Objectives:
This paper intends to familiarize researchers with the principles, tools and techniques of research in English studies, to train them in collecting, classifying, organizing and analyzing materials in the writing of their research project; to familiarize them with the conventions governing the written presentation of research; and to train them to apply these conventions in their research work.

Unit 1

Unit 2
The Art of Argumentation -Phrasing the proposition- Finding the issues- Framing the brief Methods of Reasoning- Refuting opponents

Unit 3
Writing Draft- Nature and Scope- Formal structure- Focus and emphasis- Style and Tone- Words and sentences- Paragraphs and chapter division

Unit 4
The Mechanics of Writing-Structure of the thesis- Introduction-chapters-conclusion-scope for further research-Abbreviations- Spelling and punctuation- Capitalization, underlining and italics-Quotations- Documentation Bibliographies

Required Reading:-
1. Richard Altick: The Art of Literary Research
3. MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers. 8th Edition

Recommended Reading:-
1. Kate R. Turabian: A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses and Dissertations
2. Alaine Hamilton: Writing Dissertations
3. Ann Hoffman: Research for Writers
4. George Thompson: Writing a Long Thesis
5. James Thorpe; ed.: The Aims and Methods of Scholarship in Modern Language and Literature, 2nd edition


