

Course Title	: Senior Thesis
Course Code	: SSC4319
Recommended Study Year	: 4
No. of Credits/Term	: 3
Mode of Tuition	: Regular meeting with supervisor(s) is required
Class Contact Hours	:
Category in Major Prog.	: Major/Stream Elective Course
Discipline	: Social Sciences
Prerequisite(s)	: SSC3319 Junior Research Project
Co-requisite(s)	: N/A
Exclusion(s)	: N/A
Exemption Requirement(s)	: N/A

Brief Course Description

The senior thesis allows students to build upon/modify the research topic and design that they have worked in the Junior Research Project course. They will be given the opportunity to apply theories, research tools and techniques to implement the research and write up an independent thesis on their chosen topic.

Aims

This course aims to:

1. enhance students' ability to utilise research skills to study intellectually challenging topics; and
2. provide students' opportunity to produce a research report on a topic of their choice.

Learning Outcomes (LOs)

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. plan and organise a research design on a specific research topic within a manageable scope and time frame;
2. implement data collection, critically analyse data and present relevant findings in a clear, organised and informative manner; and
3. produce a well-organised, coherent and lucid thesis.

Indicative Contents

Students are required to implement the research proposal they developed from their Junior Research Project course and produce a research report that is in line with the conventions of academic writing.

Teaching Method

There are no lectures and tutorials for this course. Instead, each student will find an academic staff to serve as his/her supervisor and work on one-to-one basis to produce an independent research report.

Measurement of Learning Outcomes

Learning outcomes are measured by the assessment criteria as follows:

1. Final thesis report (100%) (LOs 1-3)

The completed Senior Thesis will be assessed by the supervisor using the following criteria: adequacy of research questions and theory/conceptualisation; application of methodology, organisation of materials and exhaustiveness of research design; adequacy of data analysis, interpretation and logical consistency; clarity of presentation and report writing skills.

Assessment

Continuous assessment : 100% (final thesis report - 100%)

Important Reminder

According to Lingnan University policy, plagiarism is “presentation of another person’s work without proper acknowledgement of the source”. Plagiarism will be heavily penalised and may attract a *zero mark* and *disciplinary* action. To avoid plagiarism, you must note the sources of quotations, data and general information in all your course work. These sources/references should appear in alphabetical order in your list of references/bibliography.

Required/Essential Readings

Students will be responsible for conducting a literature review on the research topic of their choice. Other relevant readings will be suggested by individual supervisors as appropriate.

Recommended/Supplementary Readings

Other supplementary readings will be suggested by individual supervisors as appropriate.