

Research design for Experimental Linguists August 18-22, 2025 Kirsten Schutter

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Day 1

Introduction course - Research question – predictions

- How to formulate a proper research question (RQ)
- Deduct predictions from RQ
- Practice with formulating RQs and predictions

Read:

- Litosseliti, 2018, Chapter 1 & 5

Day 2

Statistical model – Variables – Level of measurement

- What is a statistical model?
- What are variables
 - Dependent / independent variables
 - Level of measurement
- What variables need to be measured in order to answer RQs
- What is the required level of measurement

Read:

- Quené & Van den Bergh, 2023, Chapter 2
- Winter, 2019, Chapter 3.1 – 3.4

Day 3

Probability – Significance – Hypothesis testing – Power – Effect size

- How do we use probability to test hypotheses
- The importance of power and effect size in testing statistical models

Read:

- Quené & Van den Bergh, 2023, Chapter 10.1, 13 & 14
- Winter, 2019, Chapter 9

Day 4

Correlation / Regression – T-test / ANOVA

- Testing relationships between variables
- Testing differences between variables

Read:

- Quené & Van den Bergh, 2023, Chapter 15
- Winter, 2013, Part 1: Linear Models.
- Winter, 2019, Chapter 4 & 5

Day 5

Putting everything together

- Assignment: Analyze / dissect articles
 - What is the RQ and hypothesis
 - Which variables are measured to answer hypothesis
 - What is level of measurement of these variables
- Q&A (email questions beforehand)

Read:

- Dewaele, J. M. (2004). The emotional force of swearwords and taboo words in the speech of multilinguals. *Journal of multilingual and multicultural development*, 25(2-3), 204-222.
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