

**Instructor:**

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**Course Title:**

Research Methodology I

**Credits:** 2**Source:**

Lester, James D. and James D. Lester, Jr. *Writing Research Papers: A Complete Guide*. 15<sup>th</sup> ed. New Jersey: Pearson, 2015.

**Objectives:**

The major aim of this course is to make students familiar with the latest rules for writing a research paper. At the end of the course, students are expected to know how to choose a topic for research, collect relevant sources, take notecards, and write a paper. Students will learn a set of codes regarding paper writing in this course but this knowledge is necessary for Research methodology II, where they have to deliver a writing project based on principles of research writing introduced throughout this course.

**Timetable of the Expected Sessions and Topics:**

Topic	Session
Introduction, Chapter one: Writing from Research	1
Chapter 2: Finding Topic	2
Chapter 3: Organizing Ideas and Setting Goals	3
Chapter 4: Gathering Sources Online	4
Chapter 5: Gathering Sources in the Library	5
Chapter 6: Understanding and Avoiding Plagiarism	6
Chapter 7: Reading and Evaluating Sources	7
Chapter 8: Writing Effective Notes and Creating Outlines	8
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Chapter 9: Drafting the Paper in an Academic Style	10

Chapter 10: Blending Reference Material into Your Writing by Using MLA Style	11
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Chapter 12: Writing the Introduction, Body, and Conclusion	13
Chapter 13: Revising, Proofing, and Formatting the Rough Draft	14
Chapter 14: Works Cited: MLA Style	15