Academic course description

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| BACHELOR ’S PROGRAMME**ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE STUDIES / AMERICAN STUDIES**1ST YEAR OF STUDY, 1ST SEMESTER |

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| **Course title** | **Introduction to Scientific Research Methods and to the Use of New Computer Technologies** |
| Course code | MM1916 |
| Course type | full attendance |
| Course level | 1st cycle (bachelor’s degree) |
| Year of study, semester | 1st year of study, 1st semester |
| Number of ECTS credits | 4 |
| Number of hours per week | 2 (1 lecture hours + 1 seminar hours) |
| Name of lecture holder | Oana COGEANU |
| Name of seminar holder | Oana COGEANU |
| Prerequisites | B1 level of English  |
| A | **General and course-specific competences** |
|  | **General competences**:* Developing students’ oral and written academic communication skills and introducing students to the standards and process of scientific research

**Course-specific competences**:* Practice and enhance oral presentation skills in an academic environment
* Acquire and develop competences for drafting written papers according to academic standards
* Acquire the competences and habits to conduct academic research
* Develop skills for using information technology in the learning and research process
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| B | **Learning outcomes** |
|  | * Recognise and apply principles and methods of scientific research
* Select and use information technology for learning and research
* Sustain oral and written academic communication using text processing and presentation software
* Prepare a research paper according to academic standards and class requirements
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| C | **Lecture content** |
|  | Academic research: importance, standards, strategiesUsing information technologyPreparing and sustaining oral presentationsApproaching written texts: comprehension strategiesWriting a research paper: Drafting standards, research ethicsDoing research: selecting and using bibliographies Punctuation, vocabulary, paragraphingTopic and thesis, titles and subtitles, overviewStructure and drafting, argumentationRevision and reflection Fighting plagiarism |
| D | **Recommended reading for lectures** |
|  | Murray, Neil and Geraldine Hughes, , *Writing up your university assignments and research projects*, *A practical handbook*, Open University Press, 2008;Wallwork, A., *English for Writing Research Papers*, Springer, 2011 |
| E | **Seminar content** |
|  | Giving oral presentations and writing research paper following the steps discussed in the lecture |
| F | **Recommended reading for seminars** |
|  | turnitin.com  |
| G | **Education style** |
| learning and teaching methods | Lecture, discussion, exercises, practical work |
| assessment methods | Final written exam 60% + seminar research paper 40% |
| Language of instruction | English |