

MRGO6401 Project

Credit Units: 3

Class type: Supervised Written Assignment / Dissertation

Objectives:

To enable the student to organize and apply his knowledge into a project

Description:

The dissertation helps the student to organize and apply the knowledge he has learnt into an in-depth study or analysis of a clinical problem or a topic of significance. The student carries out a project under supervision of a tutor, and the result is compiled into an original written report of **around 5000 words (excluding tables and references)**, and give a satisfactory oral presentation in a class seminar.

The type of project ranges from a prospective case cohort study, retrospective case cohort review, to an in-depth guided case study and systematic review / meta-analysis. Part time students should submit an outline of the project by **12 August 2022** for approval by the programme committee and arrangement of supervisor appointment. Full time students will undergo a special time line and the topic will be assigned/compromised.

Work distribution:

This 3 Credit-unit programme amounts to about 100 hours of work, which comprises of 84 hours of intensive independent work and 16 hours of tutorials and seminars (presentations). It is normally carried out over 6 months, approximately assigned 3 hours of work per week. In order to have good communication with supervisor(s), students should arrange at least 4 tutorials/meetings with the supervisor(s). Students should also attend at least 3 sessions of class seminars (presentations) including the session of their own presentation.

Implementation:

The student has to arrange with the supervisor assigned sufficient contact hours of tutorials for supervision, in form of direct meeting, or phone conference, or net meeting. If the project is co-supervised by more than 1 supervisor, student should ensure all the supervisor, co-supervisor, and/or site supervisor(s) know the project development well.

Supervisor(s)/co-supervisor(s) will be assigned to students according to the outline of project submitted in July/August. Students should meet their supervisor(s) to start develop the projects afterwards. A **topic plan presentation** will be held on **11, 13, 18 & 20 October 2022 (Tue & Thu)** which serves as a review and assessment of the topics and their format. Approval to carry out the project will be granted upon satisfactory topic presentation.

Ethical approval is normally required for most research projects. Application should apply for ethical approval from CREC once the topic and format (protocol) is consolidated with the supervisor(s), and should

be done as soon as possible after Topic Presentation.

Refer from the experiences of the COVID-19 pandemic in previous years, students should take precaution of data collection is prohibited. Students MUST always review the progress and discuss with supervisors in advance for project revision in case of facing serious problems.

The deadline for the **first submission of dissertation** is **30 April 2023 (Sun)**. This version will not be marked, but for supervisors to review to determine if the student is ready for the oral presentation.

Presentation of dissertation (VIVA Examination) will be held on 9, 11 & 13 May 2023 (Tue, Thu & Sat).

Students have to attend at least 75% of presentations in addition to their own. After the presentation, students should revise the dissertation according to the comments in the presentation.

The revised final version of thesis MUST BE submitted through the VeriGuide system on/before **31 May 2023 (Wed)**. Students will have to sign the declaration form to declare its originality, and append a copy of the ethical approval.

Grading:

The result of the module is graded by the following principles:

Topic Presentation (15%)	
Thesis (50%)	
✓ Content	✓ Format & Writing Skills
✓ Reference	
VIVA Examination (35%)	
✓ Presentation Content	✓ Time Management/Organization
✓ Presentation Skill	✓ Q & A

Timeline:

<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Event</u>
12 August 2022	Topic submission by email
11, 13, 18 & 20 October 2022	Topic Presentation
End of November 2022	Topic finalized Ethical approval should be confirmed
30 April 2023	Initial Submission of Thesis via VeriGuide
9, 11 & 13 May 2023	VIVA Presentation
31 May 2023	Final Submission of Thesis via VeriGuide