

Research Methodology 244 LANE

- **Course Description:**

The course offers exposure to basic writing and research skills useful for research papers and dissertations. In particular, it offers students the opportunity to learn about academic writing skills such as controlling the mechanics and connective tissue of writing, quoting and referencing skills, various cognitive skills (comparing, contrasting, and summarizing), thinking errors, etc. The second part of the course introduces students to some research skills useful for starting MA and Ph.D. dissertations.

1 Topics to be Covered			
Topic		No. of Weeks	Contact hours
Introduction: Features of speech and writing		1	2
Modes of writing: Description and Narration		1	2
Modes of writing: Argumentation 1		1	2
Modes of writing: Argumentation 2		1	2
Methods of paragraph development 1		2	2
Methods of paragraph development 2		2	2
Progress Test 1		1	2
Methods of paragraph development 3		1	2
Methods of paragraph development 4		1	2
Summarizing, quoting and referencing		1	2
Connecting		1	2
Punctuating		1	2
Reasoning fallacies		1	2
Progress Test 2		1	2
2 Course components (total contact hours per semester):			
Lecture: 14 hours	Tutorial:	Practical/Fieldwork/Internship: 2 hours	Other: Exams 4 hours

2. Schedule of Assessment Tasks for Students During the Semester			
Asses sment	Assessment task (e.g. essay, test, group project, examination etc.)	Week due	Propor tion of Final Assess ment
1	In-term test	7	20%
2	In-term test	14	20%
3	Participation		20%
4	Final exam		40%

1. Required Text(s)
2. Essential References Walliman, Nicholas (2011). <i>Research methods: The basics</i>. London: Routledge. Hatch, E. & A. Lazarton (1991). <i>The research manual: Design and statistics for applied linguistics</i>. Los Angeles, CA: Heinle & Heinle Publishers.
3- Recommended Books and Reference Material (Journals, Reports, etc) (Attach List)
4-.Electronic Materials, Web Sites etc
5- Other learning material such as computer-based programs/CD, professional standards/regulations