

LANG 7023 LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS RESEARCH METHODS

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 101854

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Description This subject aims to help postgraduate students acquire the knowledge and skills to design and carry out a research project in the field of Languages and Linguistics (i.e. Contrastive Linguistics, Sociolinguistics, Language-in-Education Planning, First and Second Language Acquisition, Interpreting and Translation, Discourse Analysis and Descriptive Linguistics). It includes theoretical and practical work in specific areas of research in Languages and Linguistics.

School Humanities & Comm Arts

Discipline Linguistics

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 1 10cp

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Level Postgraduate Coursework Level 7 subject

Equivalent Subjects LANG 7024 - Language and Linguistics Research Methods

Restrictions

Students must be enrolled in a postgraduate program.

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. undertake the basic steps to conducting research;
2. examine the main research methodologies, analytical techniques, and research and writing strategies relevant to the field of languages and linguistics;
3. read critically and review research papers in the field of languages and linguistics;
4. employ, where applicable, basic techniques in descriptive and inferential statistics; and
5. produce a design for a research project, and conduct a small research project.

Subject Content

Familiarity with and understanding of UWS Ethics in Postgraduate Research (Principles of Ethical Conduct, Approval Process of Research Involving Human Participants, etc.)

Research models used in the field of Language and Linguistics, including qualitative and quantitative approaches

Critical reading and comments of a representative sample of research papers in the field of Languages and Linguistics

Basic descriptive statistical concepts and techniques

Basic inferential statistical concepts and techniques

Data collection and analysis in the field of Language and Linguistics

Transcription of oral data

An appreciation of, and the ability to use, the prescribed academic register of English appropriate to research

Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Literature Review	1000 words	30	N	Individual	Y
Numerical Problem Solving	500-800 words	20	N	Individual	Y
Proposal	500 words	10	N	Individual	Y
Report	1200-1500 words	40	N	Individual	Y

Prescribed Texts

- Wray, A., & Bloomer, A. (2013). *Projects in linguistics: A practical guide to researching language* (3rd ed.). London: Hodder Arnold.
- Wray, A., & Bloomer, A. (2006). *Projects in linguistics: A practical guide to researching language* (2nd ed.). London: Hodder Arnold.

Teaching Periods

Autumn (2025)

Parramatta City - Macquarie St

On-site

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