



DISSERTATION

Credits: 60

Prerequisites

Satisfies admission criteria.

Completion of Module 1:

Completion of two optional modules

Learning Outcomes:

On completion of this module students will:

- be critically aware of the theories and procedures of research which are potentially applicable to language education;
- be able to develop and apply principled procedures for researching various aspects of language education.
- be able to demonstrate expertise in the different aspects of research (e.g. designing questionnaires; designing and using observation sheets; interviewing teachers and students; interpreting data; statistical analysis);
- be able to work independently to conduct research projects effectively;
- be able to justify the principles, objectives and procedures of projects they conduct;
- be able to present the findings of research projects clearly and coherently, both orally and in writing;
- be able to make an original contribution to the field of language education research;

Assessment:

A 15,000 word research-based dissertation on a topic of the participant's choice.

Indicative Curriculum Content:

- Qualitative research
- Quantitative research
- Designing questionnaires and interview sheets
- Observation
- Case studies
- Interpreting data
- Designing research projects
- Undertaking research projects
- Reporting research projects