APPL8020
Research Methods in Language Study
Session 1, Online-flexible 2022
Department of Linguistics

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General Information

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Credit points
10

Prerequisites
Admission to MAccComm or MAppLing or MAppLingTESOL or MTransInter or MConflnt 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://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates

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

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

**ULO1:** Identify and communicate a research topic to 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**

1. All assessment due dates and times refer to local time in Sydney, Australia
2. Full instructions for each assignment, together with marking criteria and instructions for submission, will be available on iLearn
3. Extensions for assignments can be sought by applying for special consideration via ask.mq.edu.au - please advise the unit convenor as well if you have submitted a request for special consideration
4. Assignments submitted late without an extension may be penalised at 5% of the total marks available for the assignment per day late

**Assessment Tasks**

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<td>30%</td>
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<td>Research Proposal</td>
<td>50%</td>
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**Online Quiz**

Assessment Type 1: Quiz/Test
Indicative Time on Task 2: 15 hours
Due: **Fri 01/04/2022 to Sat 02/04/2022**
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 1: Annotated bibliography
Indicative Time on Task: 30 hours
Due: Thursday 12/05/2022 at 23.59 PM
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:

- Critically review and synthesise published literature related to the topic of your proposed research and communicate with a professional audience
- Identify and communicate a research topic to 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 1: Plan
Indicative Time on Task: 35 hours
Due: Sunday 05/06/2022 at 23.59 PM
Weighting: 50%

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

• Critically review and synthesise published literature related to the topic of your proposed research and communicate with a professional audience
• Identify and communicate a research topic to 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 Writing Centre 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.

There is no set textbook for this unit, In some weeks there will be essential and optional accompanying reading to complete, and the articles/chapters will be made available through the Macquarie University Library via Leganto on the APPL8020 iLearn site.

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

**APPL8020 and APPL7020 - Weekly Topics – S1 2022**

(Any changes to this schedule will be publicised on iLearn)

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<td>Introduction to Research Methods in Language Studies</td>
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| 2    | Primary Research: Overview of Quantitative, Qualitative and Mixed-Methods Approaches  
Surveys and Correlational Studies | Peter Roger  |
| 3    | Conducting Secondary Research                                         | Cassi Liardet|
| 4    | Narrative Inquiry  
Discourse Analysis                                                            | Peter Roger  |
| 5    | Experimental Research Designs                                          | Peter Roger  |
|      | Analysing Quantitative Data                                           |              |
| 6    | Case Study Research  
Analysing Qualitative Data                                                 | Peter Roger  |
| 7    | Corpus Linguistics Research                                           | Adam Smith   |
## Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](https://policies.mq.edu.au). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- **Academic Appeals Policy**
- **Academic Integrity Policy**
- **Academic Progression Policy**
- **Assessment Policy**
- **Fitness to Practice Procedure**
Students seeking more policy resources can visit Student Policies (https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

To find other policies relating to Teaching and Learning, visit Policy Central (https://policies.mq.edu.au) and use the search tool.

**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

**Academic Integrity**

At Macquarie, we believe academic integrity – honesty, respect, trust, responsibility, fairness and courage – is at the core of learning, teaching and research. We recognise that meeting the expectations required to complete your assessments can be challenging. So, we offer you a range of resources and services to help you reach your potential, including free online writing and maths support, academic skills development and wellbeing consultations.

**Student Support**

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

**The Writing Centre**

The Writing Centre provides resources to develop your English language proficiency, academic writing, and communication skills.

- Workshops
- Chat with a WriteWISE peer writing leader
- Access StudyWISE
- Upload an assignment to Studiosity
- Complete the Academic Integrity Module

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.
Macquarie University offers a range of **Student Support Services** including:

- **IT Support**
- **Accessibility and disability support** with study
- **Mental health support**
- **Safety support** to respond to bullying, harassment, sexual harassment and sexual assault
- **Social support** including information about finances, tenancy and legal issues

**Student Enquiries**

Got a question? Ask us via **AskMQ**, or contact **Service Connect**.

**IT Help**

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

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy](https://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.