

Introduction to the Lesson on Scientific Research Methodology in Legal Studies

methodology is the foundation for any research in law schools. It helps students and researchers understand and analyse problems and texts accurately and objectively. To create a legal research paper a student must follow specific steps. These steps are divided into two phases:

Part 1: The Preparatory Phase of Legal Research

The research journey begins with preparatory steps to build a solid foundation. This phase is the side of the research and consists of two main parts:

Section 1.1: Choosing the Topic and Defining the Research Problem

Choosing a topic is the starting point of any legal research. The student must choose an researchable topic with enough sources and references. The topic should be practically important. Have a real impact on the legal field. After choosing a topic the next step is formulating the research problem. The research problem is the core question or central issue that the research seeks to answer. This could be a law, conflicting court decisions or a legal gap that requires finding solutions.

Section 1.2: Gathering Information and Determining the Methodology

This step involves searching for rules and theories related to the research topic. The student gathers material from sources, including legislation, jurisprudence and legal doctrine. After gathering material the student must choose a methodology. The prominent methods in legal studies are:

- * **Analytical Method:** The researcher breaks down the legal issue and analyzes texts to find the best interpretation.
- * **Comparative Method:** It relies on comparing laws with other countries laws to develop and modernize the legal system.
- * **Historical Method:** It is used to research the roots of an issue and study the development of laws and constitutions over time.

Part 2: The Structural Phase and Drafting the Research

After exploring the topic and determining the methodology the student moves to the organization. Writing phase. This is where their analytical skills and logical arrangement abilities are used.

Section 2.1: Preparing the Research Plan (The Binary Plan)

A legal research paper cannot be presented without an solid structure. Legal studies rely on the Binary Plan. The research is divided into two parts or chapters and each chapter is strictly divided into two sub-sections. This structural division forces the student to achieve balance and ensures consistency and logical connection, between the parts of the research.

Section 2.2: The Drafting Phase and Documenting References

In this stage the student writes the research using correct and precise legal language. They must be objective, neutral and avoid opinions. One of the important writing rules is maintaining academic integrity by documenting references accurately:

- * When citing books or dissertations: Mention the authors name, book title, volume, edition, publishing house, country of publication, publication year and page number.
- * When citing references: Mention the authors name, article publication date, topic title, date of access and full website link.