The aim of this course is to teach relevant academic communication skills specifically related to the field of linguistics. In this course, students will learn how to read and write about linguistics research, and will have the opportunity to write up a short research report and to present research relevant to their discipline. The course materials have been designed in order to match the particular needs of Linguistics students at NTU.

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of this course are to introduce Linguistics students to important aspects of academic communication, including:

1. gathering and critically evaluating relevant sources;
2. writing up a literature review;
3. presenting qualitative and quantitative data;
4. identifying and evaluating findings; and
5. completing a short research report.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES**

Upon successful completion of the course, students should be able to:

1. read and respond to academic texts in the field of linguistics;
2. gather and evaluate relevant academic sources;
3. write about qualitative and quantitative data; and
4. complete a short research report in the academic context.

**COURSE SCHEDULE**

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STUDENT ASSESSMENT

Students will be assessed by 100% continuous assessment. The assignments will focus on the course objectives of achieving proficiency in writing academic essays and presenting arguments effectively.

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**Written assignments**
Students will write a literature review and a research paper presenting original research on a chosen topic by reviewing relevant information, providing arguments and using appropriate citation conventions.

**Oral presentations**
Students will give a presentation on the research paper.

**Class participation**

TEXTBOOKS/REFERENCES

The course pack has been designed and printed by the Language and Communication Centre.