

Faculty	Management and Social Sciences	
Department	Sociology	
Course Title	RESEARCH METHODS	
Year of Study	1	
Course Code	CSS 305	
Credit Hours	2	
Contact Hours	30	
Mode of Delivery	Classroom Lectures	
Mode of Assessment		Weight%
Continuous Assessment		30%
Final Examination		70%
Total		100%
Course Lecture/Instructor	ALL STAFF	
Course Description	This course will provide students with a comprehensive understanding of research methods in the context of criminal justice. Emphasizing hands-on learning, the course will cover various data collection methods and teach students how to effectively conduct research, analyze data, and present findings in the field of criminal justice.	
Course Objectives	At the end of this course students should have a comprehensive understanding of research methods in the context of criminal justice. Emphasizing hands-on learning, the course will cover various data collection methods and teach students how to effectively conduct research, analyze data, and present findings in the field of criminal justice.	
Learning Outcomes	At the end of this course students should have a comprehensive understanding of research methods in the context of criminal justice. Emphasizing hands-on learning, the course will cover various data collection methods and teach students how to effectively conduct research, analyze data, and present findings in the field of criminal justice.	
Teaching and Learning	The class will meet for two hours each week. Class time will be used for a combination of lectures and practical sessions	
Detailed Course Content	comprehensive understanding of research methods in the context of criminal justice. Emphasizing hands-on learning, the course will cover various data collection methods and teach students how to effectively conduct research, analyze data, and present findings in the field of criminal justice.	
Course Content Sequencing		
Weeks	Detailed Course Outline	Allocated Time
Week 1	Introduction to Research Methods in Criminal Justice Overview of research methods in criminal justice. Importance of research in the field. Different types of research designs.	2 hours
Week 2	Ethical Considerations in Criminal Justice Research Ethical principles in research. Informed consent and confidentiality. Ethical challenges in criminal justice research.	2 hours
Week 3	: Formulating Research Questions and Hypotheses Developing research questions. Formulating hypotheses. Linking research questions to criminal justice issues.	2 hours
Week 4	Data Collection Methods - Observation and Participant Observation Introduction to observation as a data collection method. Types of observation (naturalistic, controlled). Participant observation in criminal justice research.	2 hours

Week 5	Data Collection Methods - Measurements and Surveys Using measurements in criminal justice research. Designing and conducting surveys. Analyzing survey data.	2 hours
Week 6	Data Collection Methods - Archival Analysis Utilizing archival sources in criminal justice research. Accessing and evaluating archival data. Ethical considerations in using archival data.	2 hours
Week 7	Data Collection Methods - Interviews and Focus Groups Planning and conducting interviews. Types of interview structures. Utilizing focus groups in criminal justice research.	2 hours
Week 8	Week 8: Data Analysis Techniques in Criminal Justice Research Introduction to data analysis. Qualitative vs. quantitative data analysis. Coding and thematic analysis.	2 hours
Week 9	Report Writing in Criminal Justice Research Structure and components of research reports. Effective communication of research findings. Incorporating visual aids and tables.	2 hours
Week 10	Research Proposal Development Crafting a research proposal Justifying research significance and approach Budgeting and timeline considerations.	2 hours
Week 11	Presentation of Research Findings Strategies for effective research presentations. Tailoring presentations for different audiences. Addressing questions and feedback during presentations.	2 hours
Week 12		2 hours
Week 13		2 hours
Week 14	Examination	
RECOMMENDED TEXTS Olayinka, Taiwo, Raji-Oyelade and Farai,2006.Methodology of basic and applied research, 2nd edition Dabfol Printers, Ibadan		