OURSE OUTLINE

Course Code / Title : HS4098 Team-based Graduation Project
Pre-requisites : NIL
No. of AUs. : 8 AUs
Contact Hours : Independent team-based research with minimum of four contact meetings with faculty supervisor.

Course Aims

The team-based graduation project is a 7-month project that may be undertaken during the final year in a team of 2-3 students with the guidance of a supervisor assigned by the Sociology Programme. Each student will contribute equally to the project. Students are not allowed to register during any semester they are on exchange.

The team-based graduation project represents a great opportunity for students to choose a topic of shared interest and to develop a research project to explore that topic. The team-based graduation project is intended to enable students to work together in a small team to answer a shared research question, and to improve learning outcomes through an increased emphasis on peer support and the development of team-based scientific practice and skills.

The team-based graduation project provides an important opportunity to develop and practice working in small groups and to contribute to a collaborative project.

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 relevant sociological literature(s) 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

Team members will collectively decide on a research topic, research question(s), and research method(s). Working under the guidance of an assigned supervisor, the students will be 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 Report to the faculty supervisor. There is no standard format for this report, but will include a description of the work done to-date as well as a peer-evaluation of other team members. Teams should discuss the specific content of the mid-project report with their supervisor. The supervisor will award a grade for the report. All team members will receive an individual grade. The grade is for the Division’s records and may be - carried over to the final grade in cases where there is clear evidence of unequal work among team members. 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:
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.
Soft copy to the NTULearn course website “HS4098 Graduation Project”.
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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