

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON
Te Whare Wananga o te Upoko o te Ika a Maui



School of Linguistics and Applied Language Studies

**LING 489
Research Essay**

30 points

Trimester 1, 2009

1. Staff

Each individual student will be assigned to a supervisor for this course. The course co-ordinator is the Director of the Linguistics Programme, namely Elizabeth Pearce, VZ 303, ☎ 463 5616, email: elizabeth.pearce@vuw.ac.nz

2. Classes

Supervision is expected to total 12 hours over the course of the trimester, one hour a week on average.

3. LALS office:

Email: lals@vuw.ac.nz

Room 210, 2nd floor, von Zedlitz (vZ) Building, Kelburn Parade

8:00am – 3:30pm Mon – Thu, 8:30am – 4:00pm Fri

4. Course Administrator:

Rachel Scholes, Postgraduate administrator, Tel: 463 5894, Fax: 463 5604
Rachel.Scholes@vuw.ac.nz

School webpage: <http://www.victoria.ac.nz/lals/>

5. Notices

Notices relating to the course will be posted on the Linguistics Postgraduate Notice Board adjacent to VZ307 on floor 3 of the Von Zedlitz building.

6. Aims

To develop the student's research and writing skills within an area of Linguistics.

7. Learning Objectives

By the end of the course students should be able to:

- i) Build their own list of sources;
- ii) Understand the literature related to the topic of their research;
- iii) Present a written piece of research using the appropriate stylistic conventions for Linguistics;
- iv) Demonstrate an awareness of the theoretical and methodological issues in the area of Linguistics they choose to investigate;
- v) Demonstrate the ability to design, carry out and report on a research project relevant to the topic.

8. Course Content

The content of each individual paper will be determined in negotiation between the student and the supervisor.

9. Reading

Every student will need to determine their own reading lists, with support from the supervisor. Students will be expected to distinguish between relevant and irrelevant works, and to follow up leads in the literature they read.

10. Assessment

Assessment will be based on a single piece of work, with an expected maximum length of 10,000 words, excluding references and appendices.

11. Course delivery

See under §2, §8, and §9

12. Penalties

For Trimester 1, 2009, the final date for handing in the essay IN TWO COPIES is 12 June. NO EXTENSIONS ARE POSSIBLE BEYOND THAT DATE. Since missing the deadline will result in a fail, you should aim to hand in your assignment at least a week earlier than that.

Plagiarism is not acceptable in assessed work, and will be penalized. The penalty will depend on the severity of the plagiarism (see General University Policies and Statutes at the end of this document).

13. Assessment and course objectives

The single piece of work submitted should fulfil the course objectives, and will be assessed in relation to these objectives.

14. Workload

You are expected to spend 300 hours on this course over the whole trimester, which means on average around 21 hours per week, including the one hour per week of meeting time with you supervisor.

15. Mandatory Course Requirements

The single piece of work required, handed in on time, is the only mandatory course requirement.

16. Tutorial attendance

Please let your supervisor know if you will not be able to attend a scheduled supervision session.

17. Academic Integrity and Plagiarism

Academic integrity means that university staff and students, in their teaching and learning are expected to treat others honestly, fairly and with respect at all times. It is not acceptable to mistreat academic, intellectual or creative work that has been done by other people by representing it as your own original work.

Academic integrity is important because it is the core value on which the University's learning, teaching and research activities are based. Victoria University's reputation for academic integrity adds value to your qualification.

The University defines plagiarism as presenting someone else's work as if it were your own, whether you mean to or not. 'Someone else's work' means anything that is not your own idea. Even if it is presented in your own style, you must acknowledge your sources fully and appropriately. This includes:

- Material from books, journals or any other printed source
- The work of other students or staff
- Information from the internet
- Software programs and other electronic material
- Designs and ideas
- The organisation or structuring of any such material

Find out more about plagiarism, how to avoid it and penalties, on the University's website: <http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/plagiarism.aspx>

18. General University Requirements

General University policies and statutes

Students should familiarise themselves with the University's policies and statutes, particularly the Assessment Statute, the Personal Courses of Study Statute, the Statute on Student Conduct and any statutes relating to the particular qualifications being studied; see the *Victoria University Calendar* or go to the Academic Policy and Student Policy sections on:

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/policy>

This website also provides information for students in a number of areas including Academic Grievances, Student and Staff conduct, Meeting the needs of students with impairments, and student support/VUWSA student advocates.

21. Trimester dates:

March	Mon 2	FIRST TRIMESTER BEGINS
April	Fri 10 Good Friday	MIDTRIMESTER BREAK BEGINS
	MonTue 1314	Easter Monday and Tuesday, University holidays
	Mon 27	FIRST TRIMESTER RESUMES
June	Fri 5	FIRST TRIMESTER ENDS. Lectures cease
	Mon 8	Midyear study period begins
	Fri 12	Midyear examinations begin
July	Wed 1	Midyear examinations end