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# RESEARCH METHODOLOGY COURSE

for M. Phil /Ph.D./PDF Scholars in Law and Social Sciences

(Offline Mode)



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VGU Jaipur

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## ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

Established in 2012, Vivekananda Global University, Jaipur, stands as a trailblazer in its commitment to delivering a comprehensive education aligned with global standards. VGU is dedicated to providing an education that fosters coherence and integrity in intellectual pursuits, cultivating a social conscience among students. This approach aims to shape well-rounded individuals capable of critical thinking, considering issues from diverse perspectives, and communicating effectively.

An education at Vivekananda Global University places a robust emphasis on foundational knowledge, rigorous academic research, and practical engagement with real-world challenges. The diverse community of 7500+ students on campus, hailing from 24 states in India, and 29 other countries, benefit from a world-class learning experience offered through a range of undergraduate and postgraduate programs. These programs are led by our distinguished faculty, ensuring a comprehensive and top-tier educational environment.

Faculty members, originating from diverse regions of India, actively contribute to high-level research and publications. The university fosters a dynamic research culture through individual and collaborative projects, both on a national and international scale. Specialised centers, evolving from specific disciplinary domains, as well as multidisciplinary research initiatives, further enhance the vibrant and research-intensive atmosphere at the university.

Sponsored by the Bagaria Education Trust, Vivekananda Global University has evolved into a highly dynamic institution with a transformative mission and a comprehensive developmental agenda. With prestigious accreditations such as NAAC Grade A+ and ICAR, it stands out as one of the fastest-growing and leading universities in North India. Achieving this status within a mere decade, the university has successfully established itself as a prominent player not only in the educational landscape of Rajasthan but also on a national level.

Embracing a diverse spectrum of disciplines, the university thrives in an educational environment primarily focused on technical and vocational training. Since its inception, VGU has remained steadfast in its commitment to delivering holistic educational experiences. Beyond imparting academic knowledge, the university is dedicated to cultivating qualities that characterize a distinguished professional on the global stage. The university derives its name from Swami Vivekananda, a proponent of holistic human development encompassing physical, mental, and spiritual dimensions. His advocacy for integrating science and technology into education, particularly emphasizing technical education for industrial development, serves as a cornerstone for our institution. Aligned with Swami Vivekananda's philosophy, our core values are deeply rooted in his thoughts and ideas, forming the foundation of our institute. Our overarching objective is to nurture the physical, mental, emotional, secular, and spiritual facets of our students, aspiring to mould them into professionals of global excellence and responsible citizens. These enduring ideals, firmly grounded in Indian culture, have transcended generations.

## **VISION**

- To become a university with commitment to excellence in education, research & innovation aimed towards human advancement.

## **MISSION**

- Facilitate holistic education through knowledge sharing, skilling, research and entrepreneurial development.
- Integrate academic and industrial collaborations towards nation's development.
- Mentor students' physical, mental, emotional, secular and spiritual attributes to become a valued human resource.

## **ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW**

Department of Law, Vivekananda Global University, focuses on for development and advancement of interdisciplinary legal education and scholarship. It challenges normative pedagogy and believe in establishing and implementing new approaches towards teaching and learning which lead the University to NAAC A+ accreditation in a short span of a decade since its inception. As a leading research-oriented institute, The Department encourages unrestricted academic imagination in the belief that thinking outside the box leads to original, relevant and impactful research. Thus, the Department incubates research on a range of diverse and unconventional ideas, including but not limited to, intellectual property rights, constitutional law, and criminal law.

The Department takes pride that our effective and impact-driven research has on numerous occasions received recognition. Since our inception in 2013, The Department of Law has become one of India's premier law universities. Our students have gone on to excel in diverse fields, such as academia, legal practice, administrative services and entrepreneurship. This is a testament not only to our students' drive, talent and intellect but to our sincerity and diligence as well. The Department of Law values and embraces diversity of thoughts, opinions, values and expressions and believes that educational institutions should be fair and inclusive spaces that help everyone in achieving their true potential.

