

FUNDAMENTALS OF SOCIAL WORK RESEARCH AND SOCIAL STATISTICS

Unit 1:

Social Work Research Planning – Selection of the area and topic for the research study, Formulation of problem – steps in social research – Formulation of assumptions, and hypothesis review of literature. Differences between Social research & Social work research.

Unit 2:

Definition and importance of Research Designs, objectives, steps in research design, types of research designs – Definition, objectives, steps, advantages and disadvantages, problems in designing research.

Unit 3:

Social Survey and Case Study – definition – objectives and process.

Unit 4:

Sampling and Sample design – Probability and non probability types, meaning, process, advantages and disadvantages.

Unit 5:

Tools of data collection – observation, interview schedule, questionnaire, interview guide; pilot study – Definition, objectives, purpose; pretest: Definition, objectives, purpose, process. Research report preparation. Central tendency and Measures of dispersion.

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