

**THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO
MASTERS PROGRAM IN LINGUISTICS**

Ling 9500A: Research Seminar

Fall 2017
Location: SH3305
Time: Monday 9:00-11:30
Office Hours: TBA

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DESCRIPTION

A seminar for all students in the MA in Linguistics program. Its objectives are: orientation to the program, its faculty and the larger University; development of professional and scholarly skills; and increased familiarity with various linguistic methodologies.

TEXT

Macaulay, Monica. 2011. *Surviving linguistics: A guide for graduate students*. Second edition. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Press. (I have ordered the book – students in the MA in Linguistics will receive a free copy. All others must purchase their own copy.)

REQUIREMENTS

The class will meet weekly for 2.5 hours, in the first term of both years of the Program. Attendance at two terms of the Graduate Research Seminar is obligatory for all students. All students are required to do any readings, attend regularly, and participate in class. In addition, all students must submit **four** of the following:

- i) a grant or scholarship application;
- ii) an ethics protocol (via Romeo – export to Word or PDF);
- iii) an up-to-date academic CV;
- iv) a very brief book review (2 pages);
- v) an application to a graduate or professional program (the letter of intent);
- vi) an annotated research bibliography (5-8 references);
- vii) an abstract for a scholarly conference;
- viii) an abstract for a paper;
- ix) a handout (or PowerPoint presentation or a poster) for a scholarly conference (possibly based on a paper you have read);
- x) ethics tutorial (<http://www.pre.ethics.gc.ca/eng/education/tutorial-didacticiel/>).

In addition, second year students in the MA in Linguistics are required to present their research proposal to the class.

Second year students may not submit the very same work as in their first semester in the Research Seminar, though they may request permission to submit a revised and updated version.

Preliminary schedule:

DATE	TOPIC	READING
Sept. 11	Research, researchers and readers	Chapter 1
Sept. 18	Asking questions, finding answers and making an argument	Chapter 3
Sept. 25	Library session – held in Weldon	Chapter 2
Oct. 2	Research proposal presentations	
Oct. 9	FALL READING WEEK – NO CLASS	
Oct. 16	Ethics presentation by Office of Human Ethics Research	
Oct. 23	Research grant applications	Chapter 7
Oct. 30	Conferences	Chapter 6
Nov. 6	Research methods in linguistics	
Nov. 13	Writing – planning and organizing	Chapters 4&5
Nov. 20	Publishing – selecting a journal; giving and getting feedback	Chapter 7
Nov. 27	The dissertation	Chapter 8
Dec. 4	The job hunt	Chapter 9