

<b>Humanities Research Methods: Research Methods in Language Studies and Linguistics</b>
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### 1. Synopsis

This block will present the main research approaches and different methods that are commonly used in the area of linguistics and applied linguistics. It will introduce students to the current trends in linguistics research in various major areas of linguistics. This block will also engage students in proposing project ideas and designing appropriate methodology for their own research.

### 2. Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs)

*Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:*

- CILO<sub>1</sub>     Have an overview of possible research topics in language studies and linguistic research
- CILO<sub>2</sub>     Design and carry out independent research in the area of language studies and linguistic research
- CILO<sub>3</sub>     Design common types of questionnaire in language studies and linguistic research
- CILO<sub>4</sub>     Design interview guideline and do qualitative analysis

### 3. Content, CILOs and Teaching & Learning Activities

Course Content	CILOs	Suggested Teaching & Learning Activities
Areas of interest in linguistics	CILO <sub>1</sub>	Lecture & classwork
Empirical research design	CILO <sub>2</sub>	Lecture & classwork
Questionnaire design	CILO <sub>3</sub>	Lecture & tutorial
Interview studies	CILO <sub>4</sub>	Lecture & tutorial

### 4. Assessment

Assessment Tasks	Weighting (%)	CILO
A mini research proposal	100%	CILO <sub>1, 2, 3, 4</sub>

## 5. Required Text(s)

Wray, A., & Bloomer, A. (2013). *Projects in Linguistics. A practical guide to researching language*. London, New York: Routledge

### Recommended Readings

Bell, J. (2005). *Doing your research project: A guide for first-time researchers in education, health and social science* (4th ed.). Maidenhead, England: Open University Press.

Blaxter, L., Hughes, C., & Tight, M. (2006). *How to research*. Maidenhead, England: Open University Press.

Brown, J.D. & Rodgers, T.S. (2003). *Doing second language research*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Dornyei, Z. (2010). *Questionnaires in second language research*. London and New York: Routledge.

Dornyei, Z. (2007). *Research methods in applied linguistics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Golden-Biddle, K., & Locke, K. (2007) (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.). *Composing qualitative research*. London: SAGE.

Litosseliti, L. (2010) (Ed.). *Research Methods in Linguistics*. London, New York: Continuum.

Nunan, D. & Bailey, (2009). *Exploring second language classroom research: A comprehensive guide*. Boston, MA: Heinle Cengage Learning.

Smith, J. A. (Ed.). (2003). *Qualitative psychology: A practical guide to research methods*.

## 6. Related Web Resources

A Linguistic Corpus of Mid-20<sup>th</sup> Century Hong Kong Cantonese:

<http://corpus.eduhk.hk/hkcc/>

Child Language Data Exchange System:

<http://childes.talkbank.org/>

Corpus of Contemporary American English:

<http://corpus.byu.edu/coca/>

English for Academic Purposes (EAP) Learner Corpus:

<http://corpus.eduhk.hk/corpusbasedlearning/>

## 7. Related Journals

ELT Journal

System  
Applied linguistics  
Applied Linguistics Review  
International Journal of Applied Linguistics  
Journal of Applied Linguistics  
Language Learning  
Second Language Research  
Studies in Second Language Acquisition  
The Modern Language Journal  
TESOL Quarterly  
Computer Assisted Language Learning  
Language Learning & Technology  
ReCALL