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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.