

Higher School of Education and Training—Agadir

Bachelor's Degree in Education

Secondary Education - English Language



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Module Title: Educational research

Institution:	Higher School of Education and Training, Agadir	
Cycle:	Bachelor's Degree in Education	
Module Code :	M33	
Semester:	5	
Language of Instruction :	English	
Nature of Module:	Disciplinary	
Total Hours:	50 hours (40 in-person, 10 Online)	
Nombre de credits :	4	
Mode of Study:	In-person and Online (Hybrid)	

1. MODULE SYLLABUS

1.1. Competencies to be acquired

Educational research is designed to introduce students to the practice of empirical research within the context of foreign language education. By the end of the course the students will be able to:

- Design an educational research project proposal
- Write a relevant literature review
- Design research objectives, questions, and hypotheses
- Design data collection instruments
- Collect the data from relevant sources
- Conduct appropriate analyses on the collected data
- Report the study

1.2. Knowledge to be acquired

By the end of the course, the students will have acquired the following areas of knowledge:

• The concepts and techniques used in educational research with special emphasis on research in language learning

- English language teaching problems worthy of study in the Moroccan secondary school context
- The various methodological options in data collection and analysis
- Quality insurance measures for diverse research types

1.3. Hourly Distribution by Teaching and Evaluation Activity:

(Tutorials and practical sessions are mandatory in disciplinary and vocational modules when required by their disciplinary nature. Practical work, excluding educational actions within a school, constitutes at least 20% of the total module hours.)

			Hourly volume (VH)						
Component of the Module	ECTS	Courses	TD	TP	Activities	Personal Work	Evaluation (assessment and final exam)	Total VH	
	4	16	20			10	4	50	
ECTS/VH global du module	4	16	20			10	4	50	
% VH		32%	40%			20%	8%	100%	

Hourly Distribution by Mode of Instruction:

Mode of Instruction	Face-to-face	Distance Learning	Alternating	Total VH
Volume Hour	40h	10h		50h
% of Total Volume	80%	20%		100%

1.4. Detailed Module Content Description

Week	Topics			
Week 1	Introduction to Educational Research			
	Purpose of research in education			
	Overview of quantitative and qualitative approaches			
Week 2	The Research Process			
	Key stages in conducting empirical research			
	Comparing research paradigms			
Week 3	Identifying a Research Problem			
	 Characteristics of a good research problem Examples from English language teaching in Morocco 			

Week 4	Reviewing the Literature (Part I)
	 Purpose and process of a literature review Sources and search strategies
Week 5	Reviewing the Literature (Part II)
	Organizing and summarizing sourcesAvoiding plagiarism
Week 6	Formulating Research Questions and Hypotheses
	Types of research questionsWriting good hypotheses
Week 7	Designing Research Instruments (Part I)
	 Questionnaires: structure and types of questions Validity and reliability basics
Week 8	Designing Research Instruments (Part II)
	Interview and observation toolsPiloting instruments
Week 9	 Collecting Data Sampling methods Data collection procedures (quantitative and qualitative)
Week 10	 Action Research Design Features of action research Planning a simple action research project
Week 11	Analyzing and Interpreting Data
	 Basic methods for analyzing qualitative and quantitative data Ethical issues in reporting results
Week 12	Students' Oral Presentations (1)
	Presenting research proposals and tools
Week 13	Students' Oral Presentations (2)
	Presenting research proposals and tools
Week 14	Evaluation

1.5. Teaching Methods and Pedagogical Resources

- Interactive lectures
- Discussions
- Presentations

- Group-work
- Project work
- Hands-on applications

1.6. Distance Learning Modalities (If applicable)

Moodle, Google Classroom, and other platforms depending on the pedagogical team's choice and resource availability.

1.7. Description of Personal Work (If applicable):

- Library research
- Evaluation of research projects
- Piloting of research instruments

2. EVALUATION PROCEDURES

2.1. Evaluation Methods

- Final Exam 60%: written, presentations, projects
- Continuous Assessment 40%: tests, assignments, projects, presentations.

2.2. Module Grade

- 1. A module is validated if the student obtains a grade equal to or greater than 10 out of 20.
- 2. A module is **acquired through compensation** if the student passes the semester to which the module belongs, provided that the grade for the module is **not lower than 7 out of 20**.

3. BIBLIOGRAPHY

Creswell, J. W. (2012). *Educational research: Planning, conducting, and evaluating quantitative and qualitative research* (4th ed.). Pearson.