

Duplichain University
Division of Criminal Justice
Ph.D. in Criminal Justice Administration Program
DCRJ 999: Doctoral Dissertation Research
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The objective of this course is to serve doctoral students by helping them to design their Ph.D. dissertation and to deal with the methodological and theoretical problems they face as they proceed in their dissertation research and in the elaboration of their findings. The course is addressed to students who are in the process of preparing their dissertation prospectus, as well as students already at different phases of their dissertation work.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of this course, students will have written a doctoral dissertation that contributes in a unique and mature manner to the scholarly literature in their core field of study and concentration, as approved by their doctoral committee.

ANGEL & e-MAIL

You must have an access to the class Angel site. All announcements and class related documents will be posted here. Some class announcements will be distributed via e-mail.

REQUIRED TEXTS

Usually, courses like this do not assign any specific textbooks to students. You will be expected to conduct comprehensive literature search and review around the topic you have chosen. The instructor would recommend texts upon student's request.

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

For this class, grading will be Pass-Fail based on the following specific components and expectations in the course with applicable grading weights.

1. Active Participation (20%): Active class participation is at the center of this course. In each class meeting, students will update on their progress and present their ideas and plans which will then be discussed, commented on, and critiqued by the entire class helping each other.

2. Dissertation Prospectus (80%): This will be the only formal written assignment in the course.

COURSE POLICIES:

1. Regular and active class participation is strictly part of course requirements. Reading required materials in advanced is expected and will help in class participation as well as help to facilitate learning.
2. Academic honesty is expected and strictly observed.