



Internship and Directed Research Course and Evaluation Structure

Students should be aware that both internships and directed research are to have a specific academic focus, corresponding reading list, and comparable levels of writing, analysis, and contact hours.

The difference is simply one of context: in internships, student research takes place within the context of an organization; in directed research, student research takes place either in the context of ‘the field’ or in a library.

Thus, students on both tracks are required to create a well-articulated research proposal as the final grade in the 3-credit Research Methods component of the six-credit unit. This research proposal will take account of the context in which the research is to be performed and the methodologies thus suited to it. Part of the research proposal will also include a bibliography of books and journal articles that are relevant to the subject at hand.

The development of the research proposal and the execution of the research will be conducted in consultation with and under the guidance of both the Research Methods faculty and the assigned Faculty Guide. However, the Research Methods faculty will be solely responsible for the evaluation of both components, with input from the Faculty Guide.

Whereas the Faculty Guide is a specialist in the field of the student’s research interest, the Research Methods faculty is to oversee the quality and the integrity of the student’s research projects both in design and execution, also taking into account the student’s efforts in Marathi, consistency in attendance and diligence in carrying out the research, and overall academic rigor.

Evaluation will be carried out roughly according to the following structure (this may vary slightly depending on a given semester’s syllabus):

Research Methods

75% - Formal Research Proposal

15% - Fieldwork Assignments

10% - Participation

Internship/Directed Research

30% - Fieldwork Journal (students are required to keep a journal of their internship and fieldwork experiences, with a minimum of 400 words a week)

30% - Final Presentation (this will be about 20 minutes and should include the research design, implementation, problems/issues encountered along the way, and final results/analysis/conclusion)

30% - Final Paper (10-12 pages, incorporating secondary sources and critical analysis)

10% - Participation

Class meetings for the Research Methods component will be as listed on the course syllabus.

Meetings during the Internship/Directed Research Period will be once weekly with the Research Methods faculty, and as needed with the Faculty Guide.