



TEN-DAY RESEARCH METHODOLOGY COURSE
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ABOUT THE COURSE

Research methodology is the foundation of scholarly inquiry, guiding researchers through the processes of data collection, analysis, interpretation, and dissemination. In today's dynamic academic environment, a strong understanding of both traditional and emerging research methods is essential, particularly for early-career scholars. While core principles such as objectivity, validity, and reliability are shared across disciplines, each field employs distinct theoretical frameworks and methodologies tailored to its research goals. This diversity enriches research by offering multiple perspectives for understanding complex issues.

The increasing emphasis on interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary research requires scholars to move beyond the boundaries of their primary disciplines. Many contemporary challenges demand the integration of qualitative, quantitative, and mixed-methods approaches. Familiarity with diverse methodologies enables researchers to design robust studies, adapt methods across contexts, and generate innovative insights.

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND METHODOLOGY

This course is designed to enrich participants with the knowledge and skills needed to engage in and lead interdisciplinary research successfully. By building a strong foundation in interdisciplinary principles and methodologies, participants will be guided to navigate the complexities of contemporary research and to actively contribute to advancing knowledge. The course also seeks to inspire researchers to embrace innovative approaches, fostering meaningful contributions that drive impactful solutions to some of the most pressing global challenges of our time.

KEY COMPONENTS OF THE PROGRAM INCLUDED:

- **Understanding the Fundamentals of Research:**
 - Define and explain the core goals and significance of research.
 - Differentiate between qualitative and quantitative research methodologies.
 - **Developing Research Methodology Competence:**
 - Recognize the importance of selecting appropriate research methodologies.
 - Compare and contrast qualitative and quantitative research methods.
 - **Designing Effective Research Projects:**
 - Identify and select suitable research topics.
 - Understand the factors that influence problem selection
 - Distinguish between pure and applied research.
 - **Understanding Ethical Research:**
 - Identify and address ethical considerations in research.
 - Understand the ethical issues in human subjects research.
 - Focusing on topics like informed consent, privacy, and confidentiality.
 - **Conducting Comprehensive Literature Reviews:**
 - Perform thorough literature reviews, both internationally and nationally.
 - Identify gaps in existing research to inform new research directions.
 - **Research Design and Concepts:**
 - Understand units of analysis and define concepts, variables, and hypotheses.
 - Navigate through stages of the research process and develop research designs.
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ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

Rajiv Gandhi University (formerly Arunachal University) is the premier institution for higher education in the state of Arunachal Pradesh. The late Smt. Indira Gandhi, the then Prime Minister of India, laid the foundation stone of the university on 4th February 1984 at Rono Hills, where the present campus is located. Ever since its inception, the university has been trying to achieve excellence and fulfill the objectives as envisaged in the University Act. The university got academic recognition under section 2(f) from the University Grants Commission on 28th March, 1985, and started functioning from 1st April, 1985. It got financial recognition under Section 12-B of the UGC on 25th March, 1994. Since then, Rajiv Gandhi University, then Arunachal University, has carved a niche for itself in the educational scenario of the country, following its selection as a university with potential for excellence by a high-level expert committee of the University Grants Commission from among universities in India. The university was converted into a Central University with effect from 9th April 2007 as per the notification of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India.

ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

The Department of Political Science at Rajiv Gandhi University was officially established in 1989, marking a significant milestone as it now celebrates 36 years of dedicated service and academic excellence. Throughout its existence, the department has emerged as a premier institution within the university, steadfastly committed to its mission of providing high-quality and innovative education while actively engaging in impactful research initiatives.

From its inception, the department has consistently demonstrated a commitment to academic excellence and has been successful in achieving its goal of fostering a culture of rigorous research with a strong emphasis on innovation. This commitment is reflected in the diverse programs it offers, including regular M. Phil. (now discontinued by NEP 2020) and Ph.D. programs, in addition to its comprehensive postgraduate program.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Young faculty members and post-doctoral fellows from various social sciences and allied disciplines are eligible to apply for the Research Methodology course. The selection of participants will aim to ensure broad representation across states, universities, colleges, genders, social categories, and academic disciplines.

The total intake for the course is 30 participants, comprising 20 from outside Rajiv Gandhi University and 10 from within the university campus. Outstation participants will be reimbursed for round-trip travel expenses in sleeper class and will be provided with modest accommodation and meals during the course.

Certificates will be awarded to participants upon successful completion of the course. Attendance in all classes and sessions is mandatory, and participants are required to maintain 100% attendance to be eligible for certification.

How to Apply:

Interested candidates can apply for the course, along with a duly filled-out registration form, on or before February 28, 2026. The candidates must send the duly forwarded form by the head of the department/institution to the email ID cbp.polsc@rgu.ac.in, along with a hard copy of the application. The candidates can register using the given link:

<https://forms.gle/893ADi1f8FkR37679>

Registration Fee: *There is no registration fee.*

**Venue: Department of Political Science,
Rajiv Gandhi University (A Central
University) Rono Hills, Doimukh-791112,
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Important Dates:

Last date of receipt of registration form: **28th February, 2026**

Notification of acceptance/selected participants: **6th March, 2026**

Workshop Dates: **16th March to 25th March, 2026**

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Registration Form

Name (in block letters):

Father/Mother's Name:

Date of Birth :

Category ST/SC/OBC/Woman/Minority).....

Subject and Specialisation :

Designation:

Teaching Experience:

Name of University/Institute/Organisation:

Address for Correspondence:

Email ID :

Phone/ Mobile No :

Date :

Place:

Signature of the Participant

Reccomendation

(With signature and seal)

Principal/Head

Note: The registration form along with the required documents should be sent to the course director through email at cbp.polsc@rgu.ac.in or by post, latest by 28th February, 2026.