

Research Methods in Computing



Course No. : IT 3204N

Course Title : Research Methods in Computing

Course Credit : 3 units lecture

Course Equivalent(s) : None

Course Pre-Requisite(s) : CIS 2201

Course Co-Requisite(s) : None

Teacher Information

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Class Schedule

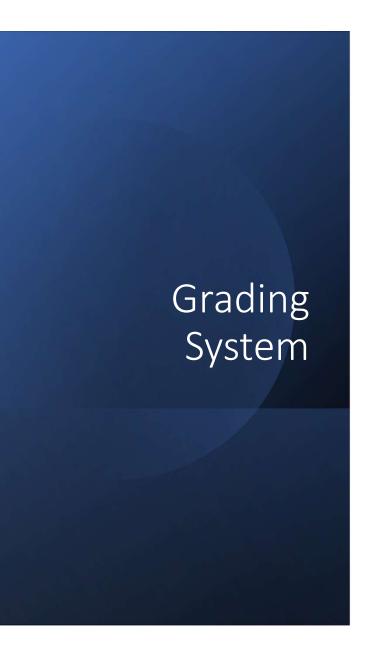
• 12:00 – 01:30PM MW LB484TC

Consultation Time

• 02:00 - 03:00PM MW

Course Outcomes

- Formulate the research objectives, scope and limitations, and evaluation metric for a chosen topic.
- Collect and compare related literature related to the chosen topic
- Propose an ethical and feasible software solution to the identified research problem that employs new designs, tools, and methodologies, as well as unique and useful enhancements, with creating a prototype software system in mind or with demonstrating that a certain theory or algorithm or design might work through exploratory, experimental or theoretical research.
- Perform ethical responsibility in using resources needed in gathering information related to the research project.



50% - Requirements/Deliverables

30% - Class Activities

20% - Progress reports

40% - Thesis Proposal Defense Rating

20% - Oral Presentation

20% - Document

10% - Approved Thesis Proposal Document



PHASE I DECIDING WHAT TO RESEARCH

Step I Formulating a research problem

- 1. Reviewing the Literature
- 2. Formulating a Research Problem
- 3. Identifying Variables
- 4. Constructing Hypotheses

PHASE II PLANNING A RESEARCH STUDY

Step II Conceptualizing a research design

- 5. The Research Design
- 6. Selecting a Study Design

Step III Constructing an instrument for data collection

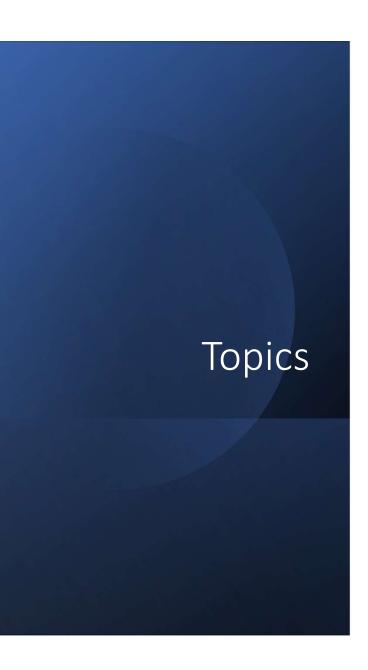
7. Selecting a Method of Data Collection

Step IV Selecting a sample

8. Selecting a sample

Step V Writing a research proposal

9. How to Write a Research Proposal



PHASE III CONDUCTING A RESEARCH STUDY

- Step VI Collecting data
 - 10. Considering Ethical Issues in Data Collection
- Step VII Processing and displaying data
 - 11. Processing Data
 - 12. Displaying Data
- Step VIII Writing a research report
 - 13. Writing a Research Report
 - 14. Research Methodology and Practice Evaluation