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| Department: | Accounting | Degree | Master of Science in Accounting (MSA) |
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| Course Name: | Dissertation | Course No.: | ACCT 699 |
| Prerequisite: | | Credit Hours: | 9 |

Brief Description:

This course presents the essentials of executing a scientific research. At the beginning student will be trained to develop his/her research proposal. At later stages, student will be trained through the entire research process; literature review, building research model, measurement of variables, data collection methods, data analysis and interpretation, and preparing the thesis. Successful completion of this course is subject to the success in the oral defense of the thesis organized by the department. The overall goal of the dissertation for the student is to display the knowledge and capability required for independent research work.

Course Objectives:

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Identify the research problem, research questions, research objectives, importance of the research, and the accounting aspect related to the research topic.
2. Review previous studies related to the subject of research.
3. Identifies and formulates hypotheses, research design, method of data collection, and analyzes data.
4. Demonstrate an effective written communication of a scholarly research.
5. Demonstrate capability to orally present and discuss all aspects of the dissertation.
6. Recognize main ethical issues in research.

Course Topics:

- Research proposal development.
- Research design
- Data collection and analysis.
- Dissertation report submission.
- Presetting and defending dissertation.

Text Book:

- Smith, Malcom. (2010). *Research Methods in Accounting*. 2nd Edition: SAGE Publications.

Additional References:

- Sekaran, Uma, Bougie, R.(2013). *Research Methods for Business*. Latest Edition. New York: John Wiley and Sons.
- Louise, H. and Judd, C. *Research Methods in Social Science*. 6th Edition. Chicago: Holt, Rinehart and Winston.

Online Resources:

| Objectives & Assessment tools: |
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| Matrix of Measurement and Assessment Tools and Learning Objectives | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | | Objectives | | | | | | | |
| | | | research skills | | written Comm. | | Oral Comm. | | Ethical and Social sustainability | |
| Assessment tools | Grade | Week (Time period) | Obj. No. Grade | Grade | Obj. No. | Grade | Obj. No. | Grade | Obj. No. | Grade |
| Identify the research problem, research questions, research objectives, importance of the research, and the accounting aspect related to the research topic. | 10 | | 1 | 10 | | | | | | |
| Review previous studies related to the subject of research. | 10 | | 2 | 10 | | | | | | |
| Identifies and formulates hypotheses, research design, method of data collection, and analyzes data. | 40 | | 3 | 40 | | | | | | |
| Demonstrate an effective written communication of a scholarly research. | 25 | | | | 4 | 25 | | | | |
| Demonstrate capability to orally present and discuss all aspects of the dissertation. | 10 | | | | | | 5 | 10 | | |
| Ethical issues in research | 5 | | | | | | | | 6 | 5 |
| Total objectives' grades | 100 | | | 60 | | 25 | | 10 | | 5 |
| Percentage allocated | 100% | | | 60% | | 25% | ` | 10% | | 5% |

Course Outline

| Topics |
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| Research proposal development: <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Select research area➤ Literature Review & identify knowledge gaps➤ Define research problem➤ Define research methodology➤ Research Design, hypotheses, ethical considerations, and expected results➤ Write research proposal |
| Field Work for Research <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Develop data collection strategy, select data analysis tools➤ Data collection and analysis➤ Data refinement and compilation➤ Data analysis |
| Dissertation Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Select appropriate format➤ Write report➤ Review and improve |
| Defence <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Oral presentation of the dissertation➤ Handle questions and criticism➤ Modify and resubmit the dissertation, if necessary |

Approved by Dept. Chair:

Dr. Ahmad Al-Salman

Date of Approval:

30-9-2019

Extra Information: *(Updated every semester and filled by course instructor)*

Course

Instructor:

Office No:

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Office Hours:
