

BTAN1007MA

**Advanced Research Methods in
Linguistics**

2021 Spring semester

MA in English Studies
Linguistics Track
Seminar
Thursday 16:00-19:40
Lecture room II
Kardos Éva & Rákosi György



Office hours

The office hours are posted on the web pages of the instructors:

KARDOS ÉVA <https://ieas.unideb.hu/hu/dr-kardos-eva>

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Overview

The course is aimed at familiarizing students with the main principles of research design and data analysis used in different areas of linguistics. We cover techniques in the preparation, implementation and documentation of academic work.

We will survey various methods of gathering, quoting and reporting linguistic data. We will also comment on how we can successfully integrate data sources of different types, including interviews, questionnaires, corpus compilation and data from language acquisition research. A component of the course is devoted to the examination of how to produce and use questionnaires in linguistic research.

We also address questions regarding publishing in linguistics. More specifically, we will briefly discuss different stages of writing an article and we will also talk about various venues for publishing scientific results.

Grading

Grading is based upon:

- a short presentation on your thesis project
- an assignment (task: evaluate other presentation wtr given criteria to be discussed in class)
- and a comprehensive in-class test (30.04)

grading component	weight	schedule
<i>presentation</i>	0.3	22 April
<i>presentation 2</i>	0.2	27 April
<i>test</i>	0.5	06 May

Schedule

WEEK	DATE	TOPIC	READINGS**
1	11.02	Introduction, Orientation (Kardos Éva – Rákosi György)	handouts only
2	18.02	Linguistic data: What they are and how we approach them (György Rákosi)	handouts only
3	25.02	Quoting, representing and analyzing linguistic data (György Rákosi)	Leipzig Glossing Rules (Click to access)
4	04.03	Collecting and integrating different data types in linguistic research (György Rákosi)	handouts only
5	11.03	Potential pitfalls of experimental research (Kardos Éva)	Puig-Mayenco <i>et al.</i> (2020)
6	18.03	Publishing in linguistics 1: Writing articles in linguistics (Kardos Éva)	Murray (2012)
7	25.03	Publishing in linguistics 2: Linguistics journals and databases, predator journals, the open-access revolution (Kardos Éva)	handouts only
8	01.04	Debates in linguistics 1: Rákosi György	
9	08.04	<i>Consultation week – no class</i>	
10	15.04	Debates in linguistics 2: Kardos Éva	
11	22.04	Student presentations	
12	29.04	Designing and evaluating research proposals (Kardos Éva - Rákosi György) Assignment	handouts only
13	06.05	Test	
14	13.05	Evaluation, summary discussion (Kardos Éva)	

**Sources

- Murray, N. 2012. *Writing Essays in English Language and Linguistics*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. (pp. 72-115)
- Puig-Mayenco, E., González Alonso, J. & J. Rothman. 2020. A systematic review of transfer studies in third language acquisition. *Second Language Research* 36 (1): 31-64.

Set readings will be made available electronically.