

PHIL4800B
Thesis 論文

Course Outline

Time : M 10:30am-1:15pm

Location: FYB 107A

Course overview (as shown on CUSIS)

Final year students are required to take this course and write a thesis that represents the culminating experience of their undergraduate studies. The course involves both classroom learning and self-directed thesis project with supervision by course teachers.

Learning outcomes (as shown on CUSIS)

Through class discussion, presentation and individual research, students are expected to

- demonstrate familiarity with the primary and secondary sources pertaining to their thesis topic,
- be able to identify some significant philosophical issues on the topic, and
- explore in depth and discuss competently these issues

Learning activities

1. Seminars on research methodology
2. Individual presentation and discussion on thesis topic
3. Writing a thesis

Assessment scheme as prescribed on CUSIS (revise if necessary)

<i>Task nature</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Weight</i>
Discussion	Helpful comments for other students in seminar are encouraged	10%
Presentation and discussion in Week 4	Cf. Course Schedule	10%
Outline in Week 6	Cf. Course Schedule	10%
Final Presentation in Week 12-13	Cf. Course Schedule	20%
Essays	Cf. Course Schedule	50%

Grade Descriptor

Please refer to: http://phil.arts.cuhk.edu.hk/~phidept/UG/Grade_descriptors.pdf

Course schedule

Week/Date	Topic	Remarks
1. (Sept 2)	No Class	
2. (Sept 9)	Seminar on research methodology	
3. (Sept 16)	No Class	
4. (Sept 23)	Seminar: Presentation and discussion on research proposals	Before class: 1 thesis title and 300-word abstract During class: 10-min presentation, 5-min discussions
5. (Oct 30)	No Class	During this period, students should email the teacher to arrange a one-on-one ZOOM meeting for discussion in Week 6. During the ZOOM meeting, students should present his outline of core argument using a brief PowerPoint to get feedback from the teacher. A list of references should be provided so that the teacher can give advice concerning what to read.
6. (Oct 7)	Meeting with teacher to discuss thesis outline	
7. (Oct 14)	No Class	One-on-one ZOOM meeting in Week 10 by email appointment. By Nov 15, 23:59 pm, students are supposed to submit a draft of 5000-7000 words in length in English or 7000-10000 characters in length in Chinese. The word count does not include quotations and bibliography.
8. (Oct 21)	No Class	
9. (Oct 28)	No Class	
10. (Nov 4)	Meeting with teacher to discuss progress	
11. (Nov 11)	No Class	
12. (Nov 18)	Thesis presentation	Helpful comments for other students in seminar are encouraged
13. (Nov 25)	Thesis presentation	
Dec 9, 23:59pm	Deadline for submission of final version	

Details of course website

Contact details for teacher(s) or TA(s)

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