**EURO\*FREN\*LACS\*6000**

**Methods of Research Seminar**

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This course is designed to introduce students in the MA programs in the School of Languages and Literatures to some of the key areas of research methodology and to develop a solid understanding of the written and presentational demands required of a graduate student. Information about some potential careers for graduates of the MA programs will be provided. The course includes several guest lecturers.

**Learning Objectives**

At the end of this course, successful students will have developed academic and professional skills that can be used in future projects and professional situations, such as: 1) writing their Major Research Paper or Thesis, or writing and delivering a conference paper;

2) preparing scholarship and grant applications;

3) creating research and information management systems where a knowledge of library and archival tools is required.

This is a list of some of the more specific skills that students will be able to develop in the course:

- An ability to identify and develop new questions for research;
- An ability to write a clear and well-argued research paper;
- Communicative skills for use in presenting work to classmates and the scholarly community;
- Critical thinking skills for use in assessing the work of published scholars and the work of classmates;
- Technological skills that will be acquired while using the *ePortfolio* function on *CourseLink* and that are transferrable to future research projects and career contexts

Students will have access to a detailed course outline in September 2018 on CourseLink.