

**Core Course XIII – Research Methodology and Rhetoric**

The aim of this course is to prepare the student to write a research oriented project work.

**The objectives are :**

1. To make the student perceive the various approaches to research activity.
2. To make the student understand the significance, the structural principles and conventions that go into the making of a project.
3. To make the student gain the proficiency required for constructing larger units of writing with logical development of thought and linguistic precision.
4. To make the student imbibe (and to put to use) the rhetorical strategies like argumentation and exposition.
5. To make the student perceive the need for appropriate fit between topic, tone and style of writing, and the analytic mode adopted.

**Unit I**

Definitions of research – Sources and Collections (from Encyclopaedia to Internet). Primary and Secondary Sources.

Literary research and research in the sciences.

Hypothesis, data collection, analysis.

**Unit II**

Choice of area and identification of topic.

Conventions: abbreviation, punctuation, margin and space, short and long quotations, acknowledging the source(s), documentation (parenthetical documentation, end notes, bibliography, works cited, works consulted). Chapterization. Structure of the thesis. Thesis- format.

**Unit III**

Jargon, terminology, slang, colloquialism and formal writing, vague and concrete words, denotation, connotation, verbosity, precision.

## **Unit IV**

Sentence structure – Fragmentary sentence, comma splice, fused sentence, loose sentence, periodic sentence, balanced sentence, subordination and coordination.

## **Unit V**

Description, Exposition

Inductive and Deductive Reasoning

Argumentation

Tone, Style, approach and topic.

### **Books for Reference:**

C.J. Parsons : Thesis and Project Work

Jonathan Anderson & Others : Thesis and Assignment Writing

: MLA Handbook

G.Watson : The Literary Thesis

Holt Guide : Effective Writing

Brooks and Warren : Modern Rhetoric

(Any other Relevant Book)