

Course Guidebook

Course title/code	Senior Essay (EnLa3113)					
Module title	Researching and Reporting Skills EnLaM3111					
Module coordinator	_____					
Adviser's Name	_____					
Adviser's Contact Information	Office _____ Phone _____ Email _____ Office hour _____					
Course ECTS	5 ECTS					
Mode of Delivery	Whole Semester					
Teaching Methods	Advising students, providing feedback, follow up them based on the research topic that students are studying Intensive independent reading, self-initiated consultations with advisor, inquiring, observations and employing the acquired research methodology					
Student Work Load	Lecture	Tutorial/ advising hour	Group Work	Lab /practice	Home study	total
	-----	16Hrs	---		119Hrs	135hrs
Course Description	The senior essay project is an independent critical project on selected research topics, which is					

	<p>undertaken in regular consultation with a research adviser. It aims at solving different problems or creating innovative findings and help to improve learners' problem solving skills. Besides, it also helps them to acquire researching skills and use it in their future career. It focuses on research topics that are related to the studies undertaken by the students in their three year academic engagement. This means, it is highly depended on the students' interest and/or curiosity, and the area of the project can be English literature, linguistics, or any of the English language skills, and Journalism & Communication. The course will be completed by public presentation of the research work, and the student is required to demonstrate competence in the area s/he is interested in, both in writing and presentation, to accomplish the required outcomes.</p>		
Course objectives:	<p>Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Identify research topics ✓ Demonstrate good knowledge of the research topic related issues ✓ expose themselves to wider scopes of reading and text analysis ✓ employ suitable research methodology pertaining the project ✓ crystallize their thinking; sharply define the problem they wish to address and provide direction for the early stages of their investigation ✓ Evaluate and select texts relevant to the research work ✓ Solve practical research problem ✓ demonstrate the contribution and viability of their project clearly 		
Pre-requisite(s)	EnLa3111		
Course status	Compulsory		
Week	Study hours	Topics and Sub Topics	Texts
1		<p>Orientations on schedule: getting input/ orientation from department senior project coordinator on the semester</p>	

		schedule of senior essay/project	
2		Getting a senior essay project advisor assigned, making contact with advisor,	
3		Search for and selecting research topic and discussion with advisor for modification and endorsement	
4		Work on the research proposal, stating research problem, general and specific objectives, significance, scope, ...	
5		Submitting the first chapter, discuss it with and receive feedback from advisor, including possible remarks and feedback from advisor	
6/7		Library weeks, exploring the library, reviewing relevant literature, taking notes, keeping bibliographic information, organizing the note and discuss with the research advisor	
8		Taking comments and feedback from the research advisor and review citations and referencing	

9		Discuss the research design and methods with the advisor and design appropriate data collection tools	
10/11		Gather research data and analyze it,	
12		Writing up reports and discussing a progress with advisor	
13 &14		Receive final feedback from advisor concerning the whole project work	
15		Submitting the final draft and presentation/ oral defence/	
16		Including final comments/ remarks from examiner, binding and submitting	
Course Expectation	<p>Self-Initiation: you must take the initiatives to seek supports from your senior essay advisor. You must also stick to the schedule and meet every specific deadline.</p> <p>Energy and Zeal: It is highly advisable to immerse oneself in rigorous reading, and remains energetic and zealous to succeed in this project work.</p> <p>Being Original: Your paper has to remain an original piece. If you take material from other sources, appropriate acknowledgement is mandatory.</p>		
Policy	<p>Attendance: You need to fix a weekly schedule to see your advisor and be regular in it.</p> <p>Plagiarism is the most serious academic theft that leads to disqualifying your entire effort. Therefore, you should avoid any instance of it</p>		

Assessment

Advisor's Evaluation

Research paper25%
Oral presentation (Defense)25%

Examiner's evaluation

Research paper25%
Oral presentation (Defense)25%

References

The reference book for '**Research Methodology and Report Writing**' and any reference materials that you (students) think relevant for the subject under study can be taken as reference.

Approved By: Name: _____ Signature _____ Date _____