



Relizane University

Institute of Letters and Foreign Languages

Department of English

Course description

Module: Research Methodology

Level: L1

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Course description

Research Methodology is a course designed to familiarize students with jargon associated with academic research. It exposes them to various materials related to the different steps of research, its types, design, data collection and reporting research results. Lectures will be tightly related to research in the fields of English as a Foreign Language.

Course objectives and goals

The primary objective of this course is to acquaint students with fundamentals of research methods and methodology. By the end of the course students will be able to:

- Develop an understanding of the notion of scientific/ academic research.
- Pinpoint the different objectives and motivations behind conducting a research.
- Identify the rudimentary characteristics of research.
- Recognize the different types of research.
- Grasp the different steps of the research process.

Class format

Lectures – discussions – individual assignments

Grading

Grading consists of two marks; a TD mark and a final exam mark.

The TD mark consists of:

- 25% for participation
- 75% for assignment / final test.

Syllabus

- An introduction to research methodology
 - What is research?
 - Objectives of research
 - Characteristics of research
 - Motivation in research
- Types of research
 - Qualitative vs. quantitative
 - Applied vs. basic
 - Descriptive vs. correlational
 - Exploratory vs. explanatory
- Research process
 - Research problem
 - Literature review
 - Formulating hypothesis
 - Preparing the research design
 - Data collection
 - Data analysis and interpretation
 - Hypothesis testing
 - Writing the research report

References

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