

MOTHER TERESA WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY

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PAPER I - RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

ENGLISH

Course description: This paper intends to familiarize researchers with the principles, tools and techniques of research in English Studies, to train them in collecting, classifying, organizing and analyzing materials in the writing of thesis research thesis, to familiarize them with the conventions governing the written presentation of research and to train them to apply these conventions in their research work.

TOPICS FOR STUDY

UNIT 1: RHETORIC AND RESEARCH

Definitions, origin and history, Research – meaning, principles of research, kinds of research, formulation of research problem, Design and research project or thesis

UNIT II: EXPOSITION AND FORMAT FOR THESIS WRITING

The five parts of a discourse, Styles in thesis writing the methods of exposition – argument, persuasion, description, narrative material collection – note taking – outlines. Avoiding plagiarism, preparing a working bibliography.

UNIT III : FORMS AND PRESENTATION

Diction, outline, the Paragraph and sentences, Tone and other aspects of style, using the research library – organizing the composition: Unity, development organization and coherence, emphasis.

UNIT IV: NORMS AND CONVENTIONS OF THESIS

Mechanics of writing – writing, quotation, titles, spelling and punctuation punctuations, abbreviations, documentations, Book Review, Mechanical accuracy, heading, numbers, figures, drafts. Research Ethics – Principles of Ethics-Importance of Ethics in Research

UNIT V: TECHNIQUES OF PRESENTATION

Special kinds of writing, a reference paper writing on literary topics, research papers overviews and review style and presentation outline-footnotes symbols abbreviation, bibliography, appendix and index. Preparation of drafts and final version of the dissertation.

Reference

Coles Editorial Board. Dictionary of Literary terms New Delhi: Rama Brothers, 1999

Corbett, Edward P.J. Classical Rhetoric for the Modern Student 2nd ed. New York: Oxford University Press, 1971

Guth, Hans P. Words and Ideas: A Hand book for College writing Sanfranciso: Wadsworth Publishing Company, 1959.

MLA Handbook for writers of Research Papers. 7th ed. New York: Modern Language Association of American, 2009. Print.