**Advanced Qualitative Research Methods**

**Objective**

The students will:

1. Learn about the nature and application of qualitative research in social research
2. Learn to conceptualize qualitative research and to formulate problem statements and research questions
3. Learn how to design a qualitative research study
4. Learn about qualitative data collection procedures--observation, interviews, focus group interviews, and collection and use of documents and archival data
5. Apply their research design and data collection skills by undertaking a pilot research study

**Course content**

* Philosophical Debates in Qualitative Research
* Major Traditions and Approaches in Qualitative Research
* Inquiry Strategies in Qualitative Research
* Defining a Problem and Choosing Methodology
* Ethnography
* Phenomenology
* Case Study and Comparative Analysis
* Grounded Theory
* Narrative and Conversational Analysis
* Collecting Data: focus on Interviews and Observations
* Deciphering Data: Concepts, Categories and Codes
* Evaluating Findings and Presentation of Research
* Ethics in Qualitative Research

**Recommended Books**

1. Babbie, E. (2007). *Research methods in Sociology.* India: Wadsworth.
2. Bazeley, P. (2013). *Qualitative data analysis: Practical strategies.* US: Sage.
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7. Creswell, J. W. (2013). *Qualitative inquiry and research design: Choosing among five approaches*. Sage publications.
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10. Flick, U. (2018). *An introduction to qualitative research*. Sage Publications Limited.
11. Grbich, C. (2012). *Qualitative data analysis: An introduction*. Sage.
12. Mason, J. (2013). *Qualitative researching.* US: Sage
13. Maxwell, J. A. (2012). *Qualitative research design: An interactive approach* (Vol. 41). Sage publications.
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15. Silverman, D. (2013). *Doing qualitative research: A practical handbook*. SAGE publications limited.
16. Wagner, C., Kawulich, B., & Garner, M. (Eds.). (2012). *Doing social research: A global context*. McGraw-Hill Higher Education.
17. Yin, R. K. (2015). *Qualitative research from start to finish*. Guilford publications.
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