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Departamento de Educación Secundaria

FD-0554 Seminario Enseñanza del Inglés
Module's Program
I-2023

Name: Seminario de Enseñanza del Inglés	Requisites: FD-0530 Metodología de la Enseñanza del Inglés
Course Code: FD-0554	Correquisites: None
Credits: 4	Term: I-2023
Hours: 12 Classwork: 4 Out of Class Work: 8	Type: Core Module
Level: Fourth year Term: 8 th Modality: Bajo-Virtual	Prof. Verónica García Castro, Ph.D. Email address: veronica.garciacastro@ucr.ac.cr Office hours: Tuesdays 11:00am-12:00md - 1:00pm- 2:00pm Office number: 318 FD Phone number::2511-8188.

I. Module Description

This module is aimed at students who have already finished their teaching practicum. The approach of this module is mainly research and project based. The main aim of the module is to review research methods in the field of social sciences research with an emphasis on foreign/second language learning (L2) and teaching. A research proposal on the area of L2 teaching and learning will be conducted based on students' interests or topics suggested in class. This is not a writing

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composition module; hence, students' L2 writing competence is taken for granted. Failure to write an academic paper will definitely mean failing the module itself. Hence, appropriate writing, organizational, and research skills are essential. This module, given its specificity, should not be compared to similar modules in the major.

This module will employ the University's virtual teaching platform "*Mediación Virtual*"-MOODLE.

II Learning Outcomes

General Learning Outcome

To analyse research methodologies and to put them into practice in L2 teaching and learning research.

Specific Learning Outcomes

Knowledge

To offer students theoretical and practical knowledge in:

- Terminology of the field of L2 teaching and learning research
- L2 research methodologies
- Current trends in L2 teaching and learning research
- L2 data analysis techniques

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- Dissemination of research

Skills

- Identify L2 research gaps
- Use different techniques in data collection and analysis
- Develop an exploratory research project on a topic related to L2 teaching and learning research
- Draw different conclusions about the current L2 teaching and learning research in Costa Rica.
- Propose new research ideas in the field of L2 teaching and learning research
- Review contents and concepts contained in L2 scientific research articles.
- Analyse their own research skills and interest
- Design an academic poster

Attitudes & Values

- To develop an ethical attitude towards research.
- To value the role of L2 research in society.

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III. Contents

1. What is research?
2. Research terminology
3. Objectives, hypotheses, and research questions.
4. Types of research
5. Review of the literature
6. Data Collection
7. Method, subjects, procedures, results
8. Data Analysis
9. Discussions and Recommendations
10. Conclusions
11. Other components of doing research: ethics
12. L2 English Teaching Research in Schools

IV. Methodology

The methodology of the module requires the reading, analysis and discussion of different scientific-theoretical materials. It also includes research-based writing activities, class discussions, analysis of scientific articles, and the creation of an academic poster. Group discussions will be carried out in class to clarify doubts regarding terminology, research topics, and writing a research proposal. Active participation from both the lecturer and students is essential for the success of the module.

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Methodological Strategies

- Dialogues & Discussions
- Collaborative & Individual Work
- Research strategies
- Designing research activities
- Oral Presentations

V. Assessment

1. Presentation of a scientific article (20%)

In groups, students are required to make a presentation explaining a scientific article: the literature review, theoretical/methodological gaps the article addresses, methodology, data analysis, results & discussion. The type of article (e.g. quantitative or qualitative) will be raffled at the beginning of the module. The presentation of the article is expected to last 35 minutes and inclusion of all the aspects mentioned above is mandatory; otherwise the group will receive a 0. Rubrics are provided in MOODLE.

2. Research Proposal* (60%)

The main aim of the research proposal is to explore, evaluate, and research different topics to be applied in L2 English teaching & learning in Costa Rica.

Students will work in groups to make a research proposal of 7.000 words, excluding appendices and references. Its structure and sections will be analyzed and discussed during the first day of class and throughout the term as students are expected to give preliminary reports of each section during the term. A first draft of the research proposal has to be submitted for evaluation and feedback (30%) and it must include the following sections: introduction, review of the literature, aims, definition of terms, research questions & methodology; otherwise the group will receive a 0.

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The final draft (30%) must include the recommendations suggested in the first draft and all the sections to complete the research proposal: abstract, introduction, review of the literature, aims, definition of terms, research questions, methodology- population-sample- instruments, data analysis, ethics & conclusion; otherwise the group will receive a 0. Examples of research proposals and rubrics for the drafts are available on MOODLE.

