

HONG KONG BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

COURSE OUTLINE

1. COURSE TITLE

Research Skills in English Language and Literature

2. COURSE CODE

ENGL3005

3. NO. OF UNITS

3 Units

4. OFFERING DEPARTMENT

Department of English Language and Literature

5. PREREQUISITES

Nil

6. MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION

English

7. AIMS & OBJECTIVES

- 1) Familiarizing students with basic research skills in language and literature;
- 2) Improving students' writing skills in English;
- 3) Strengthening students' ability to discuss linguistic and literary topics;
- 4) Developing students' critical and analytical skills;
- 5) Preparing students to undertake research-based writing such as the Honours Project.

8. COURSE CONTENT

- I. Discipline-related Genres of Writing: Language and linguistics, English Literature, Comparative Literature and Stylistics
- II. Techniques for Selecting a Subject, Topic or Thesis
- III. The Thought Processes for Organizing Ideas and Setting Goals
- IV. Data Gathering: Primary and Secondary Sources
- V. The Note Writing Process and Organization of Notes
- VI. Writing the Paper
- VII. The Processes of Proofreading, Editing and Revision

9. COURSE INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES (CILOs)

CILO	By the end of the course, students should be able to:
CILO 1	Evaluate different research methodologies
CILO 2	Explain the choice of an appropriate research method for a specific discipline or topic
CILO 3	Utilize research techniques such as using library and electronic sources, collecting related primary and secondary sources, and analyzing different texts/data
CILO 4	Write up a research project in the appropriate format and style

10. TEACHING & LEARNING ACTIVITIES (TLAs)

CILO alignment	Type of TLA
CILO 1	- Complete in-class writing assignments about examining motivations of research, conventions of academic research and evaluating research
CILO 2	- Complete in-class writing assignments about examining motivations of research and evaluating research - Complete a term paper on a topic of their own choosing from the fields of linguistics, English literature, comparative literature or stylistics
CILO 3	- Participate in a library session - Complete in-class writing assignments about data collection methods - Complete a term paper on a topic of their own choosing from the fields of linguistics, English literature, comparative literature or stylistics
CILO 4	- Complete in-class writing assignments about conventions of academic research - Complete a term paper on a topic of their own choosing from the fields of linguistics, English literature, comparative literature or stylistics

11. ASSESSMENT METHODS (AMs)

Type of Assessment Methods	Weighting	CILOs to be addressed	Description of Assessment Tasks
Coursework	30 %	1, 3	Library exercise and/or in-class writing assignment.
Coursework	30 %	2, 3, 4	Term paper.
Research Proposal	40 %	2, 3, 4	Research proposal.

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