

## **HDS601 Advanced Topics in Gerontology**

**Level:** 6

**Credit Units:** 10 Credit Units

**Language:** ENGLISH

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

### **Synopsis:**

In this series of seminars, PhD programme candidates are expected to make one presentation per semester, up to a total of two over one academic year. The seminars would be integrative and multidisciplinary, and aimed at engaging doctoral students to discuss and analyse their ideas and theories related to their PhD dissertation. Through discussion and debate, creative and critical thinking skills would be sharpened in preparation for their qualifying examination. The aims of the seminars (which will be open to Master level students and staff of HDSS) are to hone the presentation skills of the doctoral students as well as deepen their understanding of the complexity of topics in gerontology.

### **Topics:**

- To be jointly decided by the students and faculty, based on students' own personal research interests in discussion with their supervisors. The SUSS faculty would ensure that the topics are scholarly, relevant to the respective disciplines and would have the high likelihood of improving their critical thinking skills.

### **Textbooks:**

Roberts, Carol M.: *The Dissertation Journey: A Practical and Comprehensive Guide to Planning, Writing and defending your dissertation.* (eText) 3rd ed. (2010) SAGE: Singapore  
ISBN-13: 9781506373331

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**Learning Outcome:**

- Integrate knowledge across disciplines to analyse case studies.
- Critique research studies regarding design, implementation, reporting.
- Appraise application of theoretical and conceptual knowledge.
- Improve articulation and presentation skills.
- Construct a comprehensive and rigorous research proposal.
- Demonstrate ability to do a comprehensive literature search.
- Synthesize knowledge, and show ability to transfer and apply across different contexts.

**Assessment Strategies:**

<b>Continuous Assessment Component</b>	<b>Weightage (%)</b>
PRESENTATION	25
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<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>50</b>

<b>Examinable Component</b>	<b>Weightage (%)</b>
FINAL REPORT	50
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>50</b>

**Weightage Total** **100**