

## **Advanced Research Methods – Part 2**

### **BTAN1007MA – K4**

offered for 1st-year students in the M.A. program in English Studies

4-credit seminar

Fall 2025

#### **Course Description**

This course has two parts: The first part is taught by György Rákosi, while the second part is taught by Éva Kardos. Classes in Part 2 are scheduled for weeks 2, 4, 6, 9, 11, 12, and 14. This syllabus is concerned with the class content and requirements in Part 2.

Our goal in Part 2 will be to learn about how to create academic texts while also discussing topics that are immediately relevant to this activity. For example, we will talk about where it is best to find previous literature for your research, how to tell apart genuine journals and predatory journals and how to prepare for the writing of your thesis in the second year of the MA.

#### **Textbook**

Murray, Neil. 2012. *Writing Essays in English Language and Linguistics*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

#### **Grading**

The grade you receive in the second part of the course will be based on the grades you receive on three in-class assignments. Your final grade in the course will be the average of the grades you receive in Part 1 and Part 2.

#### **Attendance**

No more than three absences are allowed, illness included.

#### **Weekly Syllabus**

|               | <b>Class topic</b>  | <b>Reading assignment</b> |
|---------------|---|---------------------------|
| <b>Week 2</b> | Researching your topic: using electronic resources (databases, useful websites)<br><br>Bona fide vs. predatory journals, open-access publications | pp. 72-81                 |
| <b>Week 4</b> | Writing research papers 1: The structure of research papers<br><br>Writing research papers 2: Stylistic issues                                    | pp. 89-115, 136-158       |

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| <b>Week 6</b>  | Discussing the structure of an article<br><br><b>Assignment #1</b> | Crespí, Isabel. 2025.<br><a href="#"><u>Resultative properties of stage-level predicates in Catalan: a study of perfective adjectives.</u></a> <i>The Linguistic Review</i> 42(1): 65-102. |
| <b>Week 9</b>  | Presenting and discussing linguistic examples in research papers   |  |
| <b>Week 11</b> | <b>Assignment #2</b>   |  |
| <b>Week 12</b> | Referencing and quotations<br>Examples of plagiarism and AI misuse | pp. 117-135  |
| <b>Week 14</b> | Thesis requirements<br><br><b>Assignment #3</b>                    |  |

### **Place and Time**

Room 56

Thursday 12:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. in weeks 2, 4, 6, 9, 11, 12, 14

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