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### Course Specification of Research Methods in Linguistics

I.	Course Identification and General Inf	ormation:				
1	Course Title:	Research Methods in Linguistics				
2	Course Number & Code:	LNG 5115				
		С.Н				Total
3	Credit hours:	Theoretical	Practical	Training	Seminar	Total
		3				3
4	Study level/ semester at which this course is offered:	MA – Semester 1				
5	Pre -requisite (if any):	None				
6	Co –requisite (if any):	None				
7	Program (s) in which the course is offered:	M A Program in Linguistics				
8	Language of teaching the course:	English				
9	Location of teaching the course:	Faculty of Languages				
10	Prepared by:	Dr. AbdulHameed Al-Namshah				
11	Date of approval:					

## **II.** Course description:

This course is intended to provide students a solid knowledge about the concepts, methods and techniques of research in the area of linguistics. It aims at enabling the students to plan and carry out research project in their area independently and appropriately.

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# I. Intended learning outcomes (ILOs) of the course:

#### After completing this course, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate awareness of the basic concepts, theories and principles of research and its methodologies and the ethics of conducting research in the area of linguistics.
- Show a sound knowledge of the various components of academic research and the qualities of a good research/researcher.
- Identify the various types, components, stages, and methods of academic research.
- -Describe various methods, procedures and techniques of sampling, data collection, analysis and interpretation of qualitative and quantitative data.
- -Independently and systematically apply research skills to plan, organize and prepare a research project in the field of linguistics.
- -Decide on a proper research topic, design, instruments, sample, techniques of analyzing and interpreting results of their projects
- -Write a research report of their research projects following academic standards and research ethics.
- -Access information sources including people, libraries, database, and research papers
- -Apply principle of integrity and research ethics, judgment and responsibility to carry out a research project in linguistics.
- -Use critical thinking and problem-solving strategies skills in solving research problems
- -Employ available computer facilities in conducting their research project

III.	III. Intended learning outcomes (ILOs) of the course:					
(A) <b>K</b>	(A) Knowledge and Understanding:					
Alignmei	Alignment of Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs) to Program Intended Learning Outcomes (PILOs) in: Knowledge and Understanding.					
Prog	Program Intended Learning Outcomes (Sub- PILOs) in: Knowledge and Understanding  Knowledge and Understanding					
Afte	After completing this program, students will be able to:		After completing this course, students will be able to:			
A1	Show understanding of the relevance of theories form and research in the fields and subfields of linguistics, and in other related disciplines;	a1-	- Demonstrate awareness of the basic concepts, theories and principles of research and its methodologies and the ethics of conducting research.			
A2	Show knowledge and understanding of ethical issues and related aspects in the conduct of linguistic enquiry	a2-	- Show a sound knowledge of the various components of academic research and the qualities of a good research/researcher.			

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A3	Show awareness of ethical issues and related aspects in the conduct of linguistic enquiry		
	<b>Teaching And Assessment Strategie</b>	s For Achieving Learning	<b>Outcomes:</b>
Align	ment of Learning Outcomes of Knowledge and l	Understanding to Teaching and A	Assessment Strategies:
Course	e Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs) in	Teaching strategies to be	Strategies of
	Knowledge and Understanding	used	assessment
After con	- Demonstrate awareness of the basic concepts, theories and principles of research and its methodologies and the ethics of conducting research.	<ul> <li>Interactive lectures</li> <li>Group and pair work</li> <li>Guided individual reading</li> <li>Classroom discussions</li> <li>Oral Presentations</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Assignments</li><li>Quizzes</li><li>Oral Assessment and feedback</li></ul>
a2-	- Show a sound knowledge of the various components of academic research and the qualities of a good research/researcher.		

<b>(B)</b>	<b>Intellectual Skills:</b>			
Alignı	ment of Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs) to	Program I	ntended Learning Outcomes (	PILOs) in: Intellectual skills
Prog	gram Intended Learning Outcomes (Sub- PILOs) in Intellectual skills	Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs) of Intellectual Skills		
After	completing this program, students will be able to:	After con	npleting this course, student	ts will be able to:
B1-	Critically evaluate linguistic research and identify problematic areas in language	<b>b1-</b> Identify the various types, components, stages, and methods of academic research.		
B2-	Differentiate various research methods, and decide on research topics in linguistics.	b2-		
	Teaching and Assessment Stra	0		
	Alignment of Learning Outcomes of Intelle	ctual Skil	ls to Teaching Strategies	and Assessment Strategies:
Cour	rse Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs) in Intellectual Skills.	Teachir	ng strategies to be used	Strategies of assessment
Afte	er completing this course, students will be able to:	- (	Classroom discussions	<ul><li>Written exams</li></ul>

