

## AFPR450 - Senior Project II

Course Title	Senior Project II				
Course Code	AFPR450				
Course Type	Compulsory				
Level	BA (Level 1)				
Year / Semester	4th year				
Teacher's Name	Dr. Nicos Koussis				
ECTS	6	Lectures / week	3	Laboratories/week	
Course Purpose	<p>This module builds on Senior project I (AFPR449) and aims to complete the analysis of the selected topic and present research results with an oral presentation. The students revisits and finalizes specific research questions and /or hypotheses and proposes a specific methodology relevant to the selected research questions. The student also expands on the review relevant literature. The main focus is then on student to analyze results and complete a standardized report (dissertation) containing the above material of around 10,000 words and to present this work to an evaluation committee.</p>				
Learning Outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify research topics of theoretical and conceptual relevance to his or her field of study.</li> <li>2. Formulate specific research questions and /or hypotheses within the above context</li> <li>3. Identify scientific methods relevant to the chosen research field</li> <li>4. Propose a specific methodology relevant to the selected research questions</li> <li>5. Identify academic sources pertaining to the selected research area</li> <li>6. Review relevant literature</li> <li>7. Prepare a literature review</li> <li>8. Prepare a chapter on the research methodology</li> <li>9. Prepare an analysis of the results.</li> <li>10. Prepare conclusions and recommendations concerning the research.</li> <li>11. Prepare a list of references.</li> <li>12. Prepare the following: abstract; tables of contents and acknowledgements.</li> </ol>				

	13. Complete a standardised report (dissertation) containing the above material of around 10,000 words.		
Prerequisites	AFRM201, AFPR449	Corequisites	None
Course Content	<p>The students will prepare a report with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An abstract, acknowledgements and table of content</li> <li>• Explain the rationale of the research</li> <li>• Provide details of the research issues, aims and objectives</li> <li>• Identify and state the research questions and/or research hypotheses</li> <li>• Provide an overview of the chapter headings</li> <li>• Prepare a literature review on the area of research</li> <li>• Propose an chapter on the research methodology</li> <li>• Provide an analysis of the results</li> <li>• Prepare conclusions and recommendations concerning the research.</li> <li>• Provide details of the references used</li> <li>• Appendices (including details of surveys etc)</li> </ul>		
Teaching Methodology	<p>During the relevant semester of studies students meet with supervisors on a regular basis; submit and discuss the work in process.</p> <p>By the end of the last week of the semester students submit the final project to supervisors and the Department chair. The project undergoes an evaluation on the e-learning platform using antiplagiarism software. Students present their project in front of a panel of examiners by giving a ten minute PowerPoint presentation on a date set one or two days after the last examination. They are then asked questions on the Project for further ten minutes.</p> <p>The Examiners grade the work and its presentation and notify the students of the result in due course.</p>		
Bibliography	<p>The bibliography will depend on the selected topic</p> <p>Some useful references are provided below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Writing up your university assignments and research projects: A practical handbook, N. Murrey, G. Hughes, 2008</li> <li>• Research Methods &amp; Statistics Links <a href="http://www.socialpsychology.org/methods.htm#methodology">http://www.socialpsychology.org/methods.htm#methodology</a></li> <li>• Research Methodology and Statistics <a href="http://www.pscw.uva.nl/sociosite/TOPICS/research.html">http://www.pscw.uva.nl/sociosite/TOPICS/research.html</a></li> <li>• Yenza Start our research, Research methodology <a href="http://www.nrf.ac.za/yenza/research/resmeth.htm">http://www.nrf.ac.za/yenza/research/resmeth.htm</a></li> <li>• Survey Design <a href="http://www.surveysystem.com/sdesign.htm">http://www.surveysystem.com/sdesign.htm</a></li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Survey Design Considerations (PDF) - Survey Design Considerations Recommendations for Writing Effective Questionnaires <a href="http://www.websurveyor.com/pdf/designtips.pdf">http://www.websurveyor.com/pdf/designtips.pdf</a></li> <li>• Questionnaire Design and Surveys Sampling <a href="http://www.ubmail.ubalt.edu/~harsham/stat-data/opre330Surveys.htm">http://www.ubmail.ubalt.edu/~harsham/stat-data/opre330Surveys.htm</a></li> <li>• Questionnaire Design and Surveys Sampling <a href="http://www.ubmail.ubalt.edu/~harsham/stat-data/opre330Surveys.htm">http://www.ubmail.ubalt.edu/~harsham/stat-data/opre330Surveys.htm</a></li> </ul>				
Assessment	<p>(f) <u>Methods:</u> Students will be assessed based on their final submitted thesis report</p> <p>(g) <u>Criteria:</u> Assessment criteria are available and include the following:</p> <p>1.Presentation Assessment ( 25%)</p> <p>The presentation assessment includes the following elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarity of presentation</li> <li>• Understanding of the concepts presented</li> <li>• Ability to answer to examiners' questions</li> </ul> <p>2.Project assessment (75%)</p> <p>2.1. Overall quality of project (60%)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear project goals</li> <li>• Literature review</li> <li>• Understanding of relevant theory</li> <li>• Choice of proper methodology</li> <li>• Data or model analysis</li> <li>• Conclusions and suggestions</li> <li>• Quality and structure</li> </ul> <p>2.2. Implementation – Consideration of advisor's comments (15%)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contribution of ideas during implementation</li> <li>• Organization/management of project phases and ability to resolve problems during implementation</li> </ul> <p>(h) <u>Weights:</u></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">• Final Thesis Report</td> <td style="text-align: right;">75%</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">• Oral presentation</td> <td style="text-align: right;">25%</td> </tr> </table>	• Final Thesis Report	75%	• Oral presentation	25%
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