

<b>Subject Code</b>	MM6995
<b>Subject Title</b>	DBA Thesis II
<b>Credit Value</b>	16
<b>Level</b>	6
<b>Normal Duration</b>	2-semester
<b>Pre-requisite/ Co-requisite/ Exclusion/ Consecutive Subjects (2 semesters)</b>	DBA Thesis I (MM6994) ----- DBA Thesis II (MM6995)
<b>Role and Purposes</b>	This subject contributes to the achievement of the DBA outcome by sharpening students' ability to conduct original applied research and ethical awareness in business administration (Outcome 3).
<b>Subject Learning Outcomes</b>	Upon completion of the subject, students will be able to: a. examine a topic of interest (including the thesis (research) objective(s), question(s) and problem(s)) arising from their chosen area in a critically and logically manner; b. deepen their self- and social-awareness by becoming sensitised to their dual role as researcher and manager; c. pursue and conduct a research-based thesis in the topic area that is important and contribute to the real world practice; d. demonstrate an in-depth understanding of relevant literature in the selected topic area e. Development the research model, framework and hypotheses relevant and appropriate to the thesis (research). f. Collect and analyse research data in a systematic way and to a professional standard; g. demonstrate an ability to set the topic in its wider context, to sustain argument, and to present conclusions and contributions related to both the academics and real world practice.
<b>Subject Synopsis/ Indicative Syllabus</b>	This is among the most important DBA learning activities. In preparing their theses, participants have an opportunity to draw upon particular themes to illustrate the extent to which they have been able to integrate what have been some of the dominant themes and interesting areas in their programme. Participants are expected to apply state-of-the-art research methodologies to study some important issues arising from their real world management experience. It is a requirement that the thesis will make important contributions and/or provide innovative insights to the practice of the profession. The thesis should normally be around 50,000 words .
<b>Teaching/Learning Methodology</b>	There are four stages in the preparation of the thesis: (i) approval of the topic by the supervisor; (ii) approval of the outline of the proposed research plan; (iii) approval of the completed draft; and (iv) completion and submission. Thesis II represents the third and forth stages of the thesis process.  After the approval of the research proposal, participants monitor their own progress throughout the preparation of the thesis. They will seek advice from thesis supervisors whenever necessary.  Continuous monitoring is made on participants' performance during tutorials such as: verbal presentation and discussion of assigned readings; quality of submitted written assignments such as literature review; annotated bibliographies; comprehension of the task in hand; planning, initiative, and thoroughness of investigation.

**Oral Examination**  
Two external examiners together with the supervisors will hold the viva voce examination. The main purpose of the oral examination is to satisfy the panel examiners that the participant's work is his/her own and of high professional quality. During these oral presentations, participants will be required to answer queries relating to the thesis and identify applications and future directions.

**The Thesis**  
In assessing the thesis, the examiners will have regard to whether it is potentially publishable by considering:

- the extent to which the participant has been able to meet the broad criteria laid down in the research aims and objectives of thesis;
- the degree of originality;
- the significance of the findings to the theory and practice;
- the way in which the participant has drawn upon and integrated theories and techniques;
- the overall quality of the written presentation.

Each examiner will provide a separate written report on the thesis prior to the oral examination.

**Assessment**  
The Panel, following the oral examination will decide either:

- that the student be awarded the degree of DBA; or
- that the student be awarded the degree of DBA subject to required amendments/ corrections being made to the thesis. The amendments/ corrections have to be submitted to supervisor(s) or Chairman of the BoE and supervisor(s) or viva panel; or
- that the student should revise and re-submit the thesis for re-examination for the degree of DBA. The thesis should be reviewed and agreed by supervisor(s), and the Programme Director/ Deputy Programme Director, and then finally submitted for viva panel members' approval before another session of viva is arranged; or
- that the student should not be awarded the degree of DBA, and no resubmission will be permitted.

Assessment Methods in Alignment with Intended Learning Outcomes	Specific assessment methods/tasks	% weighting	Intended subject learning outcomes to be assessed (Please tick as appropriate)						
			a.	b.	c.	d.	e.	f.	g.
	<b>Continuous Assessment*</b>	<b>100%</b>							
	1. Oral examination and thesis	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Total	100 %							

*\*Weighting of assessment methods/tasks in continuous assessment may be different, subject to each subject lecturer.*

To pass this subject, students are required to obtain Pass in the Continuous Assessment components.

Student Study Effort Expected	Class contact:	
	▪ Dissertation	30 Hrs.
	Other student study effort:	
	▪ Preparation for dissertation / presentation	1090 Hrs.

	Total student study effort	1120 Hrs.
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