

### **Introduction:**

*This course is restricted* to students working on a thesis project for which I serve as primary/major advisor. The student is expected to investigate an issue or topic relevant to her/his program of study. *Deliverables* will be submitted to the professor at the end of the semester and should include:

#### *First semester of thesis enrollment*

- draft editions of Chapters 1, 2, and/or 3;
- Responsible Conduct in Research training completion certificate;
- Institutional Review Board training for protection of Human Subjects;
- IRB protocol, if applicable;
- list of thesis committee members;
- official Thesis Proposal for submission to committee and Graduate School; and
- detailed budget, if applicable, for all resources required to complete the study.

#### *Final semester of thesis enrollment*

- draft editions of Chapters 4, 5, Appendices, and data analysis tables/notes;
- outline and presentation for thesis defense;
- final edition of thesis for submission to Graduate School;
- revised final edition, per Graduate School recommendations; and
- action plan for completing submitting conference paper or manuscript for journal.

### **Student Learning Outcomes**

Upon completion of the course the student will be able to:

1. Identify a significant problem or issue worthy of thesis level inquiry.
2. Review research and practical publications relevant to problem/issue selected.
3. Develop method(s) of inquiry suitable for the study.
4. Analyze data collected relevant to the issue/problem.
5. Synthesize relevant information into a useful and understandable format.
6. Provide reference/resource list for more detailed information sources.
7. Cite sources using current edition, APA format.
8. Defend methods, findings, and recommendations in open forum.
9. Prepare a manuscript for submission to a *peer-reviewed* journal or conference.

### **Grade Determination:**

Grade will be determined on deliverables submitted and will receive one of the following:

*IP-in progress*

*S-satisfactory*

*U-unsatisfactory*

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