

**School of Education Studies**

**Ambedkar University Delhi**

**Course Outline**

**Course Code:** SES201311

**Title:** Basic Research Skill and Training (BRST)

**Type of Course:** Core (Education)

**Cohort for which it is compulsory:** MA Education

**Cohort for which it is elective:** None

**No of Credits:** 1

**Semester and Year Offered:** 1<sup>st</sup> Semester (Monsoon Semester 2017)

**Course Coordinator and Team:** Shivani Nag & Vikas Baniwal

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**Pre-requisites:** None

**Aim:** This is a compulsory workshop course. The workshop sessions are designed to introduce and familiarise the students to some of the basic skills in doing research. The workshop sessions are aimed at providing hands-on- learning opportunities to students. This requires students to be attentive and participate in the workshop sessions. These sessions includes- introducing them to the University library system and the computer laboratory facilities. The workshop course will attempt at providing students the information and skills for accessing learning facilities and resources available to them both in print and on the internet. Orient students to the skills of reading and writing academic writings and texts. The workshop sessions will also orient students on plagiarism and on broad ethical issues while doing in research. Students will be oriented on how cite and acknowledge sources and ideas in their academic writings.

**Brief description of modules/ Main modules:**

The workshop course is being organised in different compulsory modules across the semester:

**Module 1:** Orientation to the course; how to use library (worksheet) - Library your best friend, making students familiar with the working system of the AUD library and introducing them to various resources available in the library.

**Module 2:** Use of internet; Activities- searching articles/books online using different search engines, Exercise: using internet based resources (IBR) creating folder using MS-word, documenting and search for resources from the web

**Module 3:** Referencing APA style; how to quote some author, paraphrasing, summary, etc. Style manual (APA) - how to use it

**Module 4:** Reading; Activities on proof reading, writing essay, how to compose an essay, etc.

**Module 5:** Introduction to note taking, paraphrasing, summary writing, prose writing, reviewing of articles, annotated bibliographies, Process approach to writing, self- assessment and peer assessment

**Module 6:** Plagiarism: what is it? How to avoid it, ethical issues, challenges, etc.

**Module 7:** Use of Endnote software

**Assessment Details with weights:**

This is a non graded 1 credit workshop course. Students will be assessed based on their attendance and participation in the workshop sessions.

**Reading List:**

Worksheets and resource materials will be provided during the workshop sessions.