

## **CSD699 Master's Thesis**

**Level:** 6

**Credit Units:** 10 Credit Units

**Language:** ENGLISH

**Presentation Pattern:** EVERY SEMESTER (ONE YEAR COURSE)

### **Synopsis:**

This is a 10 CU course that allows students to develop and hone their research skills. It also enables students to consolidate their overall learning in the programme by putting into practice all the skills and knowledge that they have obtained. The research project should culminate in a 10,000 word (excluding references) original research thesis that seeks to contribute scholarly knowledge to the fields of community leadership and/or social development issues. Students are expected to submit a written proposal before their research topic is approved and will be assigned an appropriate academic supervisor. The student is responsible for arranging regular consultations with their academic supervisor, with regular drafts submitted for discussion.

### **Topics:**

- To be identified jointly by students, Head of Programme and supervisors

### **Textbooks:**

: A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations (Turabian) 9th Edition  
University of Chicago Press  
ISBN-13: 9780226816388-AA

: Writing for Social Scientists University of Chicago Press  
ISBN-13: 9780226041322-AA

: Writing for Social Scientists University of Chicago Press  
ISBN-13: 9780226041322

: A Short Guide to Writing a Thesis University of Chicago Press  
ISBN-13: 9781921511875

: A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations (Turabian) 9th Edition  
University of Chicago Press  
ISBN-13: 9780226816388

: A Short Guide to Writing a Thesis University of Chicago Press  
ISBN-13: 9781921511875-AA

**Learning Outcome:**

- Plan research questions for at least one topic of research interest
- Propose a research plan that involves data collection
- Analyze primary and secondary data derived from a range of research methods.
- Formulate coherent arguments to support one's findings
- Combine data collection and analytical skills
- Relate data to theory
- Construct appropriate referencing formats
- Demonstrate effective writing and presentation skills

**Assessment Strategies:**

<b>Continuous Assessment Component</b>	<b>Weightage (%)</b>
<b>Sub-Total</b>	

<b>Examinable Component</b>	<b>Weightage (%)</b>
THESIS	100
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>100</b>

**Weightage Total** **100**