**Research Methods in Applied Linguistics**

**Eng. 527**

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**Textbook**: Exploring Research by Neil J. Salkind , 7th edition.

**Course Description**: The general aim of this course is to give the students the necessary knowledge and skills for conducting research in educational linguistics (Applied Linguistics). To achieve this aim, the course will deal with the following general areas: 1-The concept of research and its relationship to reasoning and science; 2-Modes of research and the scientific methods;3-Types of variables in research; 4-Elementry descriptive and inferential statistics;5-Measurements; 6-Writing a paper/thesis ; 7-The use of computer in research; 8-Evaluating research.

**Requirements**:

1. Do all readings
2. Participate in class discussion
3. Take the mid-term and final exams
4. Submit the final project

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| **Week** | **Topic** | **Homework** |
|  | The Role and Importance of Research |  |
|  | The Research Process: Coming to Terms |  |
|  | Selecting a problem and Reviewing the Research |  |
|  | Sampling and Generalizability |  |
|  | Measurement, Reliability, and Validity | Midterm Exam |
|  | Methods of Measuring Behavior |  |
|  | Data Collection and Descriptive Statistics |  |
|  | Non-experimental Research Methods | First draft of proposals |
|  | Experimental Research Methods |  |
|  | Writing a Research Proposal |  |
|  | Introduction to SPSS | Guest speaker! |
|  | Presentations by students | Projects Due! |
|  | ***Final Exam*** |  |

**Distribution of Marks**:

Assignments: 10%

Midterm Exam: 20%

Presentations by students: 10%

Final Project (Research Plan or Proposal): 20%

Final Exam: 40%