

University of Jordan Faculty of Languages English Department

Course Title: Research in Literature Course Code: 2201938

Credit hours: 3 Prerequisite: None

Course Description and Objectives:

This course is designed to introduce graduate students (Ph. D.) to the methods and tools of academic research. Topics include the nature of literary research and the opportunities of electronic and library research tools, textual criticism, editing, proofreading and formatting. Special concentration will be made on MLA, APA, CMS and CSE styles. Students will be familiarized with the various ways of formulating, broadening, narrowing, focusing and developing research papers and writing projects. Participants will be required to submit one research paper, using either MLA or APA style sheet.

Textbook:

Lester, James D, Sr. and James D. Lester, Jr. (2007). *Writing Research Papers: A Complete Guide*. Twelfth Edition. New York: Longman.

Learning outcomes: student are expected to

- acquire a good understanding of the principles of scientific/academic research,
- write academic pieces of research,
- apply, compare and contrast different style sheets,
- write publishable papers

Learning/Teaching Methods:

- Lectures,
- Student presentations on assigned subjects and their written papers
- Discussions, analysis and feedback

Assignments:

Students will be asked to read the assigned texts in order to familiarize themselves with the subjects of each unit and to prepare a short presentation on a selected part of the material required. A term paper is assigned to be presented during the course.

Assessment:

Midterm Exam: 30 %; Presentation and Participation: 10 %; Term Paper: 20 % ;
Final Exam: 40 %.

Study Plan:

Week 1: Introduction & General Briefing.

Week 2: Chapters 1, 2, 3: 1-54

Week 3: Chapters 4, 5, 6: 55-101

Week 4: Chapters 7, 8, 9: 102-156.

Week 5: chapters 10 & 11: 157-198

Week 6: Chapter 12

Week 7: Chapter 13

Week 8: **Midterm exam**

Week 9: Chapter 14: 248-299

Week 10: Chapter 15: 300-336

Week 11: Chapter 16: 337-365

Week 12: Chapter 17: 366-385

Weeks 13 & 14: Presentations of **research paper** and discussion.

Week 16: Final exam.

References:

Students are advised to consult internet sources pertaining to the subject.