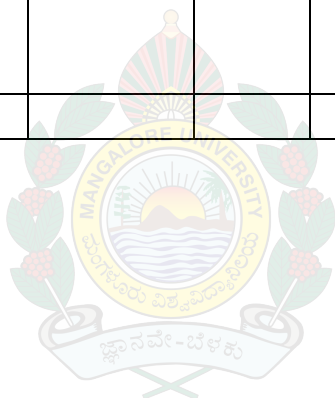


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Scheme of Examination for Ph.D. Course work

Course	Particulars	Hours of Instruction per week	Durations of Exam (hrs.)	Marks			
				IA	Theory	Total	Credits
BC 601	Research Methodology	4	3	30	70	100	4
BC 602	Research and Publication Ethics (RPE)	2	3	30	70	100	2
BC 603	Review of Literature	14	-	-	-	150	6
	Review report Viva		-	-	-	50	2
					Total	400	14



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Ph.D. COURSE WORK SYLLABUS

BC 601: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

RM 01: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

14 Hours

Research processes - Scientific research, formation of the topic, hypothesis, Sources of information. Types and Methods of Research- Classification of Research- Pure and Applied Research- Exploring or Formulative Research-Descriptive Research-Diagnostic research study-Evaluation research/Studies- Action Research - Experimental Research. Research design and methods - Basic Principles, Need of research design, important concepts relating to research design — Observation and Facts, Development of Models - Developing a research plan - Exploration, Description, Diagnosis, and Experimentation

Writing methods- Introduction, word processing and layout, writing and formatting with the computer, writing the first draft, revising the first draft on content and structure, revising the second draft on style, writing a thesis, writing review article and book reviews, preparing research proposals for grants. Collection and Citation of Literature: Acquisition of information, building up of own literature collection, anatomy of source description. Digital- Web resources — e-Journal — Journal access — TOC alerts — Hot articles — Citation index — Impact factor — h-Index — e-Consortium — UGC info net — e-Books — Internet discussion groups and communities — Blogs — Preprint server — Search engines, Scirus, Google Scholar, Chemical Industry, Wiki — Databases, Chem Spider, Science Direct, SciFinder, Scopus. Familiarity with ideas and concepts of investigation.

RM 02: Data Analysis and Sampling

14 Hours

Data analysis-Classification of errors-systematic errors-sources, Random errors -sources and distribution. Accuracy and precision-Determination of accuracy of methods, improving accuracy of analysis, significant figures, mean, standard deviation, Analysis of variance (ANOVA) — Correlation and Regression, Graphical methods- Linear regression line, correlation coefficient-Multiple linear regression (one variable with two other variables). Comparison of results: “t” test and “F” test rejection of results, gathering of data, analysis of data, revising of hypothesis, presentation of data and Conclusion

Sampling- Introduction — definitions — theory of sampling — techniques of sampling - Representative sample, sample storage, sample pretreatment and sample preparation. Statistical criteria of good sampling and required size — stratified sampling v/s random sampling. Quality in analytical laboratories-quality control and quality assurance, accreditation system

RM 03: Safety Aspects and Ethics in Research

14 Hours

General safety and operational rules- Safety equipments, personal protective equipments, compressed gas safety, procedure for laboratory disposal of explosives, identification, verification and segregation of laboratory waste, disposal of chemicals in the sanitary sewer system, in incineration

and transportation of hazardous chemicals. Emergency response - Chemical spills, radiation spills, biohazard spills, leaking compressed gas cylinders, fires, medical emergency accident reporting. Safety rules of laboratory acquaintance of experimental set up and instruments, intellectual property and intellectual property rights. Data management, importance of safety and security of data, evaluation of inventions. Communication with patent council and publication of data, communication with investors, IP sales process. Application of results and ethics- Environmental impacts - Ethical issues - ethical committees - Commercialization — Copy right — Royalty - Intellectual property rights and patent law — Trade Related aspects of Intellectual Property Rights — Reproduction of published material — Plagiarism - Citation and acknowledgement - Reproducibility and accountability.

RM 04: Biochemical Techniques

14 Hours

Protein and nucleic acid purification and characterization techniques-Fractionation techniques (salt, solvent, pH and temperature), chromatographic techniques (ion exchange, gel filtration, affinity chromatography, HPLC and FPLC), Electrophoretic techniques (Native PAGE, SDS-PAGE, IEF, Agarose gel electrophoresis) spectroscopic techniques (UV- Visible spectroscopy, IR, NMR, ESR, CD, ORD, MALDI-TOF and LC-MS) and blotting techniques.

Reference Books:

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BC 602 RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION ETHICS

RPE 01: PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS (4 hrs)

1. Introduction to philosophy: definition nature and scope, concept, branches
2. Ethics: definition, moral philosophy, nature of moral judgements and reactions

RPE 02: SCIENTIFIC CONDUCT (4 hrs)

1. Ethics with respect to science and research
2. Intellectual honesty and research integrity
3. Scientific misconducts: Falsification and Plagiarism (FFP)
4. Redundant publications: duplicate and overlapping publications, salami slicing
5. Selective reporting and misrepresentation of data.

RPE 03: PUBLICATION ETHICS (7 hrs)

1. Publication ethics: definition, introduction and importance
2. Best practices/ standards setting initiatives and guidelines: COPE, WAME, etc.,
3. Conflicts of interest
4. Publication misconduct: definition, concept, problems that lead to unethical behaviour and vice versa, types
5. Violation of publication ethics, authorship and contributorship
6. Identification of publication misconduct, complaints and appeals
7. Predatory publishers and journals.

PRACTICE

RPE 04: OPEN ACCESS PUBLISHING (4hrs)

1. Open access publications and initiatives
2. SHERPA/RoMEO online resource to check publisher copyright & self-archiving policies
3. Software tool to identify predatory publications developed by SPPU
4. Journal finder/ journal suggestion tools viz. JANE, Elsevier journal finder, Springer journal Suggester, etc.

RPE 05: PUBLICATION MISCONDUCT (4hrs)

A: Group Discussions

1. Subject specific ethical issues, FFP, authorship
2. Conflicts of interest
3. Complaints and appeals: examples and fraud from India and abroad

B: Software tools

Use of plagiarism software like Turnitin, Urkund and other open source software tools

RPE 06: DATA BASES AND RESEARCH METRICS

(7 hrs)

A. Databases (4 hrs)

1. Indexing databases
2. Citation databases: Web of Science, Scopus, etc.

B. Research Metrics (3 hrs)

1. Impact Factor of journal as per journal Citation Report, SNIP, SJR, IPP, Cite Score
2. Metrics: h-index, g index, i10 index, altmetrics.

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BC 603: RIVIEW OF LITERATURE

- This will be prepared by the research student in consultation with research supervisor which include state of the art research work analysis, related implementation issues and motivation for the stated research work.

