

Course description

Descriptif du cours

Department : English Department

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Academic year: 2020-2021

Level: MA 2/ civilisation

Course title: Research Methodology

Course outline:

1. Getting Started:

- What is Research?

2. The Research Problem:

- Sources of research questions
- Scope of research
- Feasibility of research
- Stating the research questions and hypotheses

3. Carrying out the Literature Review

- Definition/ what to review?
- Function
- Practical advice for carrying out a literature review
- Paraphrasing, quoting and summarizing

4. Designing a Research Plan

- Quantitative Methods
- Qualitative Methods
- Mixed Approaches

5. Collecting Research Evidence

- Methods of Data Collection (primary and secondary data)
- Survey research methods

6. Data analysis

7. Referencing: Using the MLA/APA writing styles

8. Writing the research proposal and report

Course objectives:

- develop the sense of enquiry, generation of ideas and creative thinking
- develop the systemic, rigorous research practices needed to work one's way, stage by stage.
- practise exercises at each stage of the research and writing process, from drafting questions and a conceptual framework, to trying out aspects of methods in action, to handling any differences and difficulties with supervisors, to data analysis, interpretation, selection and the drawing of evidence-based claims, to breaking writing blocks and writing well in your own voice, to producing conceptual conclusions, and well rounded significant pieces of research expressed in a well written, well presented project, dissertation or other appropriate format.

Method of evaluation:

Students are assessed on a research proposal they are asked to present.

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