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b1-	- Identify the various types, components, stages, and methods of academic research.	- - -	Exercises Group and pair work Group projects	<ul> <li>Assignments</li> <li>Quizzes</li> <li>Presentations</li> <li>Coursework activities</li> </ul>
b2-	-Describe various methods, procedures and techniques of sampling, data collection, analysis and interpretation of qualitative and quantitative data.			<ul> <li>Oral Assessment and feedback</li> </ul>

<b>(C)</b>	<b>Professional and Practical Skills:</b>				
Aligni	ment of Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs) to Program In		Learning Outcomes (PILC	os) in: Professional and	
	Practical Sk	ills	~		
	Program Intended Learning Outcomes (Sub-			earning Outcomes	
	PILOs) in Professional and Practical Skills	`	,	al and Practical Skills	
	After completing this program, students will be able to:	Ait	er completing this cours	e, students will be able to:	
C1-	Employ fundamental techniques for collecting data in various areas of linguistics, such as creating and exploiting electronic bodies of data, eliciting tasks, and conducting phonological transcription, laboratory experiments, tests, questionnaires and interviews;	c1-	-Independently and s research skills to pla prepare a research pr	n, organize and	
C2-	Apply fundamental techniques for the analysis of data, including the use of statistical and qualitative corpus and textual analytic techniques.	c2-	-Decide on a proper research topic, design instruments, sample, techniques of analyzing and interpreting results of their projects		
C3	Observe and employ the ethical standards involved in data collection, storage, analysis and reporting.	с3-	-Write a research report of their research projects following academic standards a research ethics.		
C4	Undertake high-quality research tasks following academic professional standards with minimum guidance.	c4-	-Access information people, libraries, dat papers		
	Teaching and Assessment Strategies for Ac	hiev	ing Learning Outco	omes:	
	Alignment of Learning Outcomes of Professional and	Pract	ical Skills to Teaching ar	d Assessment Strategies:	
	Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs) in Professional and Practical Skills	Te	eaching strategies to be used	Strategies of assessment	
After completing this course, students will be able to:  c1-   -Independently and systematically apply research		-Gr	eractive lectures oup and pair work uided individual	<ul><li>Written exams</li><li>Assignments</li><li>Quizzes</li></ul>	
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	skills to plan, organize and prepare a research project in the field of linguistics.	reading -Presentations, role plays,	
c2-	-Decide on a proper research topic, design, instruments, sample, techniques of analyzing and interpreting results of their projects	and discussions in class	activities  Oral Assessment and feedback
с3-	-Write a research report of their research projects following academic standards and research ethics.		
c4-	-Access information sources including people, libraries, database, and research papers		

<b>(D)</b>	General / Transferable Skills:				
A	lignment of Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs) to Pro <b>Transfer</b>			PILOs) in: General and	
	ram Intended Learning Outcomes (PILOs) in General / Transferable skills		General / Trans		
After completing this program, students will be able to:			r completing this course, stu	dents will be able to:	
D1-	Work in teams, draw conclusions and reflect differences of opinion, and independently employ self-organization, time-management skills, and identify own needs for development	d1-	-Apply principle of integrity and research ethics judgment and responsibility to carry out a research project.		
D2-	Employ effective skills in research capability, creative thinking and interpersonal relationship skills.	d2-	-Use critical thinking, problem-solving strategies skills in solving research problems		
D3-	Employ problem-solving strategies to tackle problems and overcome challenges.	d3-	3- Employ available computer facilities in conducting their research project		
	<b>Teaching And Assessment Strategies F</b>	or A	chieving Learning O	outcomes:	
A	lignment of Learning Outcomes of General and Tran	sfera	ble skills to Teaching and	Assessment Strategies:	
Cou	rse Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs) in General and Transferable Skills	Те	eaching strategies to be used	Strategies of assessment	
After c	ompleting this course, students will be able to:		<ul> <li>Self and independent learning</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Written Assignments</li><li>Quizzes</li></ul>	
d1-	-Apply principle of integrity and research ethics, judgment and responsibility to carry out a research project.		Group and pair work Directed reading Presentations, role	<ul><li>Presentations</li><li>Coursework activities</li><li>Oral Assessment and</li></ul>	
d2-	<ul><li>-Use critical thinking, problem-solving strategies skills in solving research problems</li><li>-Employ available computer facilities in</li></ul>		plays, and discussions in class Problem solving	feedback Report writing/project Authentic assessment	
	conducting their research project				

