

**Lecture Plan**  
**Department of Planning, School of Planning and Architecture, Vijayawada**

**Name of Course:** Dissertation-Formulation of Research Proposal (BPLN702)

Programme & Sem: **Bachelor of Planning, Semester Seven**  
 Course Duration: December 20, 2017 to May 15, 2018  
 Course Coordinator: Sandeep Budde , Assistant Prof., Dept. of Planning (sandeep@spav.ac.in)  
 Number of Credits: 03  
 Subject Category: Theory  
 Total Periods/Week: 03 (See Time Table for details)  
 Internal Assessment: 50 (minimum pass marks 50%)  
 End Evaluation: 50 (minimum pass marks 50%) – External Jury.  
 Total Marks: 100 (to be converted to CGPA credit pattern as per regulations)

**Subject Objective:** To initiate the terminal project exercise by enabling students to identify a topic and then develop a proposal and methodology in detail.

Week	Lecture / Session Topic (Teaching-Learning Objective aimed)	Session Mode (Optional)	References / Suggested Readings
Week 1 16 <sup>th</sup> July to 20 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Unit-1: Introduction to Research</b> Introduction to basics of academic and applied research	Lecture and Discussion	1. Gerard, Guthrie (2014). Basic research methods: an entry to social science research. Sage Publications.India 2. Yin, Robert K (2014). Case study research:design and methods. Sage Publications, India 3. D.A. De Vaus (2003). Surveys in Social Research. Rawat Publications, New Delhi 4. Mishra R.P.(2002). Research Methodology: A Handbook. Concept Publishing Company. 5. John M Swales and Christine B.Feak. Abstracts and Writing of Abstracts. Michigan Series in English for Academic and Professional Purposes.
Week 2 23 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> July	Different typologies of research methods	Lecture and Discussion	
Week 3 30 <sup>th</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Introduction to various research topics and associated methods as examples	Lecture and Discussion	
Week 4 6 <sup>th</sup> August to 10 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Unit-2 Formulation of Research Titles (Alternatives)</b>  How to write an abstract? Techniques to write an abstract	Lecture	
Week 5 13 <sup>th</sup> August to - 17 <sup>th</sup> August	Developing two titles / topics by the student with an abstract write up.	Discussion	
Week 6 20 <sup>th</sup> August to 24 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Assessment – 1: Assignment</b>		
Week 7 20 <sup>th</sup> August to 24 <sup>th</sup> August	Review of abstracts and one to one consultation	Discussion	
Week 8 01 <sup>st</sup> September- 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Field Work		
Week 9 10 <sup>th</sup> September- 14 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Unit-3 Development of Research Proposal</b>  Development of background information on the topic and Case area based on literature review	Discussion	6. <a href="https://lrweb.beds.ac.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0003/502167/Writing-a-Literature-Review-in-a-dissertation.pdf">https://lrweb.beds.ac.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0003/502167/Writing-a-Literature-Review-in-a-dissertation.pdf</a> 7. Matheson, Lydia & Lacey, Flona M.(2011). Doing your literature review:traditional and systematic techniques. Sage publications.California. 8. <a href="https://www.kent.ac.uk/learning/resources/st">https://www.kent.ac.uk/learning/resources/st</a>

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Week 10 17 <sup>th</sup> September- 21 <sup>st</sup> September	<b>Unit:4 Development of Detailed Methodology and Field Work Plan</b>  Development of Detailed methodology: Based on the objective developing the data requirement (primary and secondary data). Type of field survey to be conducted. Name of the Offices to be visited for Secondary Data collection.	Discussion	9. Kothari, C.R.(2004), Research Methodology: Methods and Techniques, New Age International, New Delhi.
Week 11 24 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Assessment-II: Mid Semester Examination</b>		
Week 12 01 October-05 <sup>th</sup> October	Review of Methodology prepared by the students	Discussion	
Week 13 08 October-12 <sup>th</sup> October	Preparation of Field work Plan	Discussion	
Week 14 15 October-19 <sup>th</sup> October	Dussera Break		
Week 15 22 <sup>nd</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Assessment-3: Assignment</b>		
Week 16 29 <sup>th</sup> -2 <sup>nd</sup> November	<b>Unit-5: Academic Writing</b>  Technical Writing-Synopsis, abstract and report writing	Lecture	10. Bailey. S. 2015. Academic Writing : A Handbook for International Students. London and New York: Routledge 11. John Bowden(2009).Writing a report. How to prepare, Write and Present really effective reports.
Week 17 5 <sup>th</sup> November-9 <sup>th</sup> November	Writing Styles Citation and Refrencing	Lecture	12. William Strunk Jr. & E.B.White (1918). The Elements of Style. Harcourt, Brace and Howe Publishers. 13. <a href="https://www.otago.ac.nz/.../pdf/Harvard_referencing.pdf">https://www.otago.ac.nz/.../pdf/Harvard_referencing.pdf</a> ...
Week 18 12 <sup>th</sup> November-14 <sup>th</sup> November	Discussion of the Research Proposal	Discussion	
	Finalisation of Internal Marks		

**Note:**

- Any other closed holidays as declared by SPAV shall supercede the above lecture plan. Holidays shown above may alter as per Notice from time to time.
- Assessment Sessions may be re-scheduled, with prior intimation.
- Reading lists provided is not exhaustive and is subject to addition – students are advised to follow progression of class to keep abreast of the new reading lists, if any.