Course title: Research Methods for English Language Teachers  
Course code: MDE0933  
Type of course: compulsory  
Level of course: MA  
Year of study: 2nd  
Semester: 3rd  
Number of ECTS credits allocated: 6  
Name of the lecturer: Rodica Albu  
Course objective: By the end of the semester the students will have enhanced their awareness of the research principles, methods and instruments used in humanities in general and in the teaching of English in particular so that they will be able to design and complete their own research projects.  
Course contents: What is research - the senses of the term. Academic research and classroom research. Tools for research. Descriptive, relational and causal studies. Epistemology and methodology; deductive vs inductive; beliefs about own research; quantitative vs. qualitative. Variables (Attributes, values, types of variables). The features of good research - evaluation criteria. Questionnaires and interviews. Guides for writing research papers (APA, MLA, Chicago Style, Oxford, Cambridge) - general requirements and specific rules.  
Teaching methods: academic lectures, brainstorming, students’ presentations; interactive orientation of lectures and seminars  
Assessment methods: continuous assessment, research project  
Language of instruction: English