## **ABOUT THE RESEARCH METHODOLOGY COURSE (RMC)**

The School of Law at Vivekananda Global University (VGU), Jaipur, is going to organize an ICSSR Sponsored **‘Ten Days Research Methodology Course in Social Sciences’** for M. Phil/Ph.D. scholars and Post-Doctoral Fellow during **April 1st – 11th, 2025** to empower early and mid-career social science faculty with the essential tools and networks to enhance their research capabilities. India’s higher education institutions face significant challenges in fostering quality research, which is achievable through systematic training in research methodology - a structured approach for addressing issues and solving problems scientifically. As India advances in science, engineering, and technology, the demand for a multidisciplinary workforce grows. The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 emphasizes reforms in higher education, particularly in underrepresented areas like social sciences, and aims to establish the National Research Foundation. Responding to these reforms, VGU will launch a research-focused undergraduate program in 2024-25, highlighting the need for workshops to enhance faculty and scholars research skills. The RMC will focus on refining research skills and methodologies for social science faculty, enabling them to mentor students effectively and contribute meaningfully to their disciplines. By participating in this programme, early-career academics will gain the knowledge and expertise needed to excel in their research pursuits, undertake projects, and publish in prestigious journals, thereby advancing their respective fields. The programme will also foster a vibrant academic community, encouraging collaboration and elevating the overall quality of research in the social sciences.



## **OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE**

- To provide learners with an extensive comprehension of contemporary research methodology and literature review procedures. To provide a forum for debating the methodological prerequisites of research and investigating novel methodologies.
- To augment participants capacity to establish hypotheses and research inquiries, devise research designs, and choose suitable sample methodologies.
- To acquaint participants with diverse research methodologies and procedures.
- To promote discourse on the statistical prerequisites of research in the social sciences.
- To provide participants with the competencies required for proficient data gathering and analysis.
- To provide direction on the production of publishable research publications, including the maintenance of research ethics.

## **PEDAGOGY**

Various pedagogical techniques, such as lectures, practical computer software training, research proposal writing assignments, data collecting, research design, and fieldwork for data collection, will be used to teach different research methodology themes. At the end of the session, participants will be asked to present their work and turn in a thorough report.

## **BASIC COURSE CONTENT**

During the ten days Research Methodology Course, participants will network, collaborate with experienced researchers, and exchange knowledge. Key topics include:

- Nature and Concept of Research in Social Sciences
- Identifying the purpose and fundamentals of research.
- Performing literature reviews: reporting techniques and their applicability.
- Creating a thorough proposal for a research study.
- An overview of both qualitative and quantitative research techniques.
- Investigating various research methodologies and their designs.
- Recognizing the deductive and inductive methods used in research.
- Putting probability and non-probability sampling procedures into practice.
- Formulating and testing hypotheses using both parametric and non-parametric tests.
- Methods for gathering both primary and secondary data.
- Creating and evaluating successful surveys.
- Use SPSS for statistical analysis, both descriptive and inferential.
- Using electronic resources for study and research.
- Being aware of copyright, research ethics, and plagiarism problems.
- Carrying out content, meta, and narrative analysis.
- Gaining proficiency in research writing.

## RESOURCE PERSONS

The resource persons senior academicians from different parts of country representing the leading institutions/universities including Central Universities, Indian Institute of Technology, National Law Universities will deliver the expertise lessons in the course.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE PARTICIPANTS

- This course invites application from eligible candidates all over India. Applicants should be enrolled for M.Phil./Ph.D./PDF in a UGC recognised university/Deemed University/ Colleges/ Institution of the national importance and ICSSR Research Institute. /Recognised Institutes and their application should be duly forwarded by the affiliating Institution.
- Application along with forwarding letter from the afflicted institution to be mailed to: **RMC.2025@VGU.AC.IN**
- Selected candidates would be informed through their registered E-Mail.

## INTAKE & SELECTION CRITERIA

The maximum intake for the Course shall be **30** seats (20 for out station and 10 for local). Those who have attended any such type of program sponsored by either UGC or ICSSR are not eligible to apply for this programme. The selection committee will select the participants for this course, after reviewing the application. The guideline of **ICSSR** shall be strictly followed for selection and the conduction of the programme. Notification for selected candidates will be communicated through the registered email/ at university website. Attendance for all the sessions is mandatory or otherwise the certificate shall not be issued.



