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 research  2/ Objectives of research  3/ Types of research  4/ Criteria of good research  5/ Research methods vs. methodology  6/ Research and the scientific method | | **(I)**  **Research Methodology: An Introduction** | 1 | | | | | | **October** |
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| 4 | | | | | |
| 1/ The research problem  2/ Research objectives  3/ Literature review  4/ Development of hypotheses  5/ Selection of the appropriate methodology and determining the research design | | **(II)**  **Research Process: Steps** | 1 | | | | | | **November** |
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| 6/ Sampling design  7/ Data collection methods  8/ Analysis and interpretation procedures  9/ Reporting and writing  10/ Referencing | | **(II)** | 1 | | | | | | **December** |
| 2 | | | | | |
| **Winter Holidays** | | | | | | | | | |
| 1/ What is a research problem?  2/ Selecting a research problem  3/ Considerations in selecting a research problem  4/ Techniques involved in defining a research problem | | **(III)**  **Defining the Research Problem** | 1 | | | | | | **January** |
| 2 | | | | | |
| 3 | | | | | |
| **First Semester Exams** | | | | | | | | | |
| 1/ The APA writing style  2/ The MLA writing style  3/ The Chicago writing style | | **(IV)**  **Writing Styles** | 2 | | | | | | **February** |
| 3 | | | | | |
| 4 | | | | | |
| 1/ Focus in writing  2/ Voice and person  3/ Tense; grammar and logic  4/ How to avoid plasiarism? | | **(V)**  **Academic Writing** | 1 | | | | | | **March** |
| 2 | | | | | |
| **Spring Holidays** | | | | | | | | | |
| 1/ Components 3/ Structure  2/ 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**

1/ Meaning of research 3/ Types of research 5/ Research methods vs. methodology

2/ Objectives of research 4/ Criteria of good research 6/ Research and the scientific method

**Theme (II): Research Process: Steps**

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3/ Literature review 8/ Analysis and interpretation procedures

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5/ Selection of the appropriate methodology 10/ Referencing

and determining the research design

**Theme (III): Defining the Research Problem**

1/ What is a research problem? 3/ Considerations in selecting a research problem

2/Selecting a research problem 4/ Techniques involved in defining a research problem

**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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