

AN INTRODUCTION TO RESEARCH IN LINGUISTICS, APPLIED LINGUISTICS, AND LITERATURE – 6 creds.

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This is a compulsory introductory course to doing research in the areas of linguistics, applied linguistics to teaching/acquisition, and literature. It will equip students with the basic theoretical and practical knowledge to help them tackle their final MA dissertation. The course will also set the foundations for other advanced courses in the three research areas.

CONTACT ACTIVITIES:

- Lectures
- Seminars
- Office hours

NON-CONTACT ACTIVITIES:

- Self-study
- Assignment preparation

	CONTACT	NON-CONTACT	TOTAL
Class (lectures/seminars/lab sessions)	27		27
Research work (self-study and group work)		60	60
Office hours with lecturer / Presentations	3		3
Self-study and readings		60	60
TOTAL	30	120	150

Assessment criteria: Criteria are based on the degree of achievement of the learning outcomes.

Assessment procedure

1. **30%: Readings and participation:** Students are expected to do set readings, attend classes and participate actively.
2. **70%: Assignment and practical exercises:**
 - **Written practical exercises:** students will be required to prepare a set of practical exercises based on the learning outcomes. (30%)
 - **Oral presentation / written assignment:** students will be required to apply practically the learning outcomes acquired during the course to one of their chosen areas of interest (linguistics, applied linguistics, literature). In particular, students will prepare a brief research project on one of their chosen areas with a view to get some basic training prior to their MA dissertation. (40%)

Regarding assessment in **(2b)**, students will be divided into 3 groups according to their interest areas (linguistics, applied linguistics, literature). Each lecturer will deal with this part of the assessment according to their area of expertise.

As for assessment in **(1)** and **(2a)**, each student will be assessed by each of the lecturers in such a way that the final grade in these two sections will be the result of the averaged mark by the three lecturers.

Brief course outline:

1. Introduction

Getting organized as a researcher

Areas of study: linguistics, applied linguistics and literature

2. Research methods in linguistics

Introduction: Areas of study and project ideas in Linguistics

Techniques for collecting data in Linguistics

Tools for data analysis and project writing in Linguistics

3. Research methods in literature

Introduction: literary theory, literary criticism and literary analysis

Locating, using and synthesizing information in Literary Studies

Writing a literary dissertation

4. Research methods in applied linguistics

Introduction: linguistics and project ideas in Applied Linguistics

Experimental Design and Learner Corpora in Applied Linguistics

Data and Data collection and analysis in Applied Linguistics

Please check the MA webpage for the latest timetable version and/or last-minute changes:
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- Prof. Margarita Carretero (Literature): 18:00-20:00 hrs on 29th Oct and 5th, 12th, 19th November.
- Prof. Salvador Valera (Linguistics): 16:00-18:00 hrs on 30th Oct and 6th, 13th, 20th, November.
- Prof. Cristóbal Lozano (Applied Linguistics): 16:00-18:00 hrs on 26th Nov and 3rd, 10th, 17th, 19th December.

There will be a session in January when students will make their presentations (date to be confirmed).

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