## ABOUT COURSE DIRECTOR AND CO-COURSE DIRECTOR

PROF. (DR.) P.P. MITRA is Dean and Professor, Faculty of Law, Vivekananda Global University, Jaipur and he has been researching, teaching and writing on various subjects of law, for more than two decades. Earlier he served as Professor (Research) at School of Law, UPES, Dehradun and as Chair Professor & Coordinator for PhD program in School of law, Galgotias University, Greater Noida. He was also engaged as Senior Consultant (Grade I) with Department of Justice, Ministry of Law & Justice, Government of India, New Delhi where he dealt with Action Research Projects on Judicial Studies and Judicial Reforms. Previously he served as Assistant Dean (Academic Affairs) at National University of Study & Research in Law, Ranchi. He taught there 'Social Legal Research Methodology' for LLM students and PhD Coursework candidates and presided over several meetings as Chairman of 'Board of Research Studies' and 'Research Advisory Committee' for finalization of PhD synopsis. He supervised PhD theses and master's dissertations for many students and also evaluated PhD theses. His book, SOCIO-LEGAL RESEARCH: THEORY AND METHODOLOGY (Thomson Reuters 2021) where 'Foreword' was written by emeritus Professor Upendra Baxi, is highly acclaimed among researchers and academicians.



**PROF. (DR.) P.P. MITRA**

Dean, Faculty of Law,  
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DR. ARCHANA SHARMA is a distinguished legal scholar and Associate Professor of Law at Vivekananda Global University. With over a decade of experience, she specializes in Labour Laws, Criminology, and Intellectual Property Rights. She has authored numerous peer-reviewed publications on topics like gender neutrality in rape laws and blockchain technology in agriculture. She serves as an editorial board member of the Journal of Law and Intellectual Property Rights (JLIPR)). Her research contributions have been recognized at national and international levels, with publications in UGC CARE and Scopus-indexed journals.



**DR. ARCHANA SHARMA**

Associate Professor, Faculty of Law,  
VGU

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**Course Timings:** 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM (Total 30 sessions including Field Visit)

**Course Dates:** 01st April 2025 to 11th April 2025

**Venue:** Seminar Hall, Academic Block, VGU, Jaipur

**Registration Fee:** There is no registration fee for the Course

**Mode:** Offline Mode only

**Requirement for workshop:** It is desirable for all the selected participants to have their own laptop.

### **How to Apply:**

1. Candidates desiring to attend the Research Methodology Course have to fill the requisite Application Form attached below and submit to the Course Director through Google Form & Email (Soft Copy) only. A copy of Recent Bio-Data also has to be submitted along with the application form.
2. The applications should be forwarded by the Head/ Dean/ Research Supervisor of the Institution/University of the concerned applicant.
3. Applicants have to submit a note highlighting the present status of their research work duly recommended by the Supervisor, a copy of the Registration certificate, a synopsis/note on their research work along with their applications.
4. Sample draft Article Soft copy (Should bring if selected)
5. It may be noted that selection will be done as per **ICSSR Guidelines**.

All the requisite details (Application Form+ Bio data + Forwarding Letter + Status of Research Works + Registration Certificate + P.G. Mark Sheet) in Single PDF (convert all the files in single PDF file) should be upload in the Google Form and also same can be sent by email to: **RMC.2025@VGU.AC.IN**

### **Accommodation & Travel Allowance:**

Accommodation arrangements shall be made for outstation participants on a twin- sharing basis in the Hostels / Guest House. Travel costs of outstation participants shall be reimbursed as per the Budget allocation of the ICSSR Guidelines.

**Last date for the receipt of application form: -12th March 2025**

**Selection to be communicated: 15th March 2025**

**For any query, please contact -**

- **Dr. Shilpa Rao Rastogi, HOD, Chief Course Coordinator - 86960 52524**
- **Ms. Sneha Rathore Coordinator - 75973 10838**
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## REGISTRATION FORM



Name (in capital letters): .....

Date of Birth: .....Gender (Male/Female):.....

Educational Qualifications:.....

Category (*General/SC/ST/OBC/PWD/Minority candidates*):.....

Marital Status: Married/Unmarried.....

Pursuing M.Phil/Ph.D. in the Subject of.....

Topic of the research:.....

Area of specialization:.....

Present Status of Research work (Preparing Synopsis/Reviewing literature/Preparing  
Tool/Collecting Data/Analysing Data/writing Report/Thesis/any.....

*(Use extra sheet if needed)* .....

Department:.....

Name of the Institution and /or University (M.Phil /Ph.D. enrolled):.....

Name of the Supervisor and Contact No.....

Mailing Address:.....

Mobile No:.....WhatsApp No.....Email:.....

