LING 6950 - Research Preparation
Course Outline

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Semester
1 – 2005

Unit Weighting
10

Teaching Methods
Lecture
Tutorial

Brief Course Description
This course introduces basic principles of research methodology in the various branches of the discipline of Linguistics. Students review the current theoretical and empirical research literature in order to argue for a specific research question or direction for further research. The major modes of delivery are individual and small group research supervision and tutorials.

Contact Hours
Research component
Contact hours are established between lecturer and student

Learning Materials/Texts

Course Objectives
Students will be able to:
1. Review and critique theoretical and methodological aspects of linguistic research presented in the literature.
2. Identify and select a worthwhile area which relates to a significant line of enquiry in linguistic research.
3. Define a valid research question or direction in a particular area of linguistic research.
4. Produce an organised and coherent written argument for the proposed research which conforms to the stylistic standards of published research in the discipline.

Course Content
Review of the research methodologies in Linguistics:
Field methodologies (e.g. Phonology)
Theoretical argumentation (e.g. Formal syntax)
Corpus based methodology
Natural observation methods (e.g. Sociolinguistics)
Experimental methodology (e.g. Clinical & Applied Linguistics)

Review of the research process:
Defining and planning research problems
Assessment Items
1. Draft 1 - 500 words Written (preliminary) research proposal 10% Week 6
2. Draft 2 - 1,500 words Preliminary literature review 20% Week 10
3. Seminar Presentation - 15 minutes Verbal presentation 25% Week 11-13
4. Assignment - 5,000 words Written research review & final proposal 45% Week 14

Assumed Knowledge
LING6910 (or equivalent)

Callaghan Campus Timetable
LING6950
RESEARCH PREPARATION
Course also offered by Distance Education. Enquiries: School of Language and Media
Semester 1 - 2005
Seminar Monday 16:00 - 17:00 Contact School to arrange
Individual Supervision

Distance Education - Callaghan Timetable
LING6950
RESEARCH PREPARATION
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Semester 1 - 2005
Dist. Learn Monday 19:00 - 21:00

Plagiarism
University policy prohibits students plagiarising any material under any circumstances. A student
plagiarises if he or she presents the thoughts or works of another as one's own. Without limiting
the generality of this definition, it may include:

- copying or paraphrasing material from any source without due acknowledgment;
- using another's ideas without due acknowledgment;
- working with others without permission and presenting the resulting work as though it
  was completed independently.

Plagiarism is not only related to written works, but also to material such as data, images, music,
formulae, websites and computer programs.

Aiding another student to plagiarise is also a violation of the Plagiarism Policy and may invoke a
penalty.
For further information on the University policy on plagiarism, please refer to the Policy on Student Academic Integrity at the following link -


The University has established a software plagiarism detection system called Turnitin. When you submit assessment items please be aware that for the purpose of assessing any assessment item the University may -

- Reproduce this assessment item and provide a copy to another member of the University;
- Communicate a copy of this assessment item to a plagiarism checking service (which may then retain a copy of the item on its database for the purpose of future plagiarism checking);
- Submit the assessment item to other forms of plagiarism checking

**Written Assessment Items**

Students may be required to provide written assessment items in electronic form as well as hard copy.

**Extension of Time for Assessment Items, Deferred Assessment and Special Consideration for Assessment Items or Formal Written Examinations**

Students are required to submit assessment items by the due date, as advised in the Course Outline, unless the Course Coordinator approves an extension of time for submission of the item. University policy is that an assessment item submitted after the due date, without an approved extension, will be penalised.

Any student:

1. who is applying for an extension of time for submission of an assessment item on the basis of medical, compassionate, hardship/trauma or unavoidable commitment: or
2. whose attendance at or performance in an assessment item or formal written examination has been or will be affected by medical, compassionate, hardship/trauma or unavoidable commitment;

must report the circumstances, with supporting documentation, to the appropriate officer on the prescribed form.

Please go to the Policy and the on-line form for further information, particular for information on the options available to you, at:

http://www.newcastle.edu.au/policy/academic/adm_prog/special_consid.htm

**Changing your Enrolment**

The last dates to withdraw without financial or academic penalty (called the HECS Census Dates) are:

- For semester 1 courses: 31 March 2005
- For semester 2 courses: 31 August 2005
- For Trimester 1 courses: 18 February 2005
- For Trimester 2 courses: 10 June 2005
Students may withdraw from a course without academic penalty on or before the last day of semester and prior to the commencement of the formal exam period. Any withdrawal from a course after the last day of semester will result in a fail grade.

Students cannot enrol in a new course after the second week of semester/trimester, except under exceptional circumstances. Any application to add a course after the second week of semester/trimester must be on the appropriate form, and should be discussed with the School Office.

To change your enrolment online, please refer to

http://www.newcastle.edu.au/study/enrolment/change-enrol.html

**Contact Details**

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**Faculty Student Service Offices**
Faculty of Science and Information Technology
Room V19 (Mathematics Building) Phone: 0249 215 562

**The Faculty of Education and Arts**
Room: GP1-22 (General Purpose Building) Phone: 0249 215 314

The Faculty of Engineering and Built Environment
Room: EF101 (EF Building) Phone: 0249 216 065

Architecture and Built Environment
Room: A106 (Architecture Building) Phone: 0249 215 782

The Faculty of Health
Level 1 (Bowman Building) Phone: 0249 215 682

The Faculty of Business and Law
Room: SRS130 (Social Sciences Building) Phone: 0249 215 983

**The Dean of Students**
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Various services are offered by the University Student Support Unit:


**Alteration of this Course Outline**

No change to this course outline will be permitted after the end of the second week of the term except in exceptional circumstances and with Head of School approval. Students will be notified in advance of any approved changes to this outline.

**Web Address for Rules Governing Undergraduate Academic Awards**


**Web Address for Rules Governing Postgraduate Academic Awards**


**STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITY OR CHRONIC ILLNESS**

The University is committed to providing a range of support services for students with a disability or chronic illness.

If you have a disability or chronic illness which you feel may impact on your studies, please feel free to discuss your support needs with your lecturer or course coordinator.

Disability Support may also be provided by the Student Support Service (Disability). Students must be registered to receive this type of support. To register please contact the Disability Liaison Officer on 49 21 5766, or via email at: student-disability@newcastle.edu.au.

As some forms of support can take a few weeks to implement it is extremely important that you discuss your needs with your lecturer, course coordinator or Student Support Service staff at the beginning of each semester.

For more information related to confidentiality and documentation please visit the Student Support Service (Disability) website at:

www.newcastle.edu.au/services/disability