

DETAILED CURRICULUM
LEVEL THREE – SEMESTER FIVE
RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

COURSE DETAILS			
Course Code	LW 5233		
Course Title	RESEARCH METHODOLOGY		
Course Type	Core		
Credits	3		
Hours Allotted	Theory	30	Total 60
	Practical		
	Assignments/Tutorials	30	
AIM			
<p>This course unit builds on generic research training methodological issues, analytical techniques appropriate to social legal researches. The course aims at providing with the students an opportunity to develop their research skills at the early stages of legal studies.</p>			
INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES			
<p>After following the course, the learners should be able to,</p> <p>(a) demonstrate awareness to locate and access to legal data and information so as to be engaged effectively in legal researches.</p> <p>(b) recognize and critically evaluate the diversity of specialized techniques and approaches involved in collecting and analyzing empirically gathered data quantitatively and qualitatively in the social – legal context.</p>			
COURSE CONTENTS			
<p>01. Methodological issues in legal and socio legal research, positivist and interpretive approaches.</p> <p>02. Research design.</p> <p>03. Research ethics and empirical researches in Law</p> <p>04. Data gathering form court records to cyber space.</p> <p>05. Qualitative and quantitative methods in social – legal research: Techniques (Structured interviews, questionnaires, interpretive biographies, focus groups, participant observation)</p> <p>06. Modes of analysis.(Thematic and content analysis.)</p> <p>07. Introduction to dimensions of legal reasoning.</p> <p>08.</p>			
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA			% OF MARKS
Semester-end Examination:			70
Assignments:			20
Class Quizzes:			10

RECOMMENDED READINGS

1. Banker R and Travers, An Introduction to Law and Social Theory.
2. Banker R and Travers, Theory and Methods in socio- legal research.
3. Samuel G , Epistemology and Method in Law
4. Putman William H, Legal Research Analysis and writing