Accommodation required: Yes/No.....

Have you applied/ attended to such workshops conducted by us/ other institutes earlier?

Yes/No (*If 'Yes' provide details*) .....

I am hereby submitting my registration form along with photograph and duly forwarded by  
Head/Dean/Department/Faculty.

Date:

Place:

Signature of Applicant

**Recommended By:**

**Supervisor/Guide**

(with signature and seal)

**Head/Dean**

(with signature and seal)

**Registration Link-**

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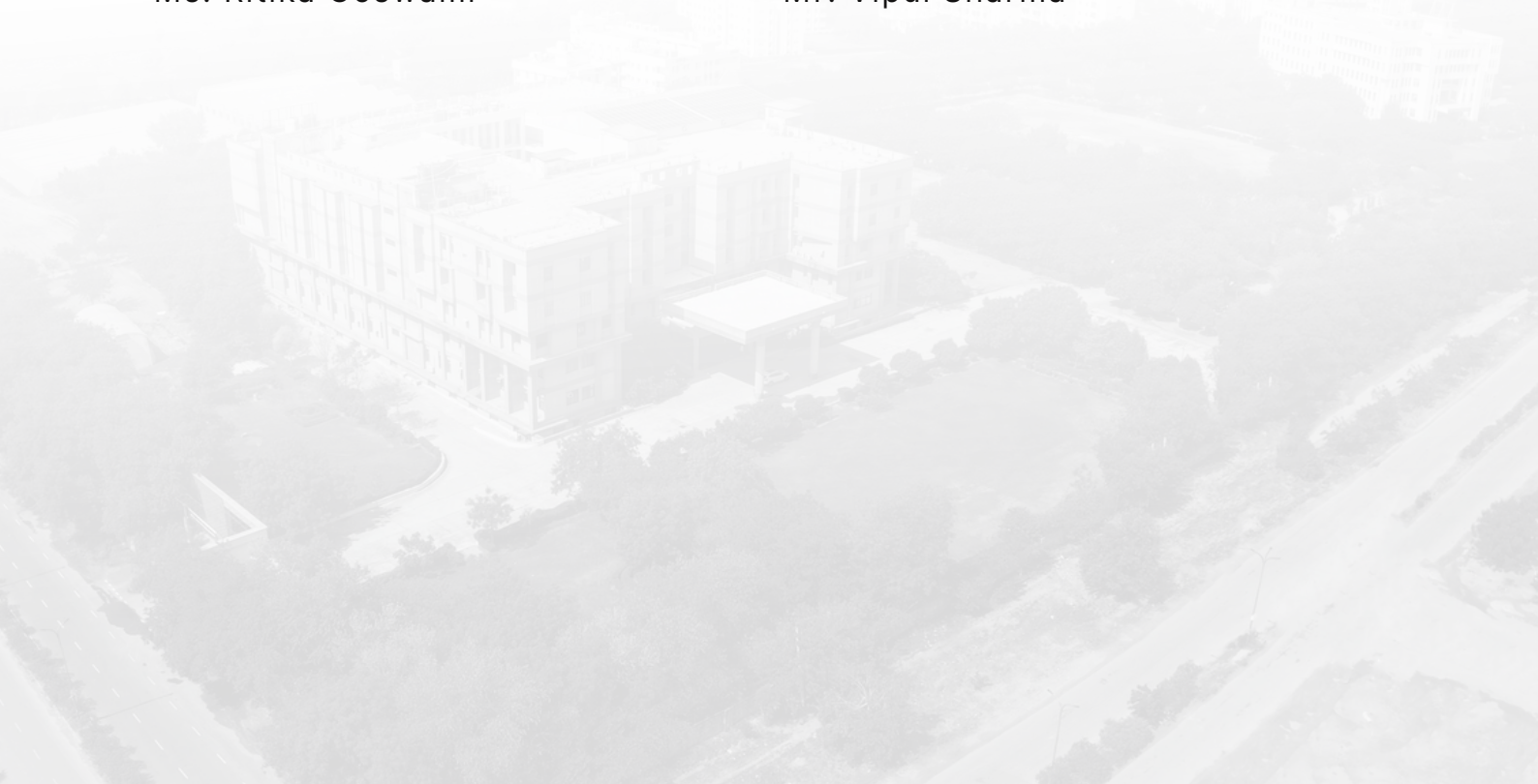
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