

Course Title	Dissertation				
Course Code	ITSM 520 / 530				
Course Type	Required				
Level	MSc (Level 2)				
Year / Semester	2 nd Year / 1 st Semester				
Teacher's Name	Associate Prof. Angelos Menelaou, Dr Maria Avtzaki				
ECTS	30	Lectures/ week	NONE	Laboratories / week	NONE
Course Purpose	<p>The course aims at giving students the opportunity to apply the methods and tools used in an academic research enquiry, following the knowledge gained and skills developed, from completing the module ITSM 506- Research methods.</p> <p>Students will acquire experience about effective research formulation processes, methods, and results dissemination. They will also have the opportunity to become familiar with the processes followed when applying for research funds, from national and international foundations as well as the specialized programmes and initiatives each of these foundations offers.</p> <p>Students will gain specialized knowledge by research in an area of their choice, fulfilling further their academic goals.</p>				
Learning Outcomes	<p>By the end of the course, the students should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop, present and execute the method of approach to provide answers to specific research questions and aims which have theoretical or applied interest;• Demonstrate in depth knowledge in the chosen area of study and show ability to critically discuss the relevant material in a comprehensive literature review;• Defend a concise project report, following the dissertation guidelines, in the oral examination.				
Prerequisites	ITSM 506, 60 ECTS	Co-requisites		NONE	
Course Content	Indicative Course Content FORM The MSc Thesis will have the form of an original research project that includes data collection and processing (theoretical, interpretational and applied research).				

	<p>The MSc in International Trade and Shipping Management at Frederick University offers students the opportunity to specialize in one of four areas: Trade and Logistics, Ship Management, Financial Management, and Transport Operations. The precise topic is to be discussed and agreed in the beginning by the Instructors and Advisor. The choice of dissertation topic will lead to the award of one of our four named degrees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MSc International Trade and Shipping Management (Trade and Logistics) • MSc International Trade and Shipping Management (Ship Management) • MSc International Trade and Shipping Management (Financial Management) • MSc International Trade and Shipping Management (Transport Operations) <p>LENGTH</p> <p>Although determining the exact length of the dissertation is not possible since the quality evaluation criteria lie within the dissertation content and depth, the expected extend is set between 15,000 and 20,000 words, excluding Tables of Contents, Annexes, Appendixes and References. When completed (with the consent of the Thesis Advisor) the Dissertation must be submitted in two copies, at the end of the semester and before the examination period.</p> <p>Students will present orally and defend their project in front of a Faculty panel, at the end of the examination period.</p>
Teaching Methodology	<p>Preparatory work for the Dissertation begins during the third semester of studies along with the module with the Code Name ITSM 506: Research Methods. Part of the students' obligations is to submit a research proposal which will be elaborated and developed into their Dissertation. Students can enroll for their Dissertation after completing 60 ECTS and allocated an Advisor. Regular meetings between the Advisor and student regarding progress on the student's work will take place during the semester, before final submission.</p>
Bibliography	<p>No specific textbook required.</p>
Assessment	<p>Project Plan 10%</p> <p>Overall Project Quality 60%</p> <p>Conduct of Project / Supervisory comments 10%</p> <p>Presentation and Oral Defense 20%</p>
Language	<p>English</p>