

**National Taiwan University  
Department of Accounting  
The First Nine Weeks of  
Thesis Writing (722 D7010) (Spring 2011) Syllabus**

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**Course Objective:**

The course will train students to complete a thesis or paper in a year. For unknown reasons, PhD students in the accounting department take too long (usually more than seven years) to obtain PhD. Some even failed to get it. I will do my best to help PhD students in this regard, not only to get PhD in four to five years, but also to complete a quality paper each year while teaching in a university. I will teach the first half of this course.

**Textbook**

No textbook is required for my part of this course,

**Reference Materials**

Recent four issues of the top three accounting journals (AR, JAE, and JAR).

## Requirements and Assessment

For this course, there will be class discussions, take-home assignments, and a term thesis.

2. Each student's mark for this course will be assessed as follows:

<b>Item</b>	<b><u>%</u></b>
Take-home assignments	25.0
Class participations	25.0
Term thesis	50.0

Week	Date	Topic (Tentative)
1	2/21	Introduction
3	3/7	How to select an interesting research topic?
4	3/14	How to conduct a literature review?
5	3/21	How to develop hypotheses?
6	3/28	How to formulate a research design?
7	4/4	How to analyze the results?
8	4/11	How to complete a thesis? Oral presentations of the thesis
9	4/18	<b>Term thesis due on June 20</b>