

Course Title	Introduction to Digital Research Tools and Resources
Course Code	DES601
Recommended Study Year	Term 1 or 2
No. of Credits	3
Mode of Tuition	Sectional
Class Contact Hours	3 hours per week
Category	Elective
Prerequisite	Nil
Co-requisite	Nil
Exclusion	Nil
Exemption Requirement	Nil

Brief Course Description

At the time when computationally assisted research constitutes the norm, it is vital for MA students to become familiar with appropriate digital tools and research methods early on in their careers. In this course, students will acquire hands-on experience with properly using various types of digital platforms (databases, repositories, archives), they will learn how to distinguish and engage on-line research sources, and how to integrate AI tools in the research process. As a whole, the course will introduce students to the evolving ecosystem of computational tools, digital resources, and AI-based research platforms.

Aims

The aim of this course is to introduce MA students to the use of a variety of digital tools, including digital databases and archives, as well as AI-assisted technologies. At the completion of the course, students will acquire the skills necessary for independently using a range of digital technologies in their own research.

Learning Outcomes (LOs)

On completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Distinguish between types of scholarly sources and identify non-scholarly ones
2. Recognise and use appropriate databases in order to identify scholarly sources
3. Summarise the content of research articles
4. Use digital archives to locate a variety of sources