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## **IV.** Course Content:

## 1 – Course Topics/Items:

No	Topic List / Units	CILOs (symbols)	Sub-topic List	Number of weeks	Contact hours
1	An Introduction	a1, a2,	<ul> <li>Definition of Research</li> <li>Objectives of Research</li> <li>Motivation in Research</li> <li>Criteria of a good research</li> <li>Qualities of a good researcher</li> </ul>	1 week	3
2	Selecting a research topic	a1, a2, b1, b2, c2	<ul> <li>Research Approaches</li> <li>Significance of Research</li> <li>Problems associated with topic selection</li> <li>Answering the five questions</li> <li>Where and how to find research topics</li> </ul>	1 week	3
3	Defining the Research Problem and Objectives	a1, a2, b1, c1, c2,	<ul> <li>What is a Research Problem?</li> <li>Selecting the Problem</li> <li>Technique Involved in Defining a Problem</li> <li>Formulating Research Topic.</li> <li>Guidelines for writing research Objectives/ questions/hypotheses</li> </ul>	1 week	3
4	Types of research	a1, a2, b2, c2,	<ul> <li>- Qualitative vs quantitative</li> <li>-Types of quantitative data</li> <li>- empirical vs analytical</li> <li>- experimental vs non-experimental</li> </ul>	1 week	3
5	Literature review	a1, a2, b1, b2, c1, c2,	-What is literature review? -The need for literature review -How to carry out a literature review -How to report a literature review	1 week	3
6	Choosing your research methods and Instruments	a1, a2, b1, b2, c2, c3, c4, , d3	- Types of data -Sources of data -Data collection instruments (tests/interviews/Focus groups/questionnaires / checklists/participant observationetc.) -Checking validity and reliability of research instruments	1 week	3

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			-Piloting the instruments -The Role of electronic tools in		
			collecting data		
	How to construct		-types and uses of tests		
7	questionnaires	b2, c2, c4, d1,	-types and uses of questionnaires	1 week	3
	and tests	d2, d3	-piloting tests/questionnaires		
	Collecting data		-types and uses of interviews		
0	through	a1, b2, c2, c4,	-piloting the instruments		
8	interviews, focus	d1, d2, d3	-techniques and procedures for conducting interviews, focus groups and	1 week	3
	groups and observation		observations		
	observation		- Need for Sampling		
	G 1	10 0 4 11	- Some Fundamental Definitions		
9	Sampling Fundamentals	b2, c2, c4, d1, d2, d3	- Population	1 week	3
	rundamentais	u2, u3	- Sampling		
			- Sample size		
			- Elements/ Types of Analysis - Statistics in Research - what is		
	Processing and	b2, c2, c4, d1,	analysis		
10	Processing and Analysis of Data	d2, d3	-Deciding which approach to use	1 week	3
	rinarysis of Data	u2, u3	-Qualitative data analysis		
			-Quantitative data analysis		
			- Meaning of Interpretation		
			- Why Interpretation?		
			-Technique of Interpretation		
			-Precaution in Interpretation -Significance of Report Writing		
	Interpretation		-Different Steps in Writing Report		
11	and Report	b2, c2, c4, d1,	-Layout of the Research Report	1 week	3
	Writing	d2, d3	-Types of Reports		
	_		-Oral Presentation		
			-Mechanics of Writing a Research		
			Report		
			-Precautions for Writing Research Reports		
			-The components of a proposal		
			-Qualities of a good proposal		
12	Research	a1, c1, c2, c3,	-Why research proposals fail	1 woods	2
12	proposal and research ethics	c4, d1, d2, d3	- Treating participants with respect	1 week	3
	research ethics		-Overt and covert research		
			- Code of ethics		

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13	Seminars	a1, a2, b1, b2, c1, c2, c3, c4, d1, d2, d3	Oral presentations of students' proposals	1 week	3
14	Seminars	a1, a2, b1, b2, c1, c2, c3, c4, d1, d2, d3	Oral presentations of students' proposals	1 week	3
	Number of Weeks /and Units Per Semester			14	42

	b- Training Aspect:				
No	Training Tasks	CILOs (symbols)	Number of weeks	Contact hours	
1					
	Number of Weeks /and Units Per Semester				

