APPL8020
Research Methods in Language Study
Session 2, Fully online/virtual 2021
Department of Linguistics

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Session 2 Learning and Teaching Update
The decision has been made to conduct study online for the remainder of Session 2 for all units WITHOUT mandatory on-campus learning activities. Exams for Session 2 will also be online where possible to do so.

This is due to the extension of the lockdown orders and to provide certainty around arrangements for the remainder of Session 2. We hope to return to campus beyond Session 2 as soon as it is safe and appropriate to do so.

Some classes/teaching activities cannot be moved online and must be taught on campus. You should already know if you are in one of these classes/teaching activities and your unit convenor will provide you with more information via iLearn. If you want to confirm, see the list of units with mandatory on-campus classes/teaching activities.

Visit the MQ COVID-19 information page for more detail.
General Information

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Credit points
10

Prerequisites
Admission to MAccComm or MAppLing or MAppLingTESOL or MTransInter or MConfInt or MAdvTransInterStud or MTransInterMAppLingTESOL

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
This unit focuses on general principles of research and the use of research methods in language studies. It covers the whole process of research from choosing a topic, searching the related literature on the topic, and formulating research questions, to collecting and analysing data and writing up research reports. The exploration of quantitative, qualitative, mixed-methods, discourse analysis and corpus linguistics methodologies develops students' research literacy to understand research reports and to design research projects. Research ethics and writing up a formal research proposal are two other components of this unit.

Important Academic Dates
Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at https://students.mq.edu.au/important-dates

Learning Outcomes
On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

ULO1: Identify and communicate a research topic to a professional audience

ULO2: Critically review and synthesise published literature related to the topic of your proposed research and communicate with a professional audience

ULO3: Explain the basic underlying principles of five broad research approaches in applied language studies: quantitative research, qualitative research, mixed-methods
research, discourse analysis, and corpus linguistics

**ULO4**: Conceive, formulate and operationalise research questions/hypotheses relating to an area of language-related research

**ULO5**: Creatively design and present a formal written research proposal for an original small-scale study in an area of language study

### General Assessment Information

**Requesting an extension to assignment due date**

On occasion, you may be in a situation when you aren't able to submit an assessment task on time. Extensions are only given in special circumstances, by completing a Special Consideration request. For more information on Special Consideration, see [https://students.mq.edu.au/study/my-study-program/special-consideration](https://students.mq.edu.au/study/my-study-program/special-consideration)

**Late submission of assignments**

If you haven’t been approved for an extension and you submit your assessment task late, penalties are applied. You should consult your unit convenor if you are in this position. Late submissions will receive a 5% per day penalty. If you submit the assessment task 10 days or more beyond the due date, without an approved extension, you will be awarded a maximum of 50% of the overall assessment marks. Weekends and public holidays are included.

### Assessment Tasks

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**Online Quiz**

Assessment Type: Quiz/Test  
Indicative Time on Task: 15 hours  
Due: Week 5  
Weighting: 20%

Students will complete an open-book online quiz with questions covering content from the first part the unit.

On successful completion you will be able to:
Explain the basic underlying principles of five broad research approaches in applied language studies: quantitative research, qualitative research, mixed-methods research, discourse analysis, and corpus linguistics

Conceive, formulate and operationalise research questions/hypotheses relating to an area of language-related research

Research Question and Annotated Bibliography

Assessment Type: Annotated bibliography
Indicative Time on Task: 30 hours
Due: Week 8
Weighting: 30%

Students will choose a topic and search databases and library resources to select relevant published articles to write an annotated bibliography that relates to their provisional research question.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Identify and communicate a research topic to a professional audience
- Critically review and synthesise published literature related to the topic of your proposed research and communicate with a professional audience
- Explain the basic underlying principles of five broad research approaches in applied language studies: quantitative research, qualitative research, mixed-methods research, discourse analysis, and corpus linguistics
- Conceive, formulate and operationalise research questions/hypotheses relating to an area of language-related research

Research Proposal

Assessment Type: Plan
Indicative Time on Task: 35 hours
Due: Week 13
Weighting: 50%

This is a hurdle assessment task (see assessment policy for more information on hurdle assessment tasks)

Students will write a formal written literature review and research proposal for a small-scale study in an area of language-related research.
On successful completion you will be able to:

- Identify and communicate a research topic to a professional audience
- Critically review and synthesise published literature related to the topic of your proposed research and communicate with a professional audience
- Explain the basic underlying principles of five broad research approaches in applied language studies: quantitative research, qualitative research, mixed-methods research, discourse analysis, and corpus linguistics
- Conceive, formulate and operationalise research questions/hypotheses relating to an area of language-related research
- Creatively design and present a formal written research proposal for an original small-scale study in an area of language study

1 If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
- the Learning Skills Unit for academic skills support.

2 Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation

**Delivery and Resources**

APPL8020 is delivered through a weekly two-hour on-campus seminar (lecture-workshop), which will be broadcast simultaneously by Zoom. The weekly session will be recorded and available through Echo 360. **It is essential for students to listen to the complete lecture recording each week if they are not able to attend on campus or virtually by Zoom.**

An optional interactive textbook will be available for students who wish to purchase this (details will be provided in Week 1):


Additional readings available online through the Macquarie University Library will be provided via Leganto on the APPL8020 iLearn site.

Lecture slides and other materials will be posted weekly on the iLearn site.

**Policies and Procedures**

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from Policy Central (https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:
Students seeking more policy resources can visit the Student Policy Gateway (https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

If you would like to see all the policies relevant to Learning and Teaching visit Policy Central (https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central).

**Student Code of Conduct**

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/other-resources/student-conduct

**Results**

Results published on platform other than eStudent, (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in eStudent. For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

**Student Support**

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit http://students.mq.edu.au/support/

**Learning Skills**

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to help you improve your marks and take control of your study.

- Getting help with your assignment
- Workshops
- StudyWise
- Academic Integrity Module

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.
Student Enquiry Service
For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

If you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Equity Support
Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the Disability Service who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

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For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

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