

RESEARCH METHODS AND LEGAL WRITING

➤ Research

- What is Research? Meaning and Objectives
- Research methods *vis a vis* Research Methodology
- Legal Research - Meaning, scope and purpose. Relation between law and society
- Types/kinds: Doctrinal and Non-Doctrinal (empirical); Applied, fundamental; Library research, field research and laboratory research, analytical, descriptive, conceptual; Participatory and Non-Participatory; Comparative, historical, statistical, critical, socio-legal; Mono disciplinary and trans disciplinary; quasi disciplinary, inter-disciplinary (multi- disciplinary) research; Quantitative and qualitative, one time and longitudinal, clinical or diagnostic research; Research for legal reform

➤ Research Methods

- Research Design
- Various Steps in Research: Research Process
- Research Problem: Identification and Formulation
- Hypothesis
- Use of Library
- Use of Modern Technology/ Computer Assisted Research
- Tools and Techniques for Collection of Data
 - Primary and Secondary Sources
 - Literature Review
 - Observation Method
 - Questionnaire
 - Interview
 - Case study
 - Sampling
 - Jurimetrics
- Analysis and Interpretation of Data
 - Use of Deductive and Inductive Methods in Research
 - Preparation of Research Report and Writing of Research report
 - Budgeting of Research
 - Ethical and Legal Issues: Plagiarism and Copyright Violation

➤ Legal Writing

- Essentials of Good Legal Writing
- Structured Legal Writing: Organization of Legal Materials

- Framing of Write Up: Research Question, Title, Identifying relevant areas of law, Identifying Literature and Case Laws, Analysis, Discussion, Recommendations and Conclusion
- Sources of Authority
- Kinds: Informative, Persuasive; Writing for Individual Purposes; Writing for Academic Purpose; Writing for Court Purposes: Briefs, Plaints etc.; Writing for Publication: reviews, articles, books etc.; Judicial writing
- Citation, Reference and Footnoting
- Editing and Proof reading
- Writing of Research Proposal
- Dissertation/ Thesis Writing

Suggested Readings*

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7. Janathan Anderson, *Thesis and Assignment Writing* (Wiley Eastern Ltd., New Delhi).
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9. Leon Festinger (ed.), *Research Methods in Behavioral Sciences* (Holt, Rinehart and Winston, New York, 1953).
10. Pauline V. Young, *Scientific Social Surveys and Research* (New Delhi : Prentice Hall of India Pvt. Ltd., 1984).
11. S. K. Verma and Afzal Vani, *Legal Research and Methodology*, ILI, New Delhi
Selltiz, Jahoda *et.al.*, *Research Methods in Social Relations* (Holt, Rinehart and Winston, New York, 1964).
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* Suggested Readings are not exhaustive. Need to be supplemented with additional readings.