

King Faisal University
College of Arts
Department of English Language
Academic Plan: Course Description

1- Course identification

Department	Department of English Language		Level	7
Course title	Research Methodology and Design		Code	ADEL 495
Course	Theoretical <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Practical <input type="checkbox"/>		
Domain	Research methods		Prerequisite(s)	
Credit hours	2	Contact hours	2	ADEL 250: Intro. To Linguistics

2- Course content

“**Research Methodology and Design**” is a basic course which prepares students for designing and carrying small-scale research projects in the areas of language studies and Linguistics. It deals with methodological problems in humanities ranging from empiricism to Ethnomethodology and hermeneutics. In addition, it covers experimental design, sampling and data collection in various types of corpora. The course also covers research techniques and styles such as the APS style.

3- Course rationale

This course has been suggested because: 1) It provides students with a theoretical background needed for research in humanities. 2) It develops the skill and knowledge needed for research in humanities. 3) It is needed for carrying out a small-scale research project.

4- Course objectives

By the end of the course, students should be able to:

- 1- Demonstrate knowledge of the theoretical dimensions of research in language studies.
- 2- Identify and solve problems in a given area of language studies.
- 3- Design a small-scale investigation of a given topic.
- 4- Apply standard procedures and styles in writing up research reports and investigations.

5- Teaching methods

The course makes use of the following teaching/learning methods:

- 1- Lectures given by the teacher.
- 2- Analysis of research works and evaluation of their methodology and results.
- 3- Analysis of various types of data.
- 4- Student's analysis of selected data.
- 5- Class Quizzes and assignments.

6- Course evaluation

Continuous assessment is the main method of evaluation. The following instruments are utilized:

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| 1- Attendance | 10% |
| 2- Class tasks and class work | 20% |
| 3- Midterm Exam | 20% |
| 4- Final Exam | 50% |

7- References and teaching learning resources

1- Main Textbook:

- 1- Brown, James Dean, Rodgers, Theodore S. (2003). *Doing Second Language Research*. Oxford, Oxford University Press.

2- Reference(s):

- 1- Methods and skills in research ?.

3- Websites:

- 1- WWW.barnesandnoble.com
- 2- KFU Webcity material.
- 3- Saudi Universities online resources (Internet site)