### V. Teaching strategies of the course:

- Interactive lectures
- Group and pair work
- Guided individual reading
- Classroom discussions
- Exercises
- Brainstorming
- Problem solving
- Presentations
- Authentic assessment

## **3-Assessment Strategies:**

- progress quizzes, mid-term test, writing research proposal, oral presentation and the final written exam

	I. Tasks and Assignments			
No.	Tasks and Assignments	Week Due	Mark	Aligned Course Learning Outcomes (CILOs symbols)
1	Research proposal	10	10	a1,a2, b1,b2, c1,c2, d1,d2
2	Presentations	6-10	10	a1,a2, b1,b2, c1,c2, d1,d2
	Total		20	

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VI	VI. Schedule of Assessment Tasks for Students During the Semester:						
No.	Assessment Method	Week Due	Mark	Proportion of Final Assessment	Aligned Course Learning Outcomes (CILOs symbols)		
1	Attendance-participation- punctuality- language proficiency	1-15	10	10%			
3	Mid-Semester Test	7	20	20%			
4	Research Proposal	6-13	10	10%			
4	Presentations	6-13	10	10%			
5	Final Exam	16	50	50%			
	Total		100	100%			

### VII. Learning Resource (MLA style or APA style)S:

#### 1- Required Textbook(s) ( maximum two )

-Dawson, C. (2007). Practical research Methods: A user-friendly guide to mastering research. UK: How To Books Ltd.

-Al-Samawi, A. (2006). Introduction to Research Techniques in Linguistics and Literature. Yemen: Alwan

#### 1. Recommended Readings and Reference Materials

- Kothari, C. R. (2004). Research Methodology: Methods & Techniques. India: New Age International (p) limited

: Litosseliti, L. (2010). Research Methods in Linguistics. England: Bloomsbury Publishing Plc

#### 2. Essential References

Samawi, A. (2006). Introduction to Research Techniques in Linguistics and Literature. Yemen: Alwan

#### 3. Electronic Materials and Web Sites etc.

- 1. https://www.scribbr.com/category/methodology/
- 2. <a href="https://research-methodology.net/research-methods/">https://research-methodology.net/research-methods/</a>

#### 4. Other Learning Material:

How to Use SPSS - An Introduction to SPSS

- 1. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\_zFBUfZEBWQ
- 2. https://www.dadoslivres.com/telecharger/spss-statistics-a-practical-guide/

#### IX. Course Policies: (Based on the Uniform Students' Bylaw (2007))

1 Class Attendance:

Class Attendance is mandatory. A student is considered absent and shall be banned from taking the

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	final exam if his/her absence exceeds 25% of total classes.
2	<b>Tardiness:</b> A student will be considered late if he/she is not in class after 10 minutes of the start time of class.
3	Exam Attendance/Punctuality: No student shall be allowed to the exam hall after 30 minutes of the start time, and shall not leave the hall before half of the exam time has passed.
4	Assignments & Projects: Assignments and projects must be submitted on time. Students who delay their assignments or projects shall lose the allocated mark.
5	Cheating: Cheating is an act of fraud that results in the cancelation of the student's exam or assignment. If it takes place in a final exam, the Uniform Students' Bylaw (2007) shall apply.
6	Forgery and Impersonation: Forgery/Impersonation is an act of fraud that results in the cancelation of the student's exam, assignment or project. If it takes place in a final exam, the Uniform Students' Bylaw (2007) shall apply.
7	Other policies: The Higher Studies By-law and University regulations in force will be strictly observed and students shall comply with all rules and regulations of the examination set by the Department, Faculty and University Administration.

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## **Course Plan of Research Methods in Linguistics**

II Information about Faculty Member Responsible for the Course:							
Name of Faculty Member	AbdulHameed AlNamshah	Office Hours					
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E-mail	Hamido72ym@yahoo.com	11-2	8-11			10-12	

III.	III.Course Identification and General Information:							
1-	Course Title:	Research Methods in Linguistics						
2-	Course Number & Code:	LNG 5	115					
				H		Total		
3-	Credit hours:	Th.	Seminar	Pr.	F. Tr.	Total		
		3				3		
4-	Study level/year at which this course is offered:	MA - Se	emester 1					
5-	Pre –requisite (if any):	None						
6-	Co –requisite (if any):	None						
7-	Program (s) in which the course is offered	M A Program in Linguistics						
8-	Language of teaching the course:	English						
9-	System of Study:	Regular						
10-	Mode of delivery:	Interactive Lectures						
11-	Location of teaching the course:		Facult	y of Langu	ages			

