

Subject Code	AF6037 / LGT6037 / MM6037																				
Subject Title	Independent Studies in Business Management																				
Credit Value	3																				
Level	6																				
Normal Duration	1-semester																				
Pre-requisite/ Co-requisite/ Exclusion	Independent Studies in Business Management (AF6037 / LGT6037 / MM6037)																				
Objectives	This subject contributes to the achievement of the programme outcome by sharpening students' ability to conduct applied research and innovation by critically applying knowledge and scientific skills within their academic discipline and formulating sophisticated solutions as critical thinkers (Outcome 1).																				
Intended Learning Outcomes	<p>Upon completion of the subject, students will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> identify critical issues that could be considered as the potential research directions based on the chosen topic; conduct a comprehensive literature review and develop an in-depth understanding of the theories and/or research methods associated with the chosen topic. 																				
Subject Synopsis/ Indicative Syllabus	<p>The area of study will be decided by the student and the staff advisor. The work will require the student to independently carry out an in-depth literature review on a particular, chosen academic topic.</p> <p>Before commencing this independent study, the student must prepare a brief outline of the proposed study and obtain permission from the Programme Director.</p> <p>The individual paper should normally be around 3,000-5,000 words.</p>																				
Teaching/Learning Methodology	The student opting for an independent study will work directly with a faculty member who agrees to act as an advisor. The advisor will be an expert in the chosen area of study and will provide the student with instruction. With the guidance of the advisor, the student is expected to produce a high-quality study report.																				
Assessment Methods in Alignment with Intended Learning Outcomes	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2">Specific assessment methods/tasks</th> <th rowspan="2">% weighting</th> <th colspan="2">Intended subject learning outcomes to be assessed (Please tick as appropriate)</th> </tr> <tr> <th>a.</th> <th>b.</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Continuous Assessment*</td> <td>100%</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1. Individual paper #</td> <td>100%</td> <td>✓</td> <td>✓</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>100 %</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			Specific assessment methods/tasks	% weighting	Intended subject learning outcomes to be assessed (Please tick as appropriate)		a.	b.	Continuous Assessment*	100%			1. Individual paper #	100%	✓	✓	Total	100 %		
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	<p><i>*Weighting of assessment methods/tasks in continuous assessment may be different, subject to each subject lecturer.</i></p> <p><i># Depending on the project, students will be allowed to extend this subject to 2 semesters, regardless of whether it is a regular or summer semester.</i></p> <p>To pass this subject, students are required to obtain Grade D or above in the overall subject grade.</p> <p>Explanation of the appropriateness of the assessment methods in assessing the intended learning outcomes:</p> <p>After the student has identified a topic, he/she is guided by the advisor to read related materials, articles and journal papers to gain a thorough understanding the subject area. This follows that, the most effective way to assess the student's understanding is to ask him/her to write a critical summary report on the topic so that the advisor can evaluate the student's understanding of the topic.</p>	
Student Study Effort Expected	Class contact:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Guided study 	30 Hrs.
	Other student study effort:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Preparation for guided study 	30 Hrs.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Preparation for project and research 	60 Hrs.
	Total student study effort	120 Hrs.
Reading List and References	<p>They will vary according to the topic. Normally, the student will be required to do an extensive review of the literature associated with the topic being studied.</p>	