



Jordan University of Science and Technology
Faculty of Architecture And Design
Planning And Urban Studies Department

UP790 Seminar
Second Semester 2024-2025

Course Catalog
1 Credit Hours. The course entails the submission of research papers related to the graduate students? masters research thesis topics. Lectures on various research topics by teaching staff and other guest speakers are also included.
Teaching Method: On Campus

Text Book	
Title	Research proposals: A practical guide
Author(s)	Denscombe, M.
Edition	1st Edition
Short Name	REF #1
Other Information	

Course References

Short name	Book name	Author(s)	Edition	Other Information
REF #2	Research design in urban planning: a student's guide.	Farthing, S.	1st Edition	
REF #3	Proposals that work	Locke, L. F., Spirduso, W. W., and Silverman, S. J.	1st Edition	

Class Schedule & Room

Tentative List of Topics Covered		
Weeks	Topic	References

Week 1	Class introductions	
Week 2	What is a thesis proposal?	Part 1-1 From REF #1, Chapter 1 From REF #2, Chapter 1 From REF #3
Week 3	Choosing your research topic (Guest Lecture)	Part 1-2, 1-3 From REF #1, Chapter 4 From REF #2, Chapter 3 From REF #3
Week 4	The literature reviews	Part 2-5, 2-6 From REF #1, Chapter 4 From REF #2
Week 5	Research Idea Presentation	
Week 6	The Methodology	Part 2-7 From REF #1, Chapter 7 From REF #2
Week 7	Eid El-Fitr Holiday	
Week 8	Citation & referencing	
Week 9	Proposal Progress Presentation 1	
Week 10	Proposal Progress Presentation 2	
Week 11	What to expect while working on your thesis/proposal? (Quantitative Research/ Guest Lecture)	
Week 12	Research Ethics	Part 2-9 From REF #1, Chapter 9 From REF #2
Week 13	Writing Tips	Chapter 6 From REF #3
Week 14	What to expect while working on your thesis/proposal? (Qualitative Research/ Guest Lecture)	
Week 15	Closing seminar -Next steps	

Mapping of Course Outcomes to Program Outcomes	Course Outcome Weight (Out of 100%)	Assessment method
Improve understanding of citation formats and citation software (e.g. APA, MLA, Chicago...etc.).	10%	
Improve scientific writing skills	25%	
Practice critical evaluation of other students' work	10%	
Practice oral presentation of research proposals	20%	
Develop preliminary thesis proposals	35%	

Relationship to Program Student Outcomes (Out of 100%)													
K1	K2	K3	K4	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5

Evaluation	
Assessment Tool	Weight
Assignment 1	10%
Assignment 2	10%
Assignment 3	10%
Assignment 4	10%
Assignment 5	10%
Progress	10%
Final Proposal	40%

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