

In the Name of God
Syllabus for Research Preliminaries
BA Program in Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL)
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This syllabus is tentative and subject to change.

A. Objectives of the Course:

The aim of the course is to familiarize students with the introductions, principles, concepts and methods of research in order to be able to conduct their own research on the language-related issues.

B. Course Material:

Farhady, H. (2020). *Research methods in applied linguistics 1 & 2*. Tehran: PNU.

C. Course Outline:

Session 1: Introduction

Session 2: Kinds of research

Session 3: Steps in conducting research

Session 4: Research questions and variables

Sessions 5, 6 & 7: Research methods

Session 8: Review, Midterm exam

Session 9: Validity of research

Session 10: Reliability of research

Session 11: Data collection techniques

Session 12: Sampling

Session 13: Basic statistics in research

Sessions 14 & 15: Writing a research report (sections of a research paper)

Session: 16: Review

D. Course Requirements:

1. Class attendance and participation
2. Assignment
3. Midterm examination
4. Final examination

E. Evaluation System (allocation of points to requirements):

1. Class attendance and participation (2 points)
2. Assignment (2 points)
3. Midterm examination (4 points)
4. Final examination (12 points)

“Research is seeing what everybody else has seen and thinking what nobody else has thought”. - Albert Szent-Györgyi

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