



الجامعة السعودية الإلكترونية  
SAUDI ELECTRONIC UNIVERSITY  
2011-1432

## **Research Methodology (TRA450)**

### **Course Syllabus**

**English Language and Translation Department**

**College of Science and Theoretical Studies**

**Saudi Electronic University**

<b>A: General Information</b>
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| <b>1. Course Title</b>   | Research Methodology                           |
| <b>2. Course Code</b>    | TRA450   |
| <b>3. Semester/ Year</b> | 7 <sup>th</sup> semester- 4 <sup>th</sup> year |
| <b>4. Course credit</b>  | 3 Hours  |
| <b>5. Course level</b>   | Level 7  |
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## B: Academic Content

### Course aim and objectives:

This course is designed to:

- Focus on the major issues and principles of academic research.
- Offer an overview of research theories.
- Introduce different research methodologies and methods.
- Explain the main components of a research proposal.

### Learning Outcomes:

- Recognize the concept of academic research and its major principles.
- Outline the philosophical differences in research theories.
- Describe various research methodologies and methods.
- Develop a research problem, research aim, related questions and a literature review.
- Write an academic research proposal for undergraduate level.

**Prerequisites:** ENG301, TRA330

## C: Timetable for sessions

Week	Date	Chapters	Students Commitments
1.	Week 0	ORIENTATION WEEK	
2.	Week 1	Research basics and theory	
3.	Week 2	Research questions & proposal sections	Progress Report 1
4.	Week 3	Research ethics	Assignment 1
5.	Week 4	Literature review	
6.	Week 5	Literature review: Saudi Digital Library, and American Psychological 4 Association (APA)	Progress Report 2
7.	Week 6	Data & quality	Assignment 2
8.	Week 7	Product-Oriented research	

9.	Week 8		<b>MIDTERM EXAMS</b>	
10.	Week 9		Participant-Oriented research: questionnaires	
11.	Week 10		Participant-Oriented research: interviews and focus groups	
12.	Week 11		Process-Oriented research	Progress Report 3
13.	Week 12		Context-Oriented research: case studies	Assignment 3
14.	Week 13		Reporting research	Progress Report 4
15.	Week 14		Poster presentations	Poster Presentation Peer Evaluation
16.	Week 15		General Revision	
17.	Week 16		<b>FINAL EXAMS</b>	
18.	Week 17			
19.	Week 18			

## **D: Course Resources**

### **Textbooks:**

- Saldanha, G., & O'Brien, S. (2013). Research methodologies in translation studies. New York: Routledge. ISBN 9781138170421 (print), 9781315760100 (e-text).
- Walliman, N. (2011). Research methods: The basics. New York: Routledge. ISBN 9780415489911 (print), 9780203836071 (e-text).

## **E: Assessment**

- **Assessment Overview**

<b>Assessment Type</b>	<b>Due Date of Assignments</b>	<b>Weight</b>
Assignment 1	Week 3	6 points
Assignment 2	Week 6	10 points
Assignment 3	Week 12	10 points
Progress Reports	Week 2-13	2 points
Poster Presentation	Week 14	7 points
Peer Evaluation	Week 14	5 points
Midterm Exam	Week 8	20 points
Final Exam	Week 16 & 17	40 points
<b>Total</b>	<b>100 points</b>	

<b>F: Additional Requirements</b>
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- The student must follow attendance policy that given by the university.
- The student is responsible to read all announcements that are regularly posted by the instructor.
- Any student having difficulty understanding this handout should contact the instructor for clarifications.
- For all enquiries, students should contact the instructor.