

Course Title	Research Practicum
Course Code	DES608
Recommended Study Year	Term 1
No. of Credits	3
Mode of Tuition	Consultation with a supervisor
Class Contact Hours	N/A
Category	Elective
Prerequisite	Nil
Co-requisite	Nil
Exclusion	Nil
Exemption Requirement	Nil

Brief Course Description

The goal of this course is to help students prepare for independent research by taking part in faculty research projects. Under the close supervision of a faculty member, students will be asked to perform various research tasks, including literature reviews, data collection, quantitative and qualitative data analysis, and they will be asked to summarise research findings in both written and oral forms. Throughout the course, students will be meeting with faculty and will be receiving detailed feedback on their work. Students engaged in this course will therefore attain extensive hands-on experience with various aspects of the research process and gain the necessary skills to perform their own research.

Aims

This course gives students the necessary tools to perform independent research. Students will participate in a faculty member's research project and will take up a range of research tasks. At the completion of this course, students will acquire the skills necessary for independently performing key research tasks within a larger research project.

Learning Outcomes (LOs)

On completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Provide an analytical overview of existing scholarship on a research topic
2. Gather, organise, and interpret quantitative and qualitative data relevant to a research topic
3. Summarise and present research findings
4. Produce academic writing conforming to graduate-level expectations in terms of both form and content