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| Course Title | Senior Thesis 1 | Instructor(s) | Each Advisor |
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| Class Style | Lecture | Office Hours | |
| Track | All Tracks | Mode of Instruction | |
| Credits | 2 | Allocated Year | 3 rd year, Fall |
| Active Learning | | Compulsory or Elective | Compulsory |
| Course Overview | <p>This is a preparatory course for writing a senior thesis. This course aims to provide students basic knowledge and skills for writing a senior thesis under the guidance of their senior thesis advisor. Students will learn basic concepts of a thesis, such as what a thesis is and why they should be written, as well as the steps and methods for conducting research according to the thesis's objectives. Furthermore, students will be able to find a topic on their own, create a research plan, and proceed with research according to that plan in preparation for writing their senior thesis. Students will be required to submit reports by designated deadlines.</p> <p>本コースは、卒業論文を作成するための準備コースである。本コースは、指導教員のもとで、卒業論文を書くために必要な基礎的な知識やスキルを学ぶ目的のコースである。ここでは、論文とは何か、なぜ論文を書くのかといった論文の基本的な考え方や、論文の目的に従って研究を進めるための手順やその方法を学ぶ。さらに、卒業論文作成に向けて、実際に自分でテーマを見つけ、研究計画をたて、それに従って研究を進めることができるようにする。決められた期日までに報告書の提出が課される。</p> | | |
| Course Objectives | <p>Students will be able to understand the following topics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Basic knowledge of writing an academic paper 2) Basic skills of writing academic papers 3) How to use academic database and do previous studies 4) Choosing research topics 5) How to discuss topics in a logical and scientific way 6) Making a research plan 7) Research Ethics | | |
| Prerequisite | | | |
| Course Schedule | No | Contents | Homework |
| | 1 | Orientation: | Making a report about your favorite topics |
| | 2 | What is an Academic Paper? | Review and narrowing your topics |
| | 3 | Topics of the thesis | Review and thinking of the purpose and significance of the thesis |
| | 4 | Purpose of the thesis/ Significance of the thesis | Review and prepare for your research plan |
| | 5 | Making a Research Plan | Review and list up some keywords related to your topics |
| | 6 | Previous Study/ Searching for Sources/Bibliography | Use several databases and make a bibliography |
| | 7 | Research Questions | Making research questions |
| | 8 | Structure of the thesis | |
| | 9 | Making a Flowchart of Chapters | Make a flowchart of chapters |

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| | 10 | Citations | Review and Preparation for Presentation |
| | 11 | Research Ethics | Review of research ethics |
| | 12 | Style Sheets/ Format | Review |
| | 13 | Rules for Writing Academic Papers(1) | Review of the rules |
| | 14 | Rules for Writing Academic Papers(2) | Review of the rules |
| | 15 | Presentation/Making a Portfolio | Preparation for the Examination |
| Grading | <p>Grades will be determined as follows:</p> <p>-Three Reports 40 %</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Deadlines: the first report: November 1st.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">the second report: November 30th</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">the third report: December 20th</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">the fourth report: January 30th</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">*All the four reports with your advisor's comments should be submitted to the Dean.</p> <p>-Discussion 20 %</p> <p>-Presentations 20 %</p> <p>-Homework 20 %</p> <p>*Attendance: In principle, you are expected to attend all the classes, but the attendance of over 10 classes is strictly required.</p> | | |
| Textbooks | Each professor will prepare handouts for their class. | | |
| References | <p><u>Style Sheets:</u></p> <p><i>Concise Rules of APA Style</i>, sixth edition. APA, 2010.</p> <p><i>MLA Handbook</i>, 8th edition. MLA, 2016.</p> <p><u>How to Write a Thesis (All in MIU's Library)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campbell, Ballou, Slade. <i>From and Style: Theses, Reports, Term Papers</i>. 8th edition. Houghton Mifflin, 1990. • Cash, Phyllis. <i>How to Develop and Write a Research Paper</i>. ARCO, 1988. • Greetham, Bryan. <i>How to Write Your Undergraduate Dissertation</i>. Bloomsbury Academic, 2022. • Harnack, Andrew. <i>Writing Research Papers: Student Guide for Use with Opposing Viewpoints</i>. Greenhaven Press, 1994. • Lester, James & Lester, James, Jr. <i>Writing Research Papers: A Complete Guide</i>. Pearson, 2012. • 桑田てるみ『学生のレポート・論文作成トレーニング：スキルを学ぶ21のワーク』実教出版、2023. • 白井利明・高橋一郎『よくわかる卒論の書き方』ミネルヴァ書房、2010. • 滝川好夫『卒業論文・修士論文作成の要点整理』税務経理協会、2016. | | |
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