

**INDIA ARAB CULTURAL CENTRE**  
**Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi**

**M. A International Studies Arab-Islamic Culture**

<b>Course Title:</b>	<b>Research Methodology</b>
<b>Duration:</b>	<b>One Semester</b>
<b>Credit:</b>	<b>4 credit/100 marks</b>
<b>Level of Teaching:</b>	<b>Post-Graduate</b>
<b>Method of Instruction:</b>	<b>Lectures, Discussions, Tutorials, Presentations</b>
<b>Mode of Evaluation:</b>	<b>Internal Assessment and End-Semester Examination</b>

**Course Description:**

This course is designed to introduce the students to the world of research by exposing them to the theoretical, practical and ethical aspects of different research techniques. The course aims to equip students in understand three things: (a) the process of knowledge production/construction by focusing on the basic concepts in research in general, different research paradigms and academic streams in social sciences (b) context-specific understanding of knowledge production to be able to develop expertise in Area Studies and (c) practical aspects of research concerning data collection and analysis. The lectures and classes are particularly concerned with the question: how to understand social reality (ies) and contribute in the knowledge production.

**Unit One: Research and Research Problem**

Key Concepts in Research: Meaning-Value-Truth-Paradigm-Theory.

Overview of the Research Process–Identification of the research problem-Formation of research questions and hypothesis-Preparation of review of literature.

**Unit Two: Approaches**

Positivist

Scientific Inquiry-Objectivity and Subjectivity- Semiotics-Behaviouralism-Marxism-Structurism

Post-Positivist

Critical Theory-Post-modernism-Semiotics-Hermeneutics-Phenomenology-Post Colonialism-

Feminism-Neo-historicism

**Unit Three: Methods**

Empirical and Conceptual-Qualitative and Quantitative

Hypothetico Deductive-Historical Methods-Comparative

Descriptive-Experimental Evaluation – The interpretist method- The reconciliatory method-

Ethnographic method

**Unit Four: Data Collection and Analysis**

Primary data collection methods- Observation-interview-Questionnaire-Internet sources-Experimental and Case studies-

Secondary data -Using internet for primary and secondary research

Analysing data- Overview of qualitative and quantitative data – Organizing and presenting data

## **Unit Five:Preparing the Research Proposal**

Technical papers-Types of research proposal-The writing process-  
Bibliographies-References and Footnotes

### **Schedule of Examination & Grading:**

**Midterm Exam** **25 %**

**Final exam** **75 %**

### **Suggested Readings**

- Habermas, Jurgen, *The Structural Transformation of the Public Sphere: An Inquiry into a Category of Bourgeois Society* (Massachusetts: MIT Press, 1991)
- Horkheimer, Max, *Critical Theory: Selected Essays* (London: Continuum International Publishing Group, 1982)
- Kuhn, Thomas, 1996, *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions* (NY: University of Chicago Press, 1996)
- Levi-Strauss, Claude, *Structural Anthropology* ( London: Basic Books, 1963)
- Lyotard, Jean-Francois, *The Postmodern Condition: A Report on Knowledge* ( NY: University of Minnesota Press, 1984)
- Marx, Karl, *Capital: A Critique of Political Economy* (London: Casimo, Inc, 2007)
- \_\_\_\_\_ and Engels, Friedrich and Levitsky, Serge L. *Das Kapital: A Critique of Political Economy* (Skeptical Reader Series) (London: Regency Gateway, 1996)
- Popper, Karl Raimund, *The Logic of Scientific Discovery* (London and New York: Rutledge, 2002)
- Reinharz, Shulamit and Davidman, Lynn, *Feminist Methods in Social Research* (London: OUP, 1992)
- Said, Edward, *Orientalism* (London: Vintage Books, 1979)
- Searle, John R. *The Construction of Social Reality* (USA: Penguin, 1995)
- Potter, Jonathan, *Discourse analysis and the identification of interpretative repertoires* ([https://www.researchgate.net/publication/232494229\\_Discourse\\_analysis\\_and\\_the\\_i  
dentification\\_of\\_interpretative\\_repertoires](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/232494229_Discourse_analysis_and_the_identification_of_interpretative_repertoires))
- Antaki, Charles (ed.) *Analysing Everyday Explanation: A Casebook of Methods* (London: Sage Publication, 1980)
- Hill, Michael R., *Archival Strategies and Techniques, Qualitative Research Method* Volume 31 (London: Sage Publications, 2001)