

**What is the Compulsory Seminar Research Paper
(Évfolyamdolgozat)
and
why do you need to do it?**

What is the aim of this assignment?

This is a compulsory component of your study programme at the English specialization, which aims at giving you experience in the following areas:

1. Focused reading of professional literature
2. Compiling a literature review based on your reading.
3. Planning a systematic, small-scale research project.
4. *Piloting one of the data collection tools is optional.*
5. Presenting your paper to an audience of fellow students and department staff.

Why is the assignment in the programme?

The reason for having this component in our programme is to help you to:

- gain experience in planning a **research project**.
- have an opportunity to practice **formal /academic writing** and **oral presentation** in preparation for your BA thesis and final exam.
- give you a chance to do **independent project work**.
- choosing a thesis topic: if you go through this experience, you will be able to make a better decision about your thesis topic.
- have an opportunity to apply for the Student Scholarly Circles, which is held in the spring semester.

What topic should I write about?

You will have to choose your topic for yourself. However, here are our suggestions for topic areas:

- methodology for teaching English in the primary school,
- bilingualism
- children's literature,
- literature,
- English-speaking cultures/intercultural studies, etc.

What is the task?

Your paper should contain the following:

- Title
- Rationale and narrowed down topic, thesis/problem-statement
- Literature review (APA 7)
- Detailed research plan containing:
 - research questions and/or hypotheses,
 - research method(s),
 - context,
 - sampling participants and
 - data collection tools (questionnaire, interview questions, observation sheet, etc.) described briefly, with main questions or points, justified and explained
- *Optional: piloting one of the data collection tools (optional – for extra points)*
- List of references (APA 7)
- Appendices (optional)

Length: 2,000 – 2,500 words (without references and appendices)

How should I schedule my work?

1. Introduction and orientation session in academic skills: **February-May (Semester 4)**
2. Find a consultant at the department: **May (Semester 4)** (*Dr. Árva Valéria, Trentinné Dr. Benkő Éva, Dr. Maya Lo Bello, Dr. Fenyődi Andrea, Dr. Poros Andrea*)
3. Submit your topic to your consultant: **June-September (Semester 4)**
4. Work on your project and write your paper. You need to meet and talk to your consultant **at least on three occasions**. She is only going to approve of your paper if they were able to see **evidence of your work in progress** and you handed in your drafts or final paper well before the submission deadline.
5. Deadline for submission: **15 December (Semester 5)**
6. Deadline for feedback from tutors: **6 January (Semester 5)**
7. Oral presentations: **January, (Semester 5)** (days to be confirmed later)

Assessment

Your grade is based on :

- a) your written paper
- b) your oral presentation.

Based on the above two, you are going to receive a composite grade.

Detailed assessment criteria are in a separate file.

The grade you receive for this assignment will be part of your overall grade for your Methodology of EFL II (TT22NA01MT13) course.

A word about PLAGIARISM:

- Plagiarism is '*to use another person's ideas or work and pretend that it is your own*', as defined by the Cambridge Dictionary of English.
- If plagiarism is detected in your paper, legal steps will be taken according to university regulations.
- Please consult your advisor about the use of AI.