

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 course aims to teach students research principles and methods, enabling them to investigate language-related issues. It also helps them develop research articles to report the findings of their studies.

B. Course Material:

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

Session: 16: Review

D. Course Requirements:

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

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

1. Class attendance and participation (2 points)
2. Assignments (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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