

**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.

**Unit1**

Using the library- using digital resources-journal store-Collecting primary and secondary material - Preparing a working bibliography- Evaluating sources -Taking notes- Avoiding plagiarism – Close reading, Comparative reading – Theory based reading – Interdisciplinary reading – Approaches to Literary Research: Qualitative, quantitative and mixed methods.

**Unit2**

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

**Unit3**

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

**Unit4**

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
2. George Watson: A Guide to Long Essays and Dissertations
3. MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers. 8th Edition

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1. Kate R. Turabian: A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses and Dissertations
2. Elaine 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
6. Edward D. Seeber: *A Style Manual for Students*, 2nd edition
7. Gabrielle Griffin, "Discourse Analysis," *Research Methods for English Studies*, Gabrielle Griffin (Ed), Edinburgh, 2005.
8. Catherine Belsey, "Textual Analysis as a Research Method," *Research Methods for English Studies*, Gabrielle Griffin (Ed), Edinburgh, 2005.
9. Micheal Pickering (Ed), *Research Methods for Cultural Studies*, Edinburgh, 2008.
10. *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*, (8th Edition), Modern Language Association, 2016.

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