Mohamed KHEIDER University of Biskra Academic Year: 2016/2017

Faculty of letters and languages course: **RESEARCH** **METHODOLOGY**

Department of Foreign Languages Level: **THIRD YEAR LICENCE**

Branch of English

**Yearly Distribution**

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| **Main Points** | **Theme** | **Week** | **Month** |
| First Contact With Students | 3 ,4 | **September** |
| 1/ Meaning of research2/ Objectives of research3/ Types of research4/ Criteria of good research5/ Research methods vs. methodology6/ Research and the scientific method  | **(I)****Research Methodology: An Introduction** | 1 | **October** |
| 2 |
| 3 |
| 4 |
| 1/ The research problem 2/ Research objectives 3/ Literature review4/ Development of hypotheses5/ Selection of the appropriate methodology and determining the research design  | **(II)****Research Process: Steps** | 1 | **November** |
| 2 |
| 3 |
| 4 |
| 6/ Sampling design7/ Data collection methods8/ Analysis and interpretation procedures 9/ Reporting and writing10/ Referencing  | **(II)** | 1 | **December** |
| 2 |
| **Winter Holidays** |
| 1/ What is a research problem?2/ Selecting a research problem3/ Considerations in selecting a research problem4/ Techniques involved in defining a research problem | **(III)****Defining the Research Problem** | 1 | **January** |
| 2 |
| 3 |
| **First Semester Exams** |
| 1/ The APA writing style2/ The MLA writing style3/ The Chicago writing style | **(IV)****Writing Styles** | 2 | **February** |
| 3 |
| 4 |
| 1/ Focus in writing2/ Voice and person3/ Tense; grammar and logic4/ How to avoid plasiarism? | **(V)****Academic Writing** | 1 | **March** |
| 2 |
| **Spring Holidays** |
| 1/ Components 3/ Structure2/ Format  | **(VI)****Writing a research proposal** | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | **April** |
| **Students' Assignements** | 3 | 2 | 1 | **May** |
| **Second Semester Exams** |
| **Resit Exams** | 4 | 3 | 2 | **June** |
| **Summer Holidays** | **August** | **July** |

**The Teacher The Branch's Head**

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**Third Year Syllabus**

**Teaching Unit:** Research Methodology

**Objectives:** By the end of the course, students will be able to:

 1/ Develop basic knowledge of research methodology in social sciences

 2/ Identify appropriate research topics

 3/ Select and define an appropriate research problem

 4/ Organise and conduct research

 5/ Prepare and write a research proposal and dissertation

**Theme (I): Research Methodology: An Introduction**

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 and determining the research design

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**Theme (IV): Writing Styles**

1/ The APA writing style 3/ The Chicago writing style

2/ The MLA writing style

**Theme (V): Academic Writing**

1/ Focus in writing 3/ Tense; grammar and logic

2/ Voice and person 4/ How to avoid plasiarism?

**Theme (VI): Writing a research proposal**

1/ Components 2/ Format 3/ Structure

**Recommended Sources:**

1/*Research Methods in Education (2000)(5thed) by* ***Louis Cohen, Lawrence Manion and Keith Morrison***

 2/*Succeeding with Your Master's Dissertation…(2008) by* **John Biggam**

3/ *Cite Right Cite: a quick guide to citation styles…. (2006) by* ***Charles Lipson***

4/ *Your Research Project (2001) by* ***Nicholas Walliman***

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