### Course Number and Name

**SOCE 202**  
Research Methods in Sociology and Social Anthropology

### Intended Learning Outcomes

At the end of the course students will be able to apply sociological and anthropological methodologies in social research.

### Course Contents

Introduction to social research: what constitutes social research, the difference between natural science and social science research, distinctive features of empirical research in Sociology and Social Anthropology; the foundation of social research: the logic of the scientific method, inductive and deductive reasoning in social research, relationship between social theory and research, generalization and issues of reliability and validity; types of social research: basic and applied research, qualitative and quantitative research and ethnographic research and survey research; steps in research: problem identification, hypothesis formulation, selection of data collection methods, data gathering, data processing, data analysis, discussion and of results and reporting. Quantitative techniques: collection and processing of secondary data, collection of data through survey instruments including questionnaires and processing of such data. Basic statistics in social research: measures of central tendency, measures of dispersion, chi-square tests, correlation; Qualitative techniques: observation, case history and focus group discussion; analysis of qualitative data. Computer application in social research: introduction to Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS).

### Assessment Strategy

**Assessment Scheme:**

1. Time of Assessment - End of the Year
2. Assessment Methods - Written examination
3. Assigned Percentage of Marks for each Component – 100%

### Recommended References

- **Babbie, Earl.**  
- **Kathari, C.R.**  
- **Levin, Jack & Fox, James.**  
Selltiz, Claire, Lawrence, Weightsman, and Stuart, Cook.

Dooley, David.

Phillips, Bernard.