Draft submission must be before midnight on the day assigned. Students must submit their draft via MOODLE in PDF and .docx formats.

*Topics have to be proposed during the second week of the term. Each group must have a different research topic.

3. Academic Poster and Presentation (20%)

In groups, students have to design an A0 size academic poster (10%). It will be a summary of their research project and it must include the following information: Introduction-background, relevance, research questions, instruments, methodology, expected results, conclusion. The academic poster must include the information mentioned above otherwise it will get a 0. Students have to orally present their research project using their academic poster (10%). The presentation is expected to last 30 minutes and inclusion of all the aspects mentioned above is mandatory. Every group member must take part in the presentation; otherwise the group will receive a 0.

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Submission must be before the presentation on the day assigned, students must submit a PDF version of the poster via MOODLE and print it off for its presentation . Examples of academic posters are available on MOODLE.

Notes:

1. Toda persona estudiante en todo curso queda sujeta a los reglamentos de evaluación de la Universidad de Costa Rica.
2. Bajo ninguna circunstancia se permite el uso, en parte o completo, de Proyectos de Investigación escritos por otras personas para presentarlos como propios. Esto se considerará plagio y será penalizado de acuerdo con el **“Reglamento de Orden y Disciplina de los Estudiantes de la Universidad de Costa Rica”**
3. El medio oficial de comunicación entre estudiantes y la docente será el correo institucional y la plataforma de Mediación Virtual. Por lo tanto, las personas estudiantes necesitan activar y utilizar su correo institucional.

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VII. Other Resources

Rubrics are also available on Moodle

Rubric presentation scientific article				
Dimensions	Criteria	Definition	Percentage	Total
Introduction 15%	Content	Initial capture of the audience's attention, and the presentation of the objective, the theme and the structure of the presentation.	8%	
	Structure-Development	Clear and articulated organisation of the ideas	2%	
Content 65%	Literature Review	Summarises the main ideas of the articles reviewed	10%	
		Explains the theoretical/methodological gaps	7%	
	Methodology	Explains the type of methodology used	5%	
		Explains and shows the research instruments used	10%	
		Cites the research questions	5%	
	Data Analysis	Explains how the data was analysed (e.g. tests)	10%	
	Results	Mentions the results obtained from the analysis and relates them to the RQs.	8%	
	Discussion	Summarises the main aspects of the discussion section 1	5%	
	Conclusion	Summarises the article's conclusion	5%	
Conclusion 20%	Summary	Re-states the article's aims and its	5%	

		findings.		
	Lessons Learned	Highlights what was learned by analysing and presenting the article. Mentions at least three aspects learned/found	15%	

Rubric for the first draft of the research proposal

Dimensions	Criteria	Definition	Percentage	Total	Comments
Introduction 15%	Cover Page	Includes a cover page with the University's name, faculty, module, students' name, and date.	1%		
	Writing	Correct use of APA Includes titles, subtitles, and correct L2 use.	2%		
	Includes scientific References	Uses at least two scientific references in the introduction.	5%		
	Content	Introduces the topic: relevance, context catches the reader's attention, aim.	7%		

Review of the literature 40%	Scientific references	Reviews at least 15 scientific references related to the topic.	10%		
		Mentions advantages/flaws of the studies reviewed.	5%		
	Theoretical gap	Clearly establishes the theoretical/methodological gap for the topic	10%		
		Describes how/why the research project will fulfill the gap.	10%		
	Definition of Terms	Defines terms when needed. Includes academic references.	5%		
Research Questions 15%	Content	Includes at least two research questions	5%		

		RQs are coherent and according to the topic and the literature review.	10%		
Methodology 25%	Scientific References	Includes at least three scientific references.	5%		
		Describes in detail the methodology to be used and why it is appropriate for the research project.	10%		
		Describes the population	5%		
		Includes the sample and sampling technique	5%		
References 5%	Content	Includes the references with a correct APA citation format	5%		
			TOTAL		

Rubric for the final draft of the research proposal

Dimensions	Criteria	Definition	Percentage	Total	Comments
Abstract (5%)	Word Count	Uses only 300 words.	1%		
	Content	Briefly introduces the study, highlights research gap, includes research questions, method, expected findings, and conclusion.	4%		
Introduction 10%	Cover Page	Includes a cover page with the University's name, faculty, module, students' name, and date.	1%		
	Writing	Correct use of APA Includes titles, subtitles, and correct L2 use.	1%		
	Includes scientific References	Uses at least two scientific references in the introduction.	3%		

