty and research integrity
- c) Scientific misconducts: Falsification, Fabrication and Plagiarism (FFP)
- d) Redundant publications: duplicate and overlapping publications, salami slicing
- e) Selective reporting and misrepresentation of data

3. PUBLICATION ETHIC (7 hrs.)

- a) Publication Ethics: definition, introduction and importance
- b) Best practices / standards setting initiatives and guidelines: COPE, WAME, etc.)
- c) Conflicts of interest
- d) Publication misconduct: definition, concept, problems that lead to unethical behavior and vice versa, types.
- e) Violation of publication ethics, authorship and contributorship
- f) Identification of publication misconduct, complaints and appeals
- g) Predatory publishers and journals

PRACTICE:

4. OPEN ACCESS PUBLISHING (4 hrs.)

- a) Open access publications and initiatives

- b) SHERPA / RoMEO online resource to check publisher copyright & self-archiving policies
- c) Software tool to identify predatory publications developed by SPPU
- d) Journal finder / journal suggestion tool viz., JANE, Elsevier Journal finder, Springer Journal Suggester, etc.

5. PUBLICATION MISCONDUCT (4 hrs.)

A. Group Discussions (2 hrs.)

- a) Subject specific ethical issues, FFP, authorship
- b) Conflicts of interest
- c) Complaints and appeals: example and fraud from India and abroad)

B. Software tools (2 hrs.)

Use of plagiarism software like Turnitin, Urkund and other open source Software tools

6. DATABASES AND RESEARCH METRICS (7 hrs.)

A. Databases (4 hrs.)

- a) Index database
- b) Citation database: Web of Science, scopes, etc.

B. Research Metrics (3 hrs.)

- a) Impact factor of Journal as per Journal Citation Report, SNIP, SJR, IPP, Cite Score
- b) Metrics : h-index, g index, i10 index, altmetrics.

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