

**Course Title : Qualitative and Mixed Methods Research**

**Course Code : PSY-918**

**Credit Hours : 3**

**Pre-requisites:** Introduction to Research Methods

**Course Description:**

1. The overall aim of this course is to enable the student to critically evaluate the use of qualitative methods in psychological research – both research which informs practitioners work and research in which the student may be involved in planning, designing, conducting and writing up.

2. **Course Objectives:**

- a. Provides students an understanding of qualitative research methods and its fundamental requirements.
- b. Enhance their competence in conducting qualitative research and interpretation of findings.
- c. Enable them to write qualitative research reports in scientific manner.

3. **Learning Outcomes:**

- a. The students will be able to differentiate qualitative methodology from other research designs and choose the appropriate designs keeping in view research questions.
- b. The student will demonstrate skills to code the qualitative findings and interpret the data.
- c. The student will develop skills to write qualitative research reports.

4. **Course Content:**

- a. Comparing qualitative and quantitative methods
- b. Ethical guidelines for qualitative research
- c. Discourse analysis
- d. Grounded theory
- e. Ethnography
- f. Phenomenology
- g. Observational research
- h. Qualitative study designs
- i. Sampling in qualitative research
- j. Data collection and data analysis

- k. Software for analysis of qualitative data
- l. Mixed Methods Procedures
- m. Writing for Behavioral and Social Sciences
- n. Manuscript Structure and Content

**Suggested Readings:**

1. Liamputtong, P. and Ezzy, D. (2005). *Qualitative Research Methods*. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed. Melbourne: Oxford University Press.
2. Denzin, N. and Lincoln, Y. (eds) (2000). *Handbook of Qualitative Research*. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.
3. Patton, M.Q. (2002). *Qualitative Research and Evaluation Methods* (3<sup>rd</sup> ed). Newbury Park, CA: Sage Publications.
4. Punch, K.F. (2000). *Developing Effective Research Proposals*. London: Sage.
5. American Psychological Association (APA). (2012). *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (6<sup>th</sup> Ed).