	Content	Introduces the topic: relevance, context, catches the reader's attention, aim.	5%		
Review of the literature 15%	Scientific references	Reviews at least 15 scientific references related to the topic.	5%		
		Mentions advantages/flaws of the studies reviewed.	2.5%		
	Theoretical gap	Clearly establishes the theoretical/methodological gap for the topic	2.5%		
		Describes how/why the research project will fulfill the gap.	5%		
Research Questions 15%	Research Questions	Includes at least two research questions	5%		
		RQs are coherent and according to the topic and the literature review.	10%		
Methodology (20%)	Scientific References	Includes at least three scientific references.	2%		

	Method	Describes in detail the methodology to be used and why it is appropriate for the research project.	8%		
	Population & Sample	Includes the population, sample, and sample technique	5%		
	Instruments	Instruments help to answer the research questions and are in accordance with the research's aims. Attaches the instruments	5%		
Data Analysis (20%)	Scientific References	Includes at least three scientific references.	5%		
	Content	Mentions the type of data expected.	5%		
		Describes in detail how the data will be analysed (e.g. which statistical tests would be use, possible codes and categories)	10%		
Ethics 5%	Content	Mentions possible ethical issues from conducting the research and how they will be overcome	5%		
Conclusion 10%	Scientific References	Includes at least two scientific references	5%		

Rubric for the academic poster presentation	Criteria	Definition	Percentage	Total
Dimensions				
Introduction 25%	Content	Initial capture of the audience's attention, highlights the topic's relevance for the field and the country, briefly mentions previous research	15%	
	Theoretical Gap	Describes the theoretical gap and how the research will reduce it.	10%	
Methodology 55%	Method	Describes how the research will be conducted. Mentions at least 3 scientific references	15%	
		Explains the research questions	10%	
		Mentions possible instruments	10%	
		Points out what type of findings are expected.	10%	
		Emphasizes the relevance of the possible findings for the country.	10%	
Conclusion 20%	Summary	Briefly by re-states the research's objectives, relevance and how the	20%	

		expected outcomes will benefit the country.		
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Rubric for the academic poster	Name	Introduces the research topic.	5%	
	Introduction / Background 30%	Highlights the topic's relevance for the field and the country	5%	
		Briefly mentions previous research Includes at least 4 scientific references	10%	
	Theoretical Gap	Describes the theoretical gap and how the research will reduce it.	10%	

Methodology 35%	Method	Describes how the research will be conducted.	5%	
		Includes at least 3 scientific references		
		Includes the research questions	5%	
		Mentions possible instruments	5%	
		Points out what type of findings are expected.	10%	
		Emphasizes the relevance of the findings for the country.	10%	
Conclusion 10%	Content	Briefly by re-states the research's objectives, relevance and how the expected outcomes will benefit the country.	10%	
Visual Component 25%	Size	A0 size 84.1 x 118.9cm	5%	
	Font	Size, type, and colour are appropriate for the poster's size	5%	
	Colour	In accordance with the poster's font and images	2.5%	
	Images	Can be accurately seen. In proportions with the poster's text & size	5%	
	Distribution	Appropriate and legible balance between the sections, images, and poster's font	5%	
	Logos	Includes University's Logo, Faculty's Logo & Department's Logo	2.5%	

VIII. Module's Chronogram

Week	Academic Activities	Readings
14/03/2023	Introduction to the module. What's L2 research? Possible L2 research topics	
21/03/2023	Planning a Research Project Research Designs Research Ideas Research topics' discussion	Babbie, E. (2010). The practice of social research. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth [Chapter 4: Research Design] http://ccftp.scu.edu.cn/Download/e6e50387-38f2-4309-af84-f4ceefa5baa.pdf

	Open science	<p>Cohen, L., Manion, L. & Morrison, K. (2007). Research methods in education. London: Routledge. Pages 272 to 290 https://islmblogblog.files.wordpress.com/2016/05/rme-edu-helpline-blogspot-com.pdf</p> <p>Iris: https://www.iris-database.org/iris/app/home/index</p> <p>Open Science Framework https://osf.io/</p> <p>Deadline Research Topics</p>
28/03/2023	Quantitative Research	Bryman, A. (2012). Social research methods. Oxford: Oxford University Press. (Chapter 7 & 8)
04/04/2023	Easter break	
11/04/2023	Quantitative Research	Bryman, A. (2012). Social research methods. Oxford: Oxford

