

Course description

Descriptif du cours

Department : English

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Academic year: 2021-2022

Level: Masters II Literature

Course title: Research Methodology

Course outline:

Module 1: Overview of Research and its Methodologies –

- 1.1: Concepts of research
- 1.2: The need for research
- 1.3: Types of research
- 1.4: Steps in conducting research

Module 2: Literature review

- 2.1: What is literature review?
- 2.2: Why the need for literature review?
- 2.3: How to carry out a literature review?

Module 3: Selecting and defining a research problem

- 3.1: Problem formulation
- 3.2: What are the criteria for selecting a problem?
- 3.3: Evaluating problems
- 3.4: Functions of a hypothesis

Module 4: Conducting the research

- 4.1: Research activities

- 4.2: Preparations before conducting your research
- 4.3: Differences among Postgraduate and Undergraduate Research

Module 5: Methodology

5.1: Steps in conducting research

Module 6: Writing Research Proposals

- 6.1: Why do we need to write research proposals?
- 6.2: How to write Good Research Proposals?
- 6.3: Case Study Research

Course objectives:

The course aims at introducing students to some basic concepts of research and its methodologies. By the end of the course students should be able to:

- identify appropriate research topics
- select and define appropriate research problem and parameters
- prepare a project proposal (to undertake a project)
- organize and conduct research (advanced project) in a more appropriate manner
- write a research report and thesis
- write a research proposal

Method of evaluation:

- Workshops

References:

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