



**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK
UNIVERSITY OF BALOCHISTAN, QUETTA
MA. SOCIAL WORK (3rd semester)**

COURSE TITLE: SOCIAL RESEARCH

Brief description

Course code: S.W-616

Course teacher: Dr. Mumtaz A. Baloch

Credit hours: 3

Assignment: (15 marks)

Quiz: 3 to 5 in semester (15 Marks)

COURSE OBJECTIVES

This course will help students to understand research, types of research, its importance and steps involved in social research process. It will also enable students to know about research design, universe, and sampling, tool of data collection, data collection, data analysis and report writing. This course will enable students to develop skills in the practice of researches.

COURSE CONTENTS

- 1. Introduction**
 - a. Definition and meaning of research
 - b. Types of research
 - c. Significance of research
 - d. Theory and Research (Induction and Deduction)
 - e. Qualitative and Quantitative research
- 2. Basic Steps in research process**
 - a. Review of literature/article
 - b. Formulation of Hypothesis
 - c. Research design
 - d. Data Collection
 - e. Data analysis
 - f. Report writing
- 3. Universe /Population in Research**
 - a. Definition and meaning
 - b. Importance of universe in research
- 4. Sampling**
 - a. Definition and meaning of sampling
 - b. Importance of sampling in research
 - c. Probability sampling and its types
 - d. Non-probability sampling and its types
- 5. Tools of Data Collection**
 - a. Questionnaire

- b. Interview schedule
 - c. Focus Group Discussion
 - d. Observations
6. **Ethics in Social Research**
 7. **Problems/Limitations faced by researcher in the field & its solution**
 8. **Qualities of a good researcher**
 9. **Research report formulation**
 - a. Format of research report
 - b. Essentials of a good research report
 - c. Referencing styles
 - d. Bibliography

RECOMMENDED READINGS

1. Anastas, J. W. (2013). *Research Design for Social Work and Human Services*. Columbia University Press.
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11. Rubin, A. & Babbie, E. (2009). *Essential research methods for social work*. Belmont, CA: Thomson Brooks Cole.
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