

# COU292e Research Methods in Counselling

**Level:** 2

**Credit Units:** 5 Credit Units

**Language:** ENGLISH

**Presentation Pattern:** EVERY SEMESTER

**E-Learning:** BLENDED - Learning is done MAINLY online using interactive study materials in Canvas. Students receive guidance and support from online instructors via discussion forums and emails. This is supplemented with SOME face-to-face sessions. If the course has an exam component, this will be administered on-campus.

## **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:**

Bryman, A. (2016): Social Research Methods. Oxford University Press.  
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**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:**

<b>Continuous Assessment Component</b>	<b>Weightage (%)</b>
PRE-CLASS QUIZ	5
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TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT	40
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>50</b>

<b>Examinable Component</b>	<b>Weightage (%)</b>
Written Exam	50
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>50</b>

**Weightage Total** **100**