

Isra University
Faculty of Arts
Course Calendar
2015/2016

Department of English

First Semester

* Course Title: Methods of scientific research

* Course No.: 102417 -108417

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* Course Description: this course is intended to teach students how to write a scholarly research paper using the APA and MLA styles in documentation. From the onset, they will be instructed in how to choose their theses and to follow the right steps which will eventually lead to a well-written research paper.

* **Objectives:** Ability to document correctly

Ability to write a correct bibliography and footnotes

Ability to easily use sources of knowledge such as library and compute

Knowledge : Be aware of the correct style of documentation

Be able to differentiate between MLA and APA

Be able to use the library easily and correctly

* **Skills:**

Writing a mini research paper according to scholarly technique

Week	Dates	Ch. & PP.	Remarks
First	18 - 22/10/2015	Definition of research , types of research	
Second	25 - 29/10/2015	How to choose the topic	
Third	1-5/11/2015	How to use sources of knowledge	
Fourth	8-12/11/2015	Preparing a Bibliography	
Fifth	15-19/11/2015	Taking notes , Quotations , etc .	
Sixth	22 - 6/11/2015	Documentation according to MLA	1st Test
Seventh	22 - 6/11/2015		
Eighth	13-17/12/2015	Practice on using MLA style	
Ninth	20-24/12/2015	Documentation according to APA style	
Tenth	24-27/12/2015	Practice on APA style	
Eleventh	27-10/1/2016	Forming a bibliographical list -books	2nd Test
Twelfth	27-10/1/2016		
Thirteenth	10 - 17/1/2016	Forming a list of references - periodicals	
Fourteenth	17 - 24/1/2016	Forming a list of references - Websites	
Fifteenth	31 - 11/2/2016		Final Test

*** Assessment instruments**

1. Short reports and / or presentation, and / or short research projects.
2. First and second exams
3. Attendance and participation
4. Final exam

Grade Distribution	
Assessment instruments	Marks
First examination	25
Second Examination	25
Participation	10
Mini research paper	10
Final examination	30
Total	100

- Textbook and Supporting Material
- Nadell, Judith, et.al (2003). The Macmillan Writer. Boston: Allyn & Bacon
- Hacker, Diana. (n.d.). A writer's reference .