

**M. E. S Asmabi College, P. Vemballur**

**Add-on Course 2024-25**

**MLA 9th Edition Toolkit: Essential Skills for Scholarly Writing Syllabus**

Department	: P G and Research Department of English.
Name of the Course	: Add-on Course: MLA 9th Edition Toolkit: Essential Skills for Scholarly Writing
Course Code	: MNET25
Name of the Coordinator	: Mona V M, monamohan.v@gmail.com, 7736364688
Head of the Department	: Dr. Reena Mohamed P M
Maximum number of students	: 49
Duration of the course	: 30 hrs
Level	: UG and PG
Teaching Methodology	: Lecture, Assignments, Workshop, Group Discussion, Exercises, Think Pair Share
Teaching aids	: PPT, Handouts, Videos, Podcasts
Evaluation procedure	: Diagnostic test on basic grammar and usage in the beginning, mock research paper drafting test, final assessment on preparing well-crafted research paper and a test or submission of a research paper after the course
Collaborating agency, if any	: Nil
Teaching Methodology	: Sample dissertation or a research article, assignments and presentations
Teaching Aids	: PPT, Handouts and Videos

# **Curriculum**

## **Objectives:**

1. To cultivate the desire to get intellectual joy of doing more creative work.
2. To equip the students to produce independent and competent research works of their own.
3. To expose the students to the importance of the ethics of research writing.
4. To enable students to face challenges in solving unsolved problems.

## **Introduction:**

- Need and scope of MLA 9<sup>th</sup> Toolkit
- Diagnostic test

## **Module I**

- Essential grammar and usage for crafting research papers- Punctuation- Spelling : Common words that sound alike- That vs. Which-
- Basic Overview-Clarity of expression in writing- Objective nature of research- criteria of good research.
- How to frame title of your research paper -avoiding jargon and unnecessary complexity in diction.
- Choosing a topic- personal interest- stating the research gap.
- What is a research paper?

(6 Hours)

## **Module II**

- Plagiarism and ethics in research
- Sources of Literature- Books and textbook material- Periodicals- Abstracts- Encyclopedias- Handbook and Guides-Special Dictionaries-Dissertations and thesis- Internet
- How to organize a research paper?

First paragraph- Gap of Research- Thesis statement- Methodology- Second paragraph- Review of Literature- Body Paragraphs-Conclusion- Works cited

- How to draft a dissertation?

Chapter-1- Introduction- First paragraph- Gap of Research- Thesis statement- Hypothesis- Methodology- Second paragraph- Review of Literature- available knowledge of the field- all the relevant published material in the problem- background of study- Body paragraphs- about the author-about the theory- about the select works.

Chapter-2

Chapter-3

Chapter-4

Chapter-5- Conclusion

Works Cited

(10 hours)

### **Module III**

#### **Citation Rules:**

Introduction to the history of Modern Language Association and its Relevance

- MLA 9<sup>th</sup>: Basic Formatting and Style
- Core Elements in a works cited entry- Author-Title of source-Title of Container- other contributors- version- Number-Publisher-Publication Date-Location.
- In-text citation
- End-text citation
- Foot notes
- End notes

(14 Hours)

#### **Recommended References:**

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### **Evaluation Procedure:**

Pattern of Examination:

Abstract Submission	10
Presentation of full paper	10
Preparation of one research paper in assignment form.	30
Total Marks	50

  
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