

ABSP450 - Senior Project II

Course Title	Senior Project II				
Course Code	ABSP450				
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 student 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"> 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. Prepare a literature review 8. Prepare a chapter on the research methodology 9. Prepare an analysis of the results. 10. Prepare conclusions and recommendations concerning the research. 11. Prepare a list of references. 12. Prepare the following: abstract; tables of contents and acknowledgements. 				

	13. Complete a standardised report (dissertation) containing the above material of around 10,000 words.		
Prerequisites	ABRM350, ABSP449	Co-requisites	None
Course Content	<p>The students will prepare a report with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An abstract, acknowledgements and table of content • 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 • Provide an overview of the chapter headings • Prepare a literature review on the area of research • Propose a chapter on the research methodology • Provide an analysis of the results • Prepare conclusions and recommendations concerning the research. • Provide details of the references used • Appendices (including details of surveys etc) 		
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"> • 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 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey Design Considerations (PDF) - Survey Design Considerations Recommendations for Writing Effective Questionnaires http://www.websurveyor.com/pdf/designtips.pdf • 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:</p> <p>1.Presentation Assessment (25%)</p> <p>The presentation assessment includes the following elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarity of presentation • Understanding of the concepts presented • Ability to answer to examiners' questions <p>2.Project assessment (75%)</p> <p>2.1. Overall quality of project (60%)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear project goals • Literature review • Understanding of relevant theory • Choice of proper methodology • Data or model analysis • Conclusions and suggestions • Quality and structure <p>2.2. Implementation – Consideration of advisor's comments (15%)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribution of ideas during implementation • Organization/management of project phases and ability to resolve problems during implementation <p>(c) <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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