

Fall 2011 Course Description

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課程名稱/ Course name : 研究方法與學術英文寫作一

Research Methodology and Academic Writing (I)

課號/ Course number : FL7201

班次/ Section number : Monday, 9.10 – 12.10

學分數/ Credit hour : 3 hours

課程概述 Course Description

This is a compulsory course for first year graduate students. This semester the course will focus on formulating dissertation proposals, generating bibliographies, conducting preliminary research, reviewing and creating a dissertation outline. It will also equip students with the skills required to seek out appropriate conferences and apply for research funding.

課程目標 Course Objectives

To engage students in the long-term process of researching, writing and revising for their dissertations to give them the best opportunity of producing a polished dissertation in their graduating year.

課程要求 Requirements

In the first week students should have an idea of what they might like to focus on for their dissertations.

參考書目 (教科書) Textbook and References

Much of the material to be used in class will be generated by the students. There are a number of useful general guides for researchers. Derek Pugh, *How to Get a Ph.D.* O.U.P., 2005, offers good advice for graduate students as well as a useful bibliography that covers different aspects of the researching and writing process. Also recommended is Rowena Murray, *How to Write a Thesis.* O.U.P., 2006. Joseph M. Williams, *Style: Ten Lessons in Clarity and Grace* 9th ed. Longman, 2006, is useful for sharpening up academic prose. A course pack of study skills will be provided.

評量方式 Grading

Students must submit their research portfolio in week 9 and week 18.

進度 Syllabus

- 第 1 週 Introduction to thesis writing
- 第 2 週 Developing an idea into an argument
- 第 3 週 Building a bibliography
- 第 4 週 Building a bibliography
- 第 5 週 Reviewing secondary material
- 第 6 週 Reviewing secondary material
- 第 7 週 Sketching a draft
- 第 8 週 Writing the proposal
- 第 9 週 Mid-term submission of research portfolio
- 第 10 週 Academic applications
- 第 11 週 How to find useful conferences
- 第 12 週 Reviewing the dissertation outline
- 第 13 週 The uses of study groups for researching
- 第 14 週 How to write the thesis
- 第 15 週 Writing and reviewing the thesis
- 第 16 週 Writing and reviewing the thesis
- 第 17 週 Writing and reviewing the thesis
- 第 18 週 **Final** Submission of research portfolio