**KSA 3111 RESEARCH METHODS CU 4 CH 60**

**Course Objectives**

1. To introduce the notions pertaining to the research process and research methods to the students.
2. To impart the skills of writing a research proposal.
3. To impart the skills of data analysis and report writing.

**Course Description**

This course is intended to acquaint students with the scientific method as it applies to human and social research. Students will learn how to do research not only by studying the theory but, most important, also by writing a proposal on a selected topic, carrying out the proposed research, and finally writing and presenting the final product as a dissertation.

**Course Outline**

Characteristics of a scientific approach

Explicitness

Systematicness

Objectives

Components of Social Research

Data

Hypotheses

Models

Theories

Empirical generalizations

Methods of research

Documentary evidence

Observation

Interviewing

Principles and practice of interviewing surveys

Stating aims and defining categories in a survey sampling procedures and

design

Questionnaire

Linguistic Research

Level – phonology, morphological, syntactic; semantic.

The nature of linguistic hypotheses, argumentation and generalizations

Research in other areas of linguistics: socio linguistics, psycholinguistics

Literary research e.g. Oral literature

**Learning Outcomes**

By the end of the course, the learner should be able to:

1. adequately understand a research process and the different methods that can be employed in such a process
2. understand the skills and techniques of data analysis
3. write an adequate academic research proposal

**Mode of Delivery**

* Lectures
* Group Discussion
* Role Play

**Mode of Assessment**

* Course work and Oral presentations will contribute 30%
* Final Examination will constitute 70%

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