Writing a Research Paper
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Course aims:
The course aims to provide students with the necessary tools (formatting guidelines, academic language, bibliographic resources, etc.) that need to be considered in order to write research and scholarly essays.

Course contents:
1. Major style guidelines
2. Structuring academic papers
3. Academic language used in literary and linguistic research papers
4. Citations
5. Electronic resources

Methodology:
Class meetings will consist of lectures and group discussions. Strong emphasis will be placed on practical exercises designed to assimilate the provided guidelines.

Assessment:
An active participation will be required in our classes. Students are expected to prepare practical exercises and some readings which will be discussed in the corresponding sessions. In addition, an outline of a research paper and a bibliography are to be handed in on completion of this course. Students will be evaluated on a combination of their participation in class and their written assignments.

Recommended readings and resources


* Links and resources of relevance to this course can be found in:

(A) MLA websites

- Modern Language Association: Format, Bibliography, Style, Convention
  <http://www.mla.org/>

- MLA Formatting and Style Guide
  <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/557/01/>

- A Guide for Writing Research Papers Based on Modern Language Association (MLA) Documentation
  <http://www.ccc.commnet.edu/mla/index.shtml>

(B) Bibliographic databases

- Catálogo Bibliográfico Colectivo REBIUN (Red de Bibliotecas Universitarias)
  <http://rebiun.crue.org/cgi-bin/rebiun/O7074/ID015484b3?ACC=101>

- Portal de difusión de la producción científica hispana DIALNET
  <http://dialnet.unirioja.es/>

- Recolector de ciencia abierta RECOLECTA
  <http://www.recolecta.net/busqued/index2.jsp>

- Bases de datos bibliográficas del CSIC – Ciencias Sociales y Humanidades
  <http://bdddoc.csic.es:8080/isoc.html;jsessionid=0A51027848FD35891D71742D848F6040>

(C) Style sheets of the most relevant Spanish journals of English studies

- Atlantis
  <http://www.atlantisjournal.org/HTML%20Files/Guidelines.htm>

- Bells (Barcelona English Language and Literature Studies)
  <http://www.ub.es/filoan/style.html>
- *ES: Revista de Estudios Ingleses* (Universidad de Valladolid)
  <http://www4.uva.es/fil_inglesa/Revista%20ES/INDEX.HTM>

- *Estudios Ingleses de la Universidad Complutense*
  <http://www.ucm.es/info/circulo/no8/estudios.htm>

  <http://www.miscelaneajournal.net/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=19&Itemid=40>

- *Revista Canaria de Estudios Ingleses*
  <http://webpages.ull.es/users/rceing/Submissions.html>

- *Sederi* (Yearbook of the Spanish and Portuguese Society for English Renaissance Studies)
  <http://www.sederi.org/stylesheet.htm>

- *Selim* (Journal of the Spanish Society for Medieval English Language and Literature)
  <http://www.uniovi.es/SELIM/archivos/estilo.htm>