**SC 526 MA Project**

**Semester: Spring 2019**

**Course Objective**

The MA Project is one of the core courses which is integrated with the program in a way that students develop their capacity to identify, design, carry out and communicate about a research topic through a systematic process of guided learning. The course spans over two semesters and culminates in writing a dissertation in the fourth and final semester. The departmental advisory committee (DAC) makes provisions for the allotment of supervisors to students, setting up an internal assessment committee, laying down the assessment procedure, and appointing an external examiner for the conduct of the viva- voce.

**Course Outcome**

**CO 1**: Ability to review the relevant literature and write a research proposal.

**CO 2**: Ability to design and select appropriate methodological tools and techniques of research.

**CO 3:** Ability to carry out field-based research.

**CO 4**: Ability to analyse the collected data.

**CO 5**: Ability to communicate the findings in adherence with the ethics of research.

**Pedagogy**

The course engages the learner through a rigorous process of guided learning with the supervisor. The student is expected to integrate the theoretical knowledge of the subject domain with an understanding of the methodological issues of conducting empirical research. It involves the requisite training in identifying a research problem, writing a research proposal, reviewing the literature, selecting and designing methodological tools, carrying out field-based research and analysing and communicating the findings following research ethics. Need-based workshop/s on select areas of research skill/s supplement the guided learning. In the process, students learn by doing and reflect on experiences from the classroom to the community.

**Course Progression**

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| **Semesters** | **Process of Teaching, Learning and Assessment** |
| Semester 2 | Supervisor Allocation |
| Consultation with supervisor begins |
| Summer Recess | Review of Literature & Pilot study |
| Semester 3 | Proposal Writing |
| Need-based Workshops/training |
| *Assessment of Research Proposal by the Internal Assessment Committee (Stage 1)* |
| Literature Review |
| Planning and Designing research |
| Winter Recess | Fieldwork and Literature Review |
| Semester 4 | Analysis of the findings of research |
| *Assessment of the Progress Report by the Internal Assessment Committee (Stage II)* |
| Writing of the Dissertation |
| Submission of the Dissertation |
| *Assessment by the Supervisor (Stage III)*  |
| *Assessment by External Examiner (Stage IV)* |



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