

**FACULTY OF SOCIAL STUDIES AND HUMANITIES**

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**RESEARCH PROJECT IN LINGUISTICS**

<b>Main Sections of the RP</b>	<b>Guidelines: Questions that you should address</b>
<b>Introduction</b> <i>(250 words)</i>	<b>What is my RP about?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Background: What led to my interest in the selected topic for the RP? (introduce the subfield you will work in)</li><li>• Aims of the RP/Research questions: What is my RP about? What are the questions that I wish to address?</li><li>• Rationale for the RP: What makes my Research Project academically important or original, and not trivial?</li><li>• Contribution: Does my RP contribute to existing research? How?</li></ul>
<b>Literature Review</b> <i>(1500 words)</i>	<b>What is the scholarly research that I have selected to use as background reading to my RP?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What perspective/lens am I taking to approach my subject? (can be one or two perspectives)</li><li>• What has motivated me to draw from that particular literature?</li><li>• What have other scholars said about the topic that I want to research?</li><li>• Have I selected the relevant reading that I want to draw upon for my RP?</li><li>• Have I included one or two case studies that support the theories put forward?</li><li>• Have I grouped similar ideas together and presented them under the same subtitle?</li></ul>
<b>Methodology</b> <i>(1000 words)</i>	<b>How did I carry out my RP?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What are my sources of data:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What is the site of data collection? Where am I collecting the data from?</li><li>• Who are my informants? Who am I collecting the data from?</li><li>• Other sources of data? (eg. clips, movies, pictures, newspaper cuttings)</li></ul></li><li>• What are my data collection methods? What tools am I using to collect the data? (eg. interviews, observations...)</li><li>• What are the data analysis procedures? How do I propose to analyse the data?</li></ul>
<b>Findings: Analysis and Discussion/Evaluation</b> <i>(3000 words)</i>	<b>Analysis: What are my findings?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What are my main findings – which address/respond to my research aims/questions? (Select at most three main/salient findings)</li><li>• Have I explained each one of these findings in some detail?</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have I provided a few relevant examples from my data set to support my claims about the findings?</li> <li>• Have I cross-referred to the relevant literature when commenting on each one of my findings?</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion/Evaluation: What is the relevance of my findings?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What do the findings as a whole reveal about the phenomenon under study?</li> <li>• Why do my findings show what they are showing?</li> <li>• What do the data reveal about the society in which we live?</li> </ul>
<b>Conclusion</b> (250 words)	<p><b>Summary of my RP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What has my RP revealed? Shown?</li> <li>• How has it contributed to our understanding of the phenomenon under study?</li> </ul>
<b>Bibliography</b>	<p><b>Entries for each reference made in the text</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have I included EVERY in-text reference in the bibliography?</li> <li>• Have I presented my bibliography following established referencing practice? (eg The Harvard system)</li> <li>• Have I been consistent in the presentation of my bibliography?</li> </ul>
<b>Appendices</b>	<p><b>Additional Information</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have I included the relevant additional information in the appendices? (eg. interview questions, transcriptions, photos...)</li> </ul>