

St. Mira's College for Girls  
Department of Sociology  
(Research center in Women's Studies)

**TITLE: Feminist Research Methodology**

<b>Semester:</b>	<b>Credits: 4</b>	<b>Subject Code: MPhDWS01</b>	<b>Lectures: 60</b>
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**Course Outcomes:**

At the end of this course, learners will have:

1. Ability to comprehend epistemological and ontological issues in feminist research
2. Ability to apply methods and perspectives of research in feminist research
3. Ability to approach research critically
4. Ability to apply computer based techniques to analyse and interpret qualitative data to articulate gender issues.

**Unit 1: Introduction to Feminist Research Methodology**

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- Basics of Social research:
  - Writing a research proposal
  - Writing an annotated bibliography
  - Review of Literature
- Debates in Social research:
  - Objectivity Vs. Subjectivity,
  - Quantitative Vs. Qualitative methodology
  - Concept of Triangulation
  - Ethical standards in research
- Introduction to Feminist Research methodology

**Unit 2: Alternate Paradigms**

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- Components of research paradigms
  - Ontology
  - Epistemology
  - Paradigms, Methodology and Methods
- Alternative paradigms
  - Critique of positivism
  - Interpretivism and social constructionism
  - Critical realism
  - Pragmatist
  - Post positivism



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**Unit 3: Strategies in Feminist Research**

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- Quantitative methods
- Qualitative methods
  - Ethnography
  - Narrative analysis/Conversation analysis
  - Focus Group Discussions
  - Oral History-Unstructured interviews
  - Visual research
  - Participatory Action research

**Unit 4: Data analysis, Report writing, Publication**

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- Data analysis
- Report writing
- Publication

**Evaluation- assignment based****Recommended Text Books:**

- Sarantakos S.: *Social research*, Macmillan Press, Uk. 1998.
- Bryman Alan. *Social Research Methods*, Oxford University Press, UK, 2001
- Kumar .R. (2014) *Research Methodology – A step by Step guide for Beginner's* (2<sup>nd</sup> Ed) Pearson Education, India.
- McBurney.D.H.(2002) *Research methods* (5<sup>th</sup> Ed) ThomsunWoodworth . Bangalore.
- Henne Et.al (2009): *A Critical Introduction to Social Research*, Sage, NY.
- Mukherjee ParthaNath (2000): *Methodology in Social Research*, Sage, N. Delhi

**Reference Books:**

- Denzin Norman, Lincoln Yvonna (ed) (2000): *Handbook of Qualitative Research*, Sage: Thousand Oaks
- Candland D.K (1969): *Psychology: The Experimental Approach*, Mc-Graw –Hill, New York.
- D'Amato (1970) *Experimental Psychology* Tata McGraw –Hill Ed, New Delhi
- Goodwin J.C. (2002) *Research in Psychology: Methods and design*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed, Wiley and sons Inc, New York
- Kerlinger. F.N (1995). *Foundations of Behavioural research* Rinehart Winston Inc.Surjit Publications, Delhi.



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