

COU499 Capstone Counselling Project

Level: 4

Credit Units: 10 Credit Units

Language: ENGLISH

Presentation Pattern: EVERY JAN

Synopsis:

In this compulsory course in the Honours programme, course participants are expected to choose a research topic, collect data, analyse the findings and submit a dissertation of 6,000 words, all under the guidance of a dissertation supervisor.

Topics:

- Literature review; Choosing a topic
- Methodology; Data collection
- Data analysis
- Preparation of oral report
- Preparation of final report

Textbooks:

: Dissertations and Theses From Start to Beginning, 2nd Edition 2 American Psychological Association
ISBN-13: COU499TB-AA

Soh Jo Chih: Project Works Volume 1: Choosing and Defining a Good Topic (2006). - -
ISBN-13: 9810552742-AA

Soh Jo Chih: Project Works Volume 2: Appropriate Methods for Gathering Data (2006). - -
ISBN-13: 9810552750-AA

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Learning Outcome:

- Choose a research topic after conducting a literature review (B6)
- Examine relevant information on the topic from different sources (B4)
- Critique the quality of research done by other researchers (B5)
- Hypothesise and formulate suitable research questions (B6)
- Design a rigorous research methodology to examine the research questions (B5)
- Plan a research proposal after careful preparation and ground work (B5)
- Assemble relevant documentation through conducting a literature search on a chosen research topic (B5)
- Plan and implement data collection (B5)
- Analyse the data collected using statistical methods (B4)
- Interpret the data to arrive at research findings (B4)
- Evaluate the research process and write a research report for submission (B6)
- Defend the research through an oral presentation (B5)

Assessment Strategies:

| Continuous Assessment Component | Weightage (%) |
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| TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT | 20 |
| Sub-Total | 20 |

| Examinable Component | Weightage (%) |
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| Project | 70 |
| Oral Exam | 10 |
| Sub-Total | 80 |

Weightage Total **100**