Faculty of Arts
School of Languages, Linguistics, Literatures and Cultures

LLAC 602
Research Methods in Applied Linguistics
Fall 2021
MW 11:00 - 12:15
Web-based Section
COURSE OUTLINE

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DESCRIPTION
An overview of theory and research methods with a focus on empirical research in the field of applied linguistics. Students will read and critique recent studies, develop research questions, and explore ways in which to answer their questions.

OBJECTIVES
Students will:
-    understand a variety of research methodologies used in applied linguistics.
-    develop an awareness of practical and ethical issues in performing research with second language (L2) learners.
-    understand the key issues and perspectives in applied linguistics research.
-    understand the differences among types of data (quantitative, qualitative).
-    develop the ability to constructively criticize various aspects of published research.
-    learn to select an appropriate research topic and formulate informed research questions and hypotheses.
-    develop skills and confidence in presenting research.

OUTCOMES
By the end of the course students will be able to concisely present—both orally and in writing—their proposed applied linguistics research. This means providing a theoretical background, asking research questions, providing hypotheses, describing basic methodology, determining the most appropriate means of data analysis, and considering the practical and/or theoretical implications of the work.

REQUIRED COURSE MATERIALS
Dörnyei, D. (2007). *Research methods in applied linguistics.* Oxford: Oxford University Press.
All other materials are available in D2L or via the Library website.

RECOMMENDED COURSE MATERIALS
n/a

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS

- A computer with a supported operating system, as well as the latest security, and malware updates.
- A current and updated web browser.
- Webcam/Camera (built-in or external).
- Microphone and speaker (built-in or external), or headset with microphone.
- Current antivirus and/or firewall software enabled.
- Stable internet connection

COURSE NOTES
- A detailed course schedule will be provided on the first day of class.
- Guidelines for submitting assignments, expectations and marking rubrics will be available in D2L.

- Please let your instructor know immediately if you cannot meet the deadlines specified, so that the instructor can work with you to consider alternative dates/assessments.
- Students are expected to attend and participate in all sessions. Participation means actively contributing to class sessions (e.g., by providing comments in class discussions) and by working with partners and in small groups.
- Assignments will be submitted in D2L.
- Marks will be updated in D2L.
- Classes will start on September 8 (Wednesday) and end on December 8 (Wednesday). There are no classes on the following days: October 11 (Monday), November 8 (Monday) and November 10 (Wednesday).

ASSESSMENT
- Leading discussion of an article 10%
- Article mediation 10%
- Annotated bibliography (9 articles / chapters) 20%
- Sample ethics application 10%
- Abstract 10%
- Final oral presentation 15%
- Two-page research proposal + references 15%
- c.v. 5%
- CORE training 5%

Note: Students must complete all assignments in order to pass the course.
Please note that specifics about each assignment (including due dates) will be available in D2L. All assignments will contribute to successfully passing the course.

GRADING SCALE
A+ = 100–97% A = 96–91% A - = 90–86%
B+ = 85–81% B = 80–76% B- = 75–71%
C+ = 70–67% C = 66–62% C- = 61–58%
D+ = 57–54% D = 53–50% F = 49% and below

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Additional information is available on the Academic Integrity Website at https://ucalgary.ca/student-services/student-success/learning/academic-integrity

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PRIVACY (FOIP) ACT
Graded assignments will be retained by the Department for three months and subsequently sent for confidential shredding. Final examinations will be kept for one calendar year and subsequently sent for confidential shredding. Said material is exclusively available to the student and to the department staff requiring to examine it. Please see https://www.ucalgary.ca/legalservices/foip for complete information on the disclosure of personal records.

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS
It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations according to the University policies and procedures listed below. The student accommodation policy can be found at: https://ucalgary.ca/student-services/access/prospective-students/academic-accommodations.

Students needing an Accommodation because of a Disability or medical condition should communicate this need to Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities (https://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/procedure-for-accommodations-for-students-with-disabilities.pdf.)

Students needing an Accommodation in relation to their coursework or to fulfil requirements for a graduate degree, based on a Protected Ground other than Disability, should communicate this need, preferably in writing, to their Instructor or the Department Head/Dean or to the designated contact person in their Faculty.

FACULTY OF ARTS PROGRAM ADVISING AND STUDENT INFORMATION RESOURCES
Have a question, but not sure where to start?
The Arts Students' Centre is the overall headquarters for undergraduate programs in the Faculty of Arts. The key objective of this office is to connect students with whatever academic assistance they may require.

In addition to housing the Associate Dean (Undergraduate Programs and Student Affairs) and the Associate Dean (Teaching, Learning & Student Engagement), the Arts Students' Centre is the specific home to:
· Program advising
· Co-op Education Program
· Arts and Science Honours Academy
· Student Help Desk

Location: Social Sciences Room 102
Phone: 403-220-3580
Email: ascarts@ucalgary.ca
Website: arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate.

For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at 403-210-ROCK [7625] or visit them at the MacKimmie Block.

Contacts for the Students' Union Representative for the Faculty of Arts: arts1@su.ucalgary.ca, arts2@su.ucalgary.ca, arts3@su.ucalgary.ca, arts4@su.ucalgary.ca.

INTERNET AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES
Devices such as laptops, palmtops and smartbooks are allowed provided that they are used exclusively for instructional purposes and do not cause disruption to the instructor and to fellow students. Cellular telephones, blackberries and other mobile communication tools are not permitted and must be switched off.

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SUPPORT AND RESOURCES
Links to information that is not course-specific related to student wellness and safety resources can be found on the Office of the Registrar's website: https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/registration/course-outlines.