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CUK/CC/IR/2021 19/10/2021 Minutes of the online meeting of Board of Studies in BA Programme in International Relations held on...19/10/2021...... at 10 a m.....

Agenda:- Approval of revision in the existing syllabus.

Members Present:-

1.	Prof. K Jayaprasad	Member
2.	Dr. Reinhart Philip	"
3.	Prof. R Suresh	"
4.	Prof. M J Vinod	"
5.	Dr. P C Prasanna Kumar	Chairman

The board of Studies discussed the changes proposed to be introduced in the syllabus including the introduction of new courses such as

Fundamentals of Research Methodology (GIR3401) - (Core)
Media and Politics (GIR3607) - (Optional)
Public Policy : Basic Concepts (GIR 3508) - (Optional)

Decisions

- 1. Resolved to introduce the above three new courses.
- 2. Resolved to approve the changes in the objectives and outcomes in the various courses of the B.A Programme.
- **3.** Resolved to change the existing core course, "Politics of Developing Areas" as optional course.
- 4. Resolved to shift the core course 'Political Thought' to VI Semester and introduce the new course "Fundamentals of Research Methodology" in the IV Semester.
- 5. Resolved to implement the revised syllabus from 2021 admission onwards.

GIR 3401: Fundamentals of Research Methodology

Course Objectives

The main objective of this course is to introduce the basic concepts in research methodology in Social science. This course addresses the issues inherent in selecting a research problem and discuss the techniques and tools to be employed in completing a research project. This will also enable the students to prepare report writing and framing Research proposals.

Course Outcomes

- Students who complete this course will be able to understand and comprehend the basics in research methodology and applying them in research/ project work.
- This course will help them to select an appropriate research design.
- With the help of this course, students will be able to take up and implement a research project/ study.
- The course will also enable them to collect the data, edit it properly and analyse it accordingly. Thus, it will facilitate students' prosperity in higher education.
- The Students will develop skills in qualitative and quantitative data analysis and presentation.
- Students will be able to demonstrate the ability to choose methods appropriate to research objectives.

Unit I: Basics in Social Science Research

- 1. Social Science Research: meaning and significance,
- 2. Objectivity in Social Science Research
- 3. Types of Research: Historical and Analytical, Quantitative and Qualitative, Empirical and Normative

Unit II: Research Design

- 1. Experimental and exploratory research designs
- 2. Preparing research proposals: Selection of the topic, Review of literature, Identifying Objectives of the Study, preparing Research Questions,
- 3. Hypothesis formation

Unit III: Data Collection

- 1. Sources of Data: Primary and Secondary
- 2. Methods of collecting data: Observation, Questionnaire, Interview, Focus groups and Case study method
- 3. Types of Sampling: Random sampling, Systematic sampling and Stratified sampling
- 4. Survey Research: Role of library and Internet

Unit IV: Data Analysis

- 1. Validation of Data
- 2. Writing research report, Format of the report
- 3. Style of referencing, Bibliography

Unit V: Issues in Research

- 1. Research Ethics
- 2. Plagiarism, software to detect plagiarism

Reading Materials

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