

<b>Subject Code</b>	ENGL580						
<b>Subject Title</b>	Research Project						
<b>Credit Value</b>	6						
<b>Level</b>	5						
<b>Pre-requisite / Co-requisite/ Exclusion</b>	Pre-requisite: ENGL518						
<b>Objectives</b>	To provide students with opportunities to draw on and integrate the knowledge and insights acquired in previous subjects in the programme to identify a research question related to professional communication in English and investigate this question in a work of independent scholarship.						
<b>Intended Learning Outcomes</b>	<p>Upon completion of the subject, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) confront issues related to the impact of professional communication, the effectiveness of specific professional communication practices, and the nature of evidence;</li> <li>b) conduct future professionally-oriented applied language studies research.</li> </ul>						
<b>Subject Synopsis</b>	<p>Students will be guided through supervision to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Justification of the topic choice on theoretical and practical grounds;</li> <li>(ii) Soundness of the theoretical framework of the study;</li> <li>(iii) Adequacy and coherence of the literature review;</li> <li>(iv) Appropriateness of the research design;</li> <li>(v) Fitness of methods of data collection and analysis with the research purpose;</li> <li>(vi) Interpretation and discussion of findings;</li> <li>(vii) Evaluation and awareness of limitations.</li> </ul>						
<b>Assessment Methods in Alignment with Intended Learning Outcomes</b>	<b>Specific assessment methods/tasks</b>	<b>% weighting</b>	<b>Intended subject learning outcomes to be assessed</b>				
			<b>a</b>	<b>b</b>			
	Project report of approximately 10,000 words (excluding tables, references and appendices), to be double-marked	100%	✓	✓			
<b>Total</b>		100%					

	The research project is the only assessed assignment and directly aligns with the stated learning outcomes.	
<b>Student Study Effort Required</b>	Teacher contact hours:	
	▪ Face to face supervisions	12 Hrs.
	Other student study effort:	
	▪ Researching and writing-up research project	228 Hrs.
	Total student study effort	240 Hrs.
<b>Reading List and References</b>	This will be determined by the student's choice of research project with guidance from the supervisor.	

Revised by Martin Warren (May 2014)