

HDS601 Advanced Topics in Gerontology

Level: 6

Credit Units: 10 Credit Units

Language: ENGLISH

Presentation Pattern: EVERY SEMESTER (ONE YEAR COURSE)

Synopsis:

In this series of seminars, PhD programme candidates are expected to make one presentation per semester, up to a total of two over one academic year. The seminars would be integrative and multidisciplinary, and aimed at engaging doctoral students to discuss and analyse their ideas and theories related to their PhD dissertation. Through discussion and debate, creative and critical thinking skills would be sharpened in preparation for their qualifying examination. The aims of the seminars (which will be open to Master level students and staff of HDSS) are to hone the presentation skills of the doctoral students as well as deepen their understanding of the complexity of topics in gerontology.

Topics:

- To be jointly decided by the students and faculty, based on students' own personal research interests in discussion with their supervisors. The SUSS faculty would ensure that the topics are scholarly, relevant to the respective disciplines and would have the high likelihood of improving their critical thinking skills.

Textbooks:

Roberts, Carol M.: *The Dissertation Journey: A Practical and Comprehensive Guide to Planning, Writing and defending your dissertation.* (eText) 3rd ed. (2010) SAGE: Singapore
ISBN-13: 9781506373331

Learning Outcome:

- Integrate knowledge across disciplines to conduct a comprehensive literature review and case studies.
- Critique research studies regarding design, implementation, reporting.
- Appraise application of theoretical and conceptual knowledge.
- Improve articulation and presentation skills.
- Construct a comprehensive and rigorous research proposal.
- Synthesise knowledge, and show ability to transfer and apply across different contexts.

Assessment Strategies (Evening Class):

Components	Description	Weightage Allocation (%)
Overall Continuous Assessment	PRESENTATION 1	25
	PRESENTATION 2	25
Overall Examinable Components	FINAL REPORT	50
Total		100