

RES110 Introduction to Research (E)

1st and 2nd quarters, Freshman

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Style of class	Lecture
Number of Credits	2
Day and Period	Monday, period 4

Course Description

The focus of this course is to introduce students to the study of research, and to explore the practical relevance of research to our lives.

In addition to building knowledge of the study of human development, students will also continue to build on English skills developed in their first year of university study.

Course Objectives

- Develop understanding of the kind of topics that are included in the study of social science research
 - Develop some depth of understanding of a number of topics important to the field of social science research
 - Continue to build on English reading, writing, listening, vocabulary, and speaking skills
- The goals of the course for students' achievement include the following:

Prerequisites

None.

Class Materials

Walliman, N. (2011). *Research Methods: The Basics*. New York: Routledge.

The textbook will be supplemented with readings to be purchased.

Course Methods

The classes will be conducted as a mix of short lectures and presentations, pair and small group discussions, and student pair and group contributions. For example, a particular linguistic point will be explained. Students working in pairs or small groups will have assignments that require them to find other examples, including examples from their own first languages, from field work, and from research on the Internet. They will present their results to the rest of the class. This information will also be analyzed and discussed.

Grading

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| • Quizzes | 40% |
| • Written exercises and Final Project | 40% |
| • Active speaking and discussion | 20% |

Course Schedule

Week 1: Introduction and Orientation to the Course

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Week 2: Research Basics

Research Methods: The Basics, Chapter 1

Week 3: Research Theory

Research Methods: The Basics, Chapter 2

Week 4: The Research Project

Research Methods: The Basics, Chapter 3

Week 5: Research Ethics

Research Methods: The Basics, Chapter 4

Week 6: The Literature Review

Research Methods: The Basics, Chapter 5

Week 7: The Nature of Data

Research Methods: The Basics, Chapter 6

Week 8: Review and Mid-term (End of Quarter 1)

Week 9: Secondary Data

Research Methods: The Basics, Chapter 7

Week 10: Primary Data

Research Methods: The Basics, Chapter 8

Week 11: Quantitative Data Analysis

Research Methods: The Basics, Chapter 9

Week 12: Qualitative Data Analysis

Research Methods: The Basics, Chapter 10

Week 13: The Research Proposal and the Writing Process

Research Methods: The Basics, Chapter 11

Week 14: Further Readings and Final Project Work

Week 15: Final Project Work and Final Exam

Week 16: Final Project work and Presentation/Submission of Final Project (End of Quarter 2)

Preparation and Follow-up

- Preparation: study the applicable chapters in the textbook and reference materials (approx. 1 hour).
- Follow-up: Revise the class content and identify points requiring clarification (approx. 1 hour).