

MFT203: Research Methodology, Statistics and Computer Applications	
Teaching Scheme Lectures: 3hrs./week Tutorials: 1hr./week Credits: 4	Examination Scheme Internal Assessment Marks [IAM]: 30 [Class Test: 12, Teachers assessment: 6, Attendance: 12] End Semester Marks [ESM]: 70

Course Objectives:

1. To give scientific approach to research and its types.
2. To give knowledge about sampling design, measurements and their central tendency.
3. To impart knowledge about experimental designs, measures of variability, correlation and various statistical tests.
4. To impart knowledge about introduction of computer science and technology, application softwares.

Detailed Syllabus

MODULE 1
Research: significance, conceptualization of problem – hypothesis, Types of research – Research designs, fundamental, applied – action, exploratory, discipline, experimental, survey, case study and ex post facto. Longitudinal, cross sectional and correlational research.
MODULE 2
Theory of probability – population sample. Sampling techniques: Research methods – Interview schedule, important methods and data collection, interpretation of results, observation, social mapping, participatory rapid assessment. Writing up research reports and proposal.
MODULE 3
Statistics – meaning, role of statistics in research- descriptive research – classification, tabulation of data – graphic and diagrammatic representation of data. Measurement of central tendency, variation, dispersion, normal distribution – Mean, median, testing levels of significance – ‘T’ test, F test and X^2 test.
MODULE 4
Correlation, coefficient of correlation – rank correlation, analysis of variance, types, regression and forecasting – Fitting regression curves, discrimination analysis.
MODULE 5

Computer applications: MS office-word, excel, power point, internet, photoshop. Statistical software packages used in research. Software controlled food processing operations, application part in food industry. Software applications for quality control.

Suggested Readings

1. Elhance, D.L. (2008). Fundamentals of Statistics. KitabMahal, Patna.
2. Garret H.P. (2004). Statistics in Psychology and Education. ValliesFotter and Simons Ltd. Bombay.
3. Kothari, C.R. (2008) Research Methodology. WishwaPrakashan. New Delhi, India. Rao, K.V. (2007) Biostatistics. Jaypee Brothers medical publishers, New Delhi.
4. Sundar, R.P. & Richard, J. (2003). An Introduction to Biostatistics. Prentice Hall, New Delhi.

Course Outcomes:

After completing the course, students will be able to:

1. Understand the methods and role of scientific approach to research.
2. Understand the various experimental designs, methods of sampling, their analysis and data collection.
3. Understand about the different terminology related to measurements, correlation, regression and central tendency.
4. Knowledge about tests of significance of difference between means like t test, z test, chi square test, ANOVA.
5. Knowledge of correlation and regression.
6. Computer applications in food technology like response surface methodology and MS office applications: MS Office