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T: Methods in Language Research
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This online seminar aims to provide students with a broad overview of research methods and approaches used to explore and describe language and human interaction. The course centers on the Research Proposal, with students planning and writing proposals informed by the literature and their own research questions. The steps taken in developing student proposals are aimed at solidifying an understanding of how:

- philosophical orientation determines research design.
- scientists develop research questions or hypotheses to guide their research.
- researchers select appropriate data collection methods to answer their questions or test hypotheses.

In addition, students will develop specific skills relevant to becoming competent researchers, including:

- selecting a research topic.
- conducting an exhaustive literature review on a chosen topic.
- developing a research proposal to respond to gaps in the research.

Over the course of the semester, students will also critique research articles and delve into research ethics and human subjects considerations relevant to language research.