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## A – Theoretical Aspect:

No	Topics List	Week Due	Contact Hours
1	An Introduction	Week1	3
2	Selecting a research topic	Week 2	3
3	Defining the Research Problem and Objectives	Week 3	3
4	Types of research	Week 4	3
5	Literature review	Week 5	3
6	Choosing your research methods and Instruments	Week 6	3
7	How to construct questionnaires and tests	Week 7	2
8	Mid-term Test	Week 8	3
9	Collecting data through interviews, focus groups and observation	Week 9	3
10	Sampling Fundamentals	Week 10	3

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11	Processing and Analysis of Data	Week 11	3
12	Interpretation and Report Writing	Week 12	3
13	Research proposal and research ethics	Week 13	3
14	Seminars	Week 14	3
15	Seminars	Week 15	3
16	Final Exam	Week 16	3
	Number of Weeks /and Units Per Semester	16	48

Training Aspects:						
No	Training Tasks	Number of weeks	Contact hours			
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I.	Tasks and Assignments		
No.	Tasks and Assignments	Week Due	Mark
1	Research proposal	10	10
2	Presentations	6-10	10
	Total		20

## VII. Teaching strategies of the course:

- Interactive lectures Group and pair work Guided individual reading- Classroom discussions Exercises
- Brainstorming Problem solving Presentations Authentic assessment

#### VIII. Assessment Strategies:

• progress quizzes, mid-term test, writing research proposal, oral presentation and the final written exam

No.	Assessment Method	Week Due	Mark	Proportion of Final Assessment
1	Attendance-participation-	1-15	10	10%

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	punctuality- language proficiency			
2	Mid-Semester Test	7	20	20%
3	Research Proposal	6-13	10	10%
4	Presentations	6-13	10	10%
5	Final Exam	16	50	50%
6	Total			100

### I. Learning Resource (MLA style or APA style)S:

- 2- Required Textbook(s) ( maximum two )
  - -Dawson, C. (2007). Practical research Methods: A user-friendly guide to mastering research. UK: How To Books Ltd.
  - -Al-Samawi, A. (2006). Introduction to Research Techniques in Linguistics and Literature. Yemen: Alwan
- 5. Recommended Readings and Reference Materials
  - Kothari, C. R. (2004). Research Methodology: Methods & Techniques. India: New Age International (p) limited
  - : Litosseliti, L. (2010). Research Methods in Linguistics. England: Bloomsbury Publishing Plc
- 6. Essential References

Samawi, A. (2006). Introduction to Research Techniques in Linguistics and Literature. Yemen: Alwan

- 7. Electronic Materials and Web Sites etc.
  - 3. https://www.scribbr.com/category/methodology/
  - 4. https://research-methodology.net/research-methods/
- 8. Other Learning Material:

How to Use SPSS - An Introduction to SPSS

- 3. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= zFBUfZEBWQ
- 4. https://www.dadoslivres.com/telecharger/spss-statistics-a-practical-guide/

IX. Course Policies: (Based on the Uniform Students' Bylaw (2007))			
1	Class Attendance: Class Attendance is mandatory. A student is considered absent and shall be banned from taking the final exam if his/her absence exceeds 25% of total classes.		
2	Tardiness: A student will be considered late if he/she is not in class after 10 minutes of the start time of class.		
3	Exam Attendance/Punctuality:  No student shall be allowed to the exam hall after 30 minutes of the start time, and shall not leave the hall before half of the exam time has passed.		

4 Assignments & Projects:

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	Assignments and projects must be submitted on time. Students who delay their assignments or projects shall lose the allocated mark.
5	Cheating: Cheating is an act of fraud that results in the cancelation of the student's exam or assignment. If it takes place in a final exam, the Uniform Students' Bylaw (2007) shall apply.
6	Forgery and Impersonation: Forgery/Impersonation is an act of fraud that results in the cancelation of the student's exam, assignment or project. If it takes place in a final exam, the Uniform Students' Bylaw (2007) shall apply.
7	Other policies: The Higher Studies By-law and University regulations in force will be strictly observed and students shall comply with all rules and regulations of the examination set by the Department, Faculty and University Administration.