COURSE OUTLINE

Course Code / Title : HS4099 Individual Graduation Project

Pre-requisites : NIL

No. of AUs. : 8 AUs

Contact Hours : Independent research with minimum of four contact meetings with faculty supervisor.

Course Aims

The individual graduation project is a 7-month project that may be undertaken during the final semester with the guidance of a supervisor assigned by the Sociology Programme. Students are not allowed to register during any semester they are on exchange.

The individual graduation project represents a great opportunity for students to choose a topic of interest and to develop a research project to explore that topic. The individual graduation project is intended to enable students to work independently to answer a research question, and to improve learning outcomes through self-directed work. The individual graduation project provides an important opportunity to develop self-reliance, self-motivation and self-confidence.

Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)

By the end of this course, you should be able to:

1. Describe the sociological significance of a research topic.
2. Apply knowledge from the current sociological literature related to the topic.
3. Design and implement a sociological research project on the topic,
4. Write a report to communicate the results of the study.

Course Content

You will decide on a research topic, research question(s), and research method(s). Working under the guidance of an assigned supervisor, you will be fully responsible for deciding on an appropriate literature, as well as creating, analyzing, and reporting on data.

TIMELINE*

July/August: Submission of the Research Proposal Form, which includes describing the research question, significance of research, and proposed research methods

September: Submission of the Ethics Approval Form to the faculty supervisor

October: Submission of the Mid-project progress report to the faculty supervisor. There is no standard format for this report, but will include a description of the work done to-date. The student should discuss the specific content of the mid-project
report with his/her supervisor. The supervisor will complete a feedback sheet that is submitted to the GP coordinator that indicates progress on a number of criteria (see Appendix 2). Each student will receive an “IP” (In Progress) grade at the end of the first semester.

February**: Submission of a full draft of the GP to your supervisor.
March: Submission of the following:
1. Two ring-bound hard copies of the GP to the UG Sociology Office. To facilitate blind grading, hard copies should not have any identifying markers. Please do not include your name or supervisor’s name on the hard copies.
2. Soft copy to the NTU Learn course website “HS4099 Graduation Project”.
3. Soft copy of the GP to the NTU Library.

* The timeline dates are approximate.
** At least one month before the submission date.

Course Assessment

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