

Subject Code	MM603																										
Subject Title	Independent Studies in Business																										
Credit Value	3																										
Level	6																										
Normal Duration	1-semester																										
Pre-requisite/ Co-requisite/ Exclusion	None																										
Role and Purposes	This subject contributes to the achievement of the DBA/DMgt outcome by sharpening students' ability to conduct original applied research and ethical awareness in business administration (Outcome 3).																										
Subject Learning Outcomes	<p>Upon completion of the subject, students will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> identify critical issues that could be considered as the potential research directions for their intended thesis; conduct a comprehensive literature review and develop an in-depth understanding of the theories and research methods associated with a particular topic relating to their intended thesis; propose a research plan for how to fill the gap between the identified issues and the results from the literature review. 																										
Subject Synopsis/ Indicative Syllabus	<p>The area to be studied will be decided by the participant and the staff adviser. The work will require the student to be directly involved with a particular aspect of research, such as an in-depth literature review, collection and analysis of data, etc.</p> <p>Before commencing this independent study, the participant must prepare a brief outline of the proposed study and obtain permission from the Programme Director.</p>																										
Teaching/Learning Methodology	Participants who choose to do an independent study will work directly with one faculty member who agrees to act as an advisor. The staff member will be an expert in the agreed area of study and will provide the participant with individualized instruction. In conjunction with the staff member, participants are expected to produce one piece of work that is rigorous and that is of a high quality standard. Participants will be encouraged to submit their work to a refereed journal or conference.																										
Assessment Methods in Alignment with Intended Learning Outcomes	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2">Specific assessment methods/tasks</th> <th rowspan="2">% weighting</th> <th colspan="3">Intended subject learning outcomes to be assessed (Please tick as appropriate)</th> </tr> <tr> <th>a.</th> <th>b.</th> <th>c.</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Continuous Assessment*</td> <td>100%</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1. Individual paper #</td> <td>100%</td> <td>✓</td> <td>✓</td> <td>✓</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>100 %</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><i>*Weighting of assessment methods/tasks in continuous assessment may be different, subject to each subject lecturer.</i></p> <p><i># Depending on the project, participants will be allowed to extend this subject to 2 semesters, regardless of whether it is a regular or summer semester.</i></p>				Specific assessment methods/tasks	% weighting	Intended subject learning outcomes to be assessed (Please tick as appropriate)			a.	b.	c.	Continuous Assessment*	100%				1. Individual paper #	100%	✓	✓	✓	Total	100 %			
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	To pass this subject, students are required to obtain Grade D or above in the Continuous Assessment components.	
Student Study Effort Expected	Class contact:	
	▪ Guided study	30 Hrs.
	Other student study effort:	
	▪ Preparation for guided study	30 Hrs.
	▪ Preparation for project and research	60 Hrs.
	Total student study effort	120 Hrs.
Reading List and References	This will vary according to the topic. Normally, participants will be required to do an extensive review of the literature associated with the topic studied.	