

City University of Hong Kong
Course Syllabus

offered by Department of English
with effect from Semester A in 2017 /18

Part I Course Overview

Course Title:	English Department Research Students' Seminar
Course Code:	EN8001
Course Duration:	2 Semesters
Credit Units:	1
Level:	R8
Proposed Area: <i>(for GE courses only)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Arts and Humanities <input type="checkbox"/> Study of Societies, Social and Business Organisations <input type="checkbox"/> Science and Technology
Medium of Instruction:	English
Medium of Assessment:	English
Prerequisites: <i>(Course Code and Title)</i>	NIL
Precursors: <i>(Course Code and Title)</i>	NIL
Equivalent Courses: <i>(Course Code and Title)</i>	NIL
Exclusive Courses: <i>(Course Code and Title)</i>	NIL

Part II Course Details

1. Abstract

(A 150-word description about the course)

Post-graduate research degree students in the English Department are required to attend a 10 research seminars held in the department to gain a wide and deep understanding of research methods and outcomes. Students are encouraged to participate in these seminars not only by attendance, but by contributing to the discussion session at the end of the presentations. This course aims to enable students to critically review literature through a range of research theories and methodologies.

2. Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs)

(CILOs state what the student is expected to be able to do at the end of the course according to a given standard of performance.)

No.	CILOs [#]	Weighting* (if applicable)	Discovery-enriched curriculum related learning outcomes (please tick where appropriate)		
			A1	A2	A3
1.	Identify and reflect on a range of research theories in linguistics, professional communication, and other research areas;		√	√	
2.	Identify and reflect on a range of research methods in linguistics, professional communication, and other research areas;		√	√	
3.	Apply and relate a range of research theories to students' chosen areas of study;				√
4.	Apply and relate a range of research methods to students' chosen areas of study.				√
		100%			

* If weighting is assigned to CILOs, they should add up to 100%.

Please specify the alignment of CILOs to the Gateway Education Programme Intended Learning outcomes (PILOs) in Section A of Annex.

A1: Attitude

Develop an attitude of discovery/innovation/creativity, as demonstrated by students possessing a strong sense of curiosity, asking questions actively, challenging assumptions or engaging in inquiry together with teachers.

A2: Ability

Develop the ability/skill needed to discover/innovate/create, as demonstrated by students possessing critical thinking skills to assess ideas, acquiring research skills, synthesizing knowledge across disciplines or applying academic knowledge to self-life problems.

A3: Accomplishments

Demonstrate accomplishment of discovery/innovation/creativity through producing /constructing creative works/new artefacts, effective solutions to real-life problems or new processes.

3. Teaching and Learning Activities (TLAs)

(TLAs designed to facilitate students' achievement of the CILOs.)

TLA	Brief Description	CILO No.						Hours/week (if applicable)
		1	2	3	4			
Seminars	Students will attend a series of seminars to discover research theories in various research areas.	√	√	√	√			
	Students will attend a series of seminars to discover research methods in various research areas.	√	√	√	√			
	Students will explore research theories in various research areas through active discussions.	√	√	√	√			
	Students will explore research methods in various research areas through active discussions.	√	√	√	√			
	Students will reflect on their research studies and problems through attending a series of seminars.	√	√	√	√			

4. Assessment Tasks/Activities (ATs)

(ATs are designed to assess how well the students achieve the CILOs.)

Assessment Tasks/Activities	CILO No.						Weighting *	Remarks
	1	2	3	4				
Continuous Assessment: 100%								
The course comprises a series of research seminars spreading over Semester A and Semester B of the same academic year, or over Semester B of one academic year and Semester A of the following academic year. In order to fulfil the coursework requirement, students must attend a total of 10 seminars. Students are free to choose the seminars according to their own interests and areas of study. They may also consult their supervisors for advice. Participation will be strictly monitored with the implementation of an attendance policy. An attendance record will be given to students prior to the commencement of the course. Students who attend a research seminar must request the speaker to sign the attendance record at the end of the seminar. After attending all the 10 seminars, students must also request the Research Degree Coordinator to sign the completed attendance record.	√	√	√	√				
Examination: N/A % (duration: , if applicable)								
* The weightings should add up to 100%.							100%	

Students may also request transfer credit for research seminars they wish to attend outside of the EN Department.

5. Assessment Rubrics

(Grading of student achievements is based on student performance in assessment tasks/activities with the following rubrics.)

Assessment will be on a Pass/Fail basis. A student taking the course will be awarded PASS if he/she has attended at least 10 seminars in the two semesters. A student taking the course will be awarded FAIL if he/she has attended less than 10 seminars in the two semesters.

Part III Other Information (more details can be provided separately in the teaching plan)

1. Keyword Syllabus

(An indication of the key topics of the course.)

There is no fixed syllabus for the course. Research seminars on different topics with various focuses and objectives will be organized.

Examples of Areas of Focus

- English for Professional Communication
- Teaching English as a Second/Foreign Language
- Bilingual Education
- English for Specific Purposes
- English for Academic Purposes
- English Literature
- Cultural Studies
- Corpus Linguistics
- Genre Analysis
- Cross-cultural Studies
- Language and Law
- Forensic Linguistics
- Second Language Acquisition
- Pragmatics
- Critical Discourse Analysis
- Language Policy and Planning

Examples of Research Methods

- Qualitative Research
- Quantitative Research
- Ethnographic Research
- Questionnaire
- Focus Group Interview
- Individual Interview
- Participant Observation
- Survey
- Case Study

2. Reading List

2.1 Compulsory Readings

(Compulsory readings can include books, book chapters, or journal/magazine articles. There are also collections of e-books, e-journals available from the CityU Library.)

Reading lists and online resources will be recommended by the speakers when necessary.

2.2 Additional Readings

(Additional references for students to learn to expand their knowledge about the subject.)

Reading lists and online resources will be recommended by the speakers when necessary.