

Seminar in Language Teaching Issues

Contents:

The course covers a range of objectives and encompasses a wide range of materials which are initially aimed at familiarizing the candidates with, and refreshing them on, various areas of interest and will lead them to choose their own areas. In the course, they will receive guidance to select and produce their research topic/s in TEFL/applied linguistics. Not only will they will get acquainted with the nature, processes, methods and procedures of doing critical studies, they will also take the first steps in writing their research proposals.

Objectives:

by the end of the course, students will be able to:

1. Understand the nature, process, principles of critical studies in applied linguistics;
2. Get critical insight with respect to any piece of materials;
3. Develop a general understanding of how to explore research point/s from the materials they read;
4. Consolidate research-oriented perspectives in themselves;
5. Select a research topic amenable to study with an eye to develop it as a thesis project;
6. Gain the ability to write sample research proposals

Evaluation:

| MIDTERM | FINAL | PROJECTS | PARTICIPATION & BONUS |
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| 10% | 20% | 50% | 20% |

INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS:

- A. Select a research topic, raise appropriate research question/s, apply all steps of doing research, then develop a final research proposal,
- B. Select TEN research articles and study them ONE FOR EVERY SESSION along with the course materials every session in advance and deliver BOTH written REPORT and get prepared for on-the-spot ORAL PRESENTATION, and
- C. Study a sample MA thesis and render an evaluation report

NOTE: The Term Projects are due on THE LAST SESSION or at most on the FINAL EXAM SESSION and ***NO Deferral*** would be justified.

Sessions and Themes/Topics:

1. Introduction to the course
2. Key Elements of a Research proposal
Writing a research proposal
Outline for Research reports & Proposals Using APA Style
3. How to Develop a Research Proposal
Developing a title page

4. Planning the Introduction : Problem and Purpose
5. Key Terms and Variables, Limitations & Delimitations
6. Research Questions & Hypotheses
7. Literature Review
Research Proposal Directions
The Schematic Structure of Literature Review in Research Articles of Applied Linguistics
8. Planning for the Methodology of Research
9. Referencing and Citation Styles in APA
APA Referencing Style
10. Ethical considerations in Research Process
11. Assessment Rubric for Research Proposal
12. Theses: Results, Discussion & Conclusion Sections
13. Final Revision of the Students' Proposals

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