

BIS388 Independent Study

Level: 3

Credit Units: 5 Credit Units

Language: ENGLISH

Presentation Pattern: EVERY REGULAR SEMESTER

Synopsis:

Independent Study is a one-semester course in which a student will work on a selected academic endeavour with the direct supervision of an academic supervisor. The academic endeavour could be in any approved form, such as a short research project, short internship stint, an independent overseas study trip, and others. Any academic endeavour chosen by the student must first be approved by the School and supervised by the academic supervisor. The academic endeavour can be proposed by either the student or School. Students will need to have their proposals approved by the School prior to the start of the semester in which the enrolled course commences.

The course will be assessed by various forms as deemed suitable for the type of academic endeavour embarked upon. The assessment will consist of an OCAS component (40% of total course marks) as well as an OES component (60% of total course marks). The student will need to obtain at least 40% in each component to pass the course.

Topics:

- Students are allowed to create his/her own topic that must be approved by Dean's office.

Learning Outcome:

- Identify a problem.
- Appraise relevant resources to form the Literature Review for the selected academic endeavour.
- Analyse the issues.
- Evaluate alternatives.
- Recommend courses of action.
- Defend project results to peers and supervisor.
- Apply appropriate knowledge and techniques learnt in the curriculum to the academic endeavour.
- Demonstrate independent thinking and analytical judgement.
- Construct various forms of communicative capabilities such as written reports, presentations and class discussions.
- Analyse problems and make decisions.

Assessment Strategies - Regular Semester (Evening Class):

Components	Description	Weightage Allocation (%)
Overall Continuous Assessment	PROJECT PROPOSAL 1	20
	PROGRESS REPORT 1	20
Overall Examinable Components	FINAL PRESENTATION	15
	FINAL REPORT	45

Total	100
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*The information listed is subject to review and change.