	<p>Psycholinguistics in L2 research</p> <p>Analysis of research articles</p>	<p>University Press. (Chapter 7 & 8)</p> <p>Roberts, L. (2012). Psycholinguistic techniques and resources in second language acquisition research. <i>Second Language Research</i>, 28(1), 113-127. https://doi.org/10.1177/0267658311418416</p> <p>García-Castro, V. (2020). The effects of vocabulary knowledge in L2 semantic lexical engagement: The case of adult learners of English as a second language. <i>Indonesian Journal of Applied Linguistics</i>, 10(1), 261–270. https://doi.org/doi.org/10.17509/ijal.v10i1.25068</p> <p>Guest speaker</p>
18/04/2023	<p>Systematic Review</p> <p>Definition of Terms</p> <p>Introduction in a research proposal</p>	<p>Analysis of research articles:</p> <p>Elgort, I., Brysbaert, M., Stevens, M., & Van Assche, E. (2018). Contextual Word Learning during Reading in a Second Language: an eye-movement study. <i>Studies in Second Language Acquisition</i>, 40(2), 341-366. doi:10.1017/S0272263117000109</p>

	Analyses of research articles.	Montero Perez, M. (2020) Incidental Vocabulary Learning through viewing video: The role of vocabulary knowledge and working memory. <i>Studies in Second Language Acquisition</i> , 1-25. doi:10.1017/S0272263119000706
25/04/2023	Questionnaires Semana U Analysis of research articles	Cohen, L., Manion, L. & Morrison, K. (2007). Research methods in education. London: Routledge (Chapter 15). Bryman, A. (2012). Social research methods. Oxford: Oxford University Press. (Chapter 5) Danesh, J., & Shahnaazari, M. (2020). A structural relationship model for resilience, L2 learning motivation, and L2 proficiency at different proficiency levels. <i>Learning and Motivation</i> , 72, 101636. doi:10.1016/j.lmot.2020.101636 García-Castro, V., & O'Reilly, J. (2022). Foreign Language Anxiety and Online Engagement During the COVID-19 Pandemic:

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02/05/2023	Interviews Analysis of research articles	Bryman, A. (2012). Social research methods. Oxford: Oxford University Press (Chapter 9). Guest speaker
09/05/2023	Presentation of scientific articles	Presentation of a scientific article (10%).
16/05/2023	Observations	Cohen, L., Manion, L. & Morrison, K. (2007). Research methods in education. London: Routledge (Chapter 8).
23/05/2023	Ethics in Research	Cohen, L., Manion, L. & Morrison, K. (2007). Research methods in education. London: Routledge (Chapter 14)

	Action Research Research in schools	Hand in First Draft (30%)
30/05/2023	Data Analysis: Preliminaries to Understanding Statistics Basic Statistical Tests	Larson-Hall, J. (2016). <i>A guide to doing statistics in second language research using spss and R.</i> (2ed). London: Routledge (Chapter 2).
6/06/2023	Data analysis: Coding	Bryman, A. (2012). <i>Social research methods.</i> Oxford: Oxford University Press (Chapter 24).
13/06/2023	Discussions & Recommendations	Bryman, A. (2012). <i>Social research methods.</i> Oxford: Oxford

	Conclusions	University Press (Chapter 6).
20/06/2023	Ethics in Research	<p>Cohen et al. (2007). Research methods in education. London: Routledg (Chapter 2).</p> <p>Marsden, E. J., Morgan-Short, K., Thompson, S., & Abugaber, D. (2018). Replication in second language research: Narrative and systematic reviews, and recommendations for the field. <i>Language Learning</i>, 68(2), 321-391. https://doi.org/10.1111/lang.12286</p> <p>Academic Poster - Presentations (10%)</p>
27/06/2023	Replication in L2 research	Marsden, E., Morgan-Short, K., Thompson, S.,

		& Abugaber, D. (2018). Replication in second language research: Narrative and systematic reviews and recommendations for the field. <i>Language Learning</i> , 68(2), 321–391
4/07/2023	End of lessons	Hand in Final Draft (30%)
11/07/2023	Final exams	
18/07/2023	Ampliación	