

# AL-MAKTOUM INSTITUTE

## COURSE DETAILS

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| <b>Course Code</b>         | <b>AM 5509</b>                       |
| <b>Course Title</b>        | <b>Postgraduate Research Methods</b> |
| <b>Course Co-ordinator</b> | Dr Khalid El-Awaisi                  |
| <b>Semester</b>            | Spring                               |

### COURSE CONTENT

This course addresses various research methods in the humanities and social sciences, such as analytical, comparative, historical, and social, introducing an in-depth critical analysis of contemporary research methods. In particular the students will engage with methodologies in the following disciplines: historical, textual, anthropological (ethnographic), and social scientific (both qualitative and quantitative). Students taking this course will be expected to reflect on different methodologies and select appropriate methodological approaches for their own research.

### COURSE AIMS

1. To introduce students to various methodological approaches and techniques from across the humanities and social sciences.
2. To encourage students to understand the importance of methodology within their research, and enable students to describe and discuss their use of particular methodology in their writing
3. To develop the use of research skills and to help students to understand the formal and technical aspects of research and thesis presentation.
4. To encourage students to reflect on the practicalities and ethics of particular research methods and the application of such methods to particular research contexts.
5. To develop bibliographical techniques and employ reliable methods of recording and presenting references and bibliographies.
6. To prepare and provide training to students for the use of particular research methodology(ies) in their research dissertation

### MAIN LEARNING OUTCOMES

*On successful completion of the course students should be able to*

1. Analyse case studies relating to the research methods and its application in various research projects.
2. Demonstrate deep understanding of the range of research methodological techniques
3. Demonstrate familiarity with research methodologies in the following areas: historical, textual, anthropological, social scientific (both qualitative and quantitative)
4. Apply one or more methodology within the context of a short piece of research

5. Show an understanding of the potential ethical issues involved in research, and how such ethical consideration may be applied in the context of their own research
6. Identify an area of research and conduct a short research project using appropriate methodology, present sound written and oral arguments and provide personal views and solutions for the problems faced in the project.

### Assessment

100% coursework

- 10% seminar presentation
- 30% research project outline – 1,500 to 2,000 words
- 60% project – 4,000 to 5,000 words

Resit: Not normally applicable

### Teaching Hours

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| Total Number of hours     | 200 |
| Timetabled teaching hours | 24  |
| Private Study Time        | 176 |