

University of Victoria.
Developing Research Skills in Linguistics: LING 204 A01/B01.
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Section:	A01/B01.	CRN Number:	21892/23767.
Unit Value:	1.5 units.	Prerequisites:	None.
Contact Days:	Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays. Lecture (A01) + Lab (B01)	Contact Hours:	A01 12:30 pm to 1:50 pm (T, W). B01 1:00 pm to 1:50 pm (F).
Delivery Method:	Synchronous Face-to-face.	Classroom:	COR A121.

Course Content.

This 1.5-unit course does not have any prerequisites, i.e., **no prior knowledge of linguistics is required**. This Sign Language as Language course explores some common misconceptions about sign language that this course aims to dispel through a comparative overview of signed and spoken languages. The overview will include selected topics in the linguistic research of sign language and a selected topic(s) in Deaf culture and rights. (Note: This is not a course on learning how to sign.)

Required Materials.

- Choice of PAPER text **or** electronic eTEXT:
 - PAPER: Wray, A., & Bloomer, A. (2012). Projects in linguistics and language studies: A practical guide to researching language (3rd ed.). Routledge. ISBN: 9781444145366.
 - eTEXT: Versions are available online, e.g., www.routledge.com (Non-Canadian access). eText ISBN: 9780203768990.
- Additional readings may be assigned throughout the term (no purchase necessary).
- Freely downloadable speech analysis software, Praat: <http://www.fon.hum.uva.nl/praat/>
- Minimum technology requirements for students (see [UVic Requirements](#)). These apply as this course requires some online participation.

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