



ICSSR Sponsored Ten-Days Research Methodology Course in Social Sciences

**19-29 May 2025
(Offline mode)**

**Organised by
Department of Sociology
North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU)
Shillong 793 022**

About the University

The North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU) was established through The North-Eastern Hill University Act (24 of 1973) which was passed by both Houses of Parliament and received the assent of the President of India on May 26, 1973. The objectives of the University are to disseminate and advance knowledge by providing instructional and research facilities in such branches of learning as it may deem fit; to pay special attention to the improvement of the social and economic conditions and welfare of the people of the hill areas of the North-Eastern region and in particular, their intellectual, academic and cultural advancement. In the short span of 50 years, NEHU has matured into an institution with a serious academic and social and cultural agenda and a clear vision for its future growth.

About the Department

The Department of Sociology, NEHU since its inception in the year 1976 has been a pioneer in teaching and conducting seminal research on diverse sociological issues and problems in the North-Eastern region. In the last five decades, the research undertaken by faculty and research scholars in the Department has not only helped in expanding the contours of research in social sciences but also supported the formulation of people-centric policies by policy makers and development practitioners. Keeping in line with the research tradition, the Department is organising a research methodology course sponsored by ICSSR to equip young scholars from various social science disciplines with critical understanding of philosophical and theoretical foundations of research in social sciences.

Relevance of research in social sciences

Social science research is essential to develop an understanding of our social world and the relationships and interactions within it, in all its plurality, diversity and complexity. Along with teaching and learning, research plays a pivotal role in building a strong foundation for social science disciplines. Through rigorous and impactful research, scholars and researchers can navigate the complex landscape of social phenomena, develop a nuanced understanding of social issues and challenges, develop effective solutions and inform policy decisions and community development. Research therefore demands careful application of research techniques wherein researchers need to make decisions with regard to the nature of their study, their research universe, sampling design, tools of data collection, plan of analysis, all contingent on methodological principles and rationale. The systematic research would not only contribute towards better conceptual and theoretical understanding of the problem, newer discourses and modes of inquiry but also help policy makers to formulate appropriate policies. Training programmes on research methodology therefore assume significance which provides opportunities to potential and budding researchers to sharpen their skills and expand their knowledge on diverse aspects of research.

About the course

Keeping the significance of research methodology for social sciences in mind, the ICSSR sponsored ten-days research methodology course organised by the Department of Sociology, NEHU will not only outline epistemological, theoretical and conceptual issues associated with the research process but will also expose the participants to the intricate process of research. The course is designed to equip the participants with myriad methodological perspectives in diverse social science disciplines, applied and action research, mixed methods, ethnography, case study, sample survey, arts-based methods, sampling design, and techniques of data collection such as questionnaire, interview, observation and focus group discussions. The participants will learn how to analyse, interpret and present both quantitative and qualitative data, get trained in statistical analysis and statistical inference, know ethical issues in conducting research and academic writing and publication.

The course will provide opportunities to the researchers to interact with eminent resource persons and their colleagues from other institutions, learn the nuances of social science research which in turn will enable them to carry out meaningful research.

Structure and Pedagogy

The course that will span over ten-days will be divided into modules focusing on different aspects of research methodology. The course will comprise a series of lectures by experienced social scientists and experts from institutions of national and international repute and significance on various topics of research methodology. Participants will engage in hands-on activities to apply theoretical concepts, ensuring a holistic learning experience. The workshop will culminate in the presentation of research work where the participants will be expected to integrate their learnings from the course into their work and receive feedback from their colleagues and experts.

Expected outcomes of the course:

1. Participants will become proficient in a wide range of research methodologies, which will enable them to undertake rigorous and impactful research in the field of social sciences.
2. Participants will develop comprehensive research proposals under the guidance of experienced facilitators.
3. The course will facilitate the establishment of professional networks and collaborations among participants fostering future interdisciplinary research endeavours.
4. Participants will be equipped with requisite resources and tools to continue their research journey beyond the duration of the course ensuring long-term growth and development in their research career.

By organising a ten-days course on research methodology, the Department of Sociology, NEHU intends to demonstrate its commitment to acknowledging the fluid nature of social reality, the need to advance theoretical and methodological knowledge and address societal challenges through rigorous and impactful research in the field of social sciences. This will be achieved by training young researchers and scholars in the skills and knowledge necessary to carry out impactful and effective research.

Who can apply?

The course is designed for M.Phil and Ph.D candidates, Post-doctoral fellows and early career faculty members in social sciences. Candidates registered in recognized Indian University/Research Institute from any branch of Social Sciences are eligible to apply for this Research Methodology Course.

Requirement

All selected participants should bring their personal laptop with them.

Intake

The maximum intake for the course is 30.

Registration fees

There is no registration fee for the selected participants.

Accommodation and Travel Allowance

Accommodation will be provided to the outstation participants on a twin-sharing basis in the University guest house.

Travel allowance for the shortest distance will be reimbursed to the outstation participants only as per the ICSSR guidelines and subject to the production of the original ticket(s) of the train (sleeper class) or bus.

Important Dates:

Application Deadline:	14 April 2025
Announcement of shortlisted candidates:	On or before 25 April 2025
Course dates:	19-29 May 2025

Applications received after the due date and incomplete applications will not be considered.

Check the link for the application form: <https://forms.gle/CopWZ5-viX2EChTgD6>

For queries, write to departmentofsociologynehu@gmail.com

Course Coordinators:

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REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name (in block letters):

2. Date of Birth: Sex: Male/Female/Other.....

3. Mobile No. :

Email:

4. Educational qualification: M.Phil./Ph.D./PDF

5. Date of Enrolment/Award.....

6. Subject/Specialisation:.....

7. Department:

8. Name & address of the affiliating institution/University:

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10. Topic of Ph.D.:

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11. JRF/NET/SLET:.....

12. Research experience (in years):

13. No. of Publication: Research paperBook
Chapter.....

14. Have you attended any similar course earlier? Yes / No, if yes, provide details:

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15. Would you require accommodation during the programme? Yes/ No

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16. Address for Correspondence:

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Place:

Date:

(Signature of the Applicant)

(Supervisor)

Certificate of Recommendation by the Principal/Head of the Department

I, (Dr./Prof.)recommend Ms./Mr.
..... enrolled in M.Phil./Ph.D./PDF/employed in
(Department)..... of
(Institution/University) to attend
the ICSSR Sponsored Ten-Days Research Methodology Course for M.Phil./Ph.D./PDF
scholar in Social Sciences from 19-29 May 2025 organised by Department of Sociology,
North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU), Shillong 793022.

He/she/they will be relieved on time to participate in the above course, if selected.

Date:

(Signature with stamp of the Authority)