

COU292 Research Methods in Counselling

Level: 2

Credit Units: 5 Credit Units

Language: ENGLISH

Presentation Pattern: EVERY JULY

Synopsis:

This course will provide counselling students with an overview of the research process. This involves the formulation of research questions, literature review, selection and application of appropriate methodologies and research designs, data analysis and the writing of research reports. In particular, students will learn various sampling techniques and be introduced to quantitative, qualitative and mixed methods relevant to counselling research.

Topics:

- The Nature and Process of Social Research
- Formulating Research Questions and Literature Review
- The Nature of Quantitative Research
- Survey Research
- The Nature of Qualitative Research
- Sampling in Qualitative Research
- Qualitative Interview
- Focus Groups
- Combining Quantitative and Qualitative Research
- Quantitative Data Analysis
- Qualitative Data Analysis
- How to Write Up Your Research

Textbooks:

COU292 Study Guide

ISBN-13: SG-1441

Bryman's Social Research Methods 6th Tom Clark, Liam Foster, Luke Sloan, Alan Bryman Oxford University Press

ISBN-13: 9780192636614

Learning Outcome:

- Explain the key terms, concepts and principles in counselling research.
- Discuss the research steps, processes and methods commonly used in counselling research, and their strengths and/or weaknesses.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the elements/stages of the research process: literature review, research design, sampling, data analysis and report writing.
- Differentiate between terms, concepts and research methods in counselling research.
- Apply suitable research methodologies to a counselling research study.
- Use appropriate sampling methodologies and data analysis strategies for a counselling research study.

Assessment Strategies - Regular Semester (Evening Class):

Components	Description	Weightage Allocation (%)
Overall Continuous Assessment	PRE-CLASS QUIZ 1	5
	PRE-CLASS QUIZ 2	5
	TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 1	40
Overall Examinable Components	Written Exam	50
Total		100

*The information listed is subject to review and change.