

## Subject Description Form

<b>Subject Code</b>	APSS6801											
<b>Subject Title</b>	Guided Study											
<b>Credit Value</b>	3											
<b>Level</b>	6											
<b>Pre-requisite/ <del>Co-requisite/</del> Exclusion</b>	APSS6002 Research Methodology I: Qualitative Methods (or) APSS6003 Advanced Quantitative Methods											
<b>Minimum Pass Grade</b>	D											
<b>Assessment Methods</b>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 50%;">100% Continuous Assessment</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Individual Assessment</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Group Assessment</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1. Written Assignment</td> <td style="text-align: center;">30%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2. Examination</td> <td style="text-align: center;">70%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The grade is calculated according to the percentage assigned;</li> <li>The completion and submission of all component assignments are required for passing the subject; and</li> <li>Student must pass all component(s) if he/she is to pass the subject.</li> </ul>			100% Continuous Assessment	Individual Assessment	Group Assessment	1. Written Assignment	30%	-	2. Examination	70%	-
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<b>Objectives</b>	<p>The subject provides an opportunity for students to engage with selected staff member(s) to carry out self-directed studies on a topic of their own choice pertaining to their thesis research. The objectives are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To engage students and teaching staffs to explore in-depth critical research issues pertaining to theoretical and methodological considerations;</li> <li>2. To allow students to gain a thorough understanding and develop insights into the complexities of the issues under investigation;</li> <li>3. To enable students to incorporate their new found interest and findings for enriching their thesis research</li> </ol>											

<p><b>Intended Learning Outcomes</b> (Note 1)</p>	<p>Upon completion of the subject, students are able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Articulate the significance and understanding of the critical issues they have identified and explored;</li> <li>b) Reflect and relate the insights they have gained from the interactive theoretical and methodological interrogations carried out to their thesis findings;</li> <li>c) Integrate their new gained knowledge to augment their thesis findings.</li> </ul>																																						
<p><b>Subject Synopsis/ Indicative Syllabus</b> (Note 2)</p>	<p>The guided study enables students who are well into their thesis research an opportunity to interact with one or more selected staff member(s) to explore further some critical methodological and theoretical issues relating to their thesis work through interactive self-directed studies. Students are expected to meet regularly with their selected supervisor(s) of the subject, prepare and submit a written assignment reflecting on their progress and academic or professional development. The exact requirements of the written assignment may vary depending on the subject matters and the instructors' professional judgment.</p>																																						
<p><b>Teaching/Learning Methodology</b> (Note 3)</p>	<p>Teaching will be comprised of interactive one on one guiding sessions for critical analysis and discussions on research, theoretical and methodological issues identified by both the student and supervisor(s).</p>																																						
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<b>Student Study Effort Required</b>	Class contact:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Individual consultation</li> </ul>	18 Hrs.
	Other student study effort:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Self-directed studies</li> </ul>	40 Hrs.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Preparation of the assessment</li> </ul>	56 Hrs.
	Total student study effort	114 Hrs.
<b>Reading List and References</b>	The reading list will be tailor-made for individual student and for specific topics.	

Note 1: Intended Learning Outcomes

Intended learning outcomes should state what students should be able to do or attain upon completion of the subject. Subject outcomes are expected to contribute to the attainment of the overall programme outcomes.

Note 2: Subject Synopsis/ Indicative Syllabus

The syllabus should adequately address the intended learning outcomes. At the same time over-crowding of the syllabus should be avoided.

Note 3: Teaching/Learning Methodology

This section should include a brief description of the teaching and learning methods to be employed to facilitate learning, and a justification of how the methods are aligned with the intended learning outcomes of the subject.

Note 4: Assessment Method

This section should include the assessment method(s) to be used and its relative weighting, and indicate which of the subject intended learning outcomes that each method purports to assess. It should also provide a brief explanation of the appropriateness of the assessment methods in assessing the intended learning outcomes.

Academic Year 2021-22 and thereafter