

ABSP449 - Senior Project I

Course Title	Senior Project I				
Course Code	ABSP449				
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	The purpose of this module is for students to identify research topics of theoretical and conceptual relevance to the student field of study, formulate specific research questions and hypotheses within the above context, identify scientific methods relevant to the chosen research field and complete a literature review of the selected topic. The student is then expected to complete a standardized report containing the above material.				
Learning Outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify research topics of theoretical and conceptual relevance to his or her field of study. 2. Formulate specific research questions and /or hypotheses within the above context 3. Identify scientific methods relevant to the chosen research field 4. Propose a specific methodology relevant to the selected research questions 5. Identify academic sources pertaining to the selected research area 6. Review relevant literature 7. Draft a literature review 8. Complete a standardised report containing the above material. 				
Prerequisites	ABRM350		Co-requisites	None	
Course Content	<p>The students will prepare a report with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain the rationale of the research • Provide details of the research issues, aims and objectives • Identify and state the research questions and/or research hypotheses 				

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Provide an overview of the chapter headings •Provide details of the bibliography •Prepare a draft literature review on the area of research •Propose an outline of the research methodology
Teaching Methodology	<p>By the end of the previous semester before this module, students are to evaluate potential topics for their and contact potential project supervisor (relevant to the area) who will remain their supervisor throughout the duration of the senior project.</p> <p>Students are advised about the requirements of the course through contacts with the supervisor, files on e-learning and information sent be the supervisor amongst others.</p> <p>Students are shown examples of previous successful projects and are assisted by supervisors to choose a specific project topic.</p> <p>By the end of the first month of the relevant semester, students have to decide on a working title with the provisional project structure and agree this area with their supervisor.</p> <p>By the end of the relevant semester, students are to submit a report that includes: an introduction to the topic justifying the research aims and objectives; to identify relevant research questions/hypotheses; to prepare a draft literature review; to provide an outline of the research methodology and a list of references used in the report. The report should be prepared in a structured and coherent manner.</p> <p>During the semester, the project supervisor provide feedback on work submitted during the course of the semester. In addition the supervisor's will provide guidance and support to the student during the duration of this project.</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"> • Writing up your university assignments and research projects: A practical handbook, N. Murrey, G. Hughes, 2008 • Research Methods & Statistics Links http://www.socialpsychology.org/methods.htm#methodology • Research Methodology and Statistics http://www.pscw.uva.nl/sociosite/TOPICS/research.html • Yenza Start our research, Research methodology http://www.nrf.ac.za/yenza/research/resmeth.htm • Survey Design http://www.surveysystem.com/sdesign.htm • Survey Design Considerations (PDF) - Survey Design Considerations Recommendations for Writing Effective Questionnaires http://www.websurveyor.com/pdf/designtips.pdf

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questionnaire Design and Surveys Sampling http://www.ubmail.ubalt.edu/~harsham/stat-data/opre330Surveys.htm • Questionnaire Design and Surveys Sampling http://www.ubmail.ubalt.edu/~harsham/stat-data/opre330Surveys.htm
Assessment	<p>(a) <u>Methods:</u> Students will be assessed based on their final submitted thesis report</p> <p>(b) <u>Criteria:</u> Assessment criteria are available and include the following: Research issues and research question(s)/hypotheses: 20% Proposed research methodology: 20% Data sources and collection/Theoretical model specification: 20% Quality of bibliographical sources: 20% Responsiveness to advisors' comments: 20%</p> <p>(c) <u>Weights:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Thesis Report 100%
Language	English language