MN4301 – Research Project

Module Type/Semester: Senior Honours/Option (20 Credits)/Semester 1 or 2

Pre-requisite(s): MN3201 and MN3202 (Mark of 14 or above in MN3202)

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Aim:
Students undertaking this module are normally required to complete a management research project closely based upon the research proposal submitted in MN3202. The project may involve fieldwork or desk-based research, or a combination of both. It should have a strong conceptual or theoretical component. It may be of a problem solving nature. Any significant variation in theme must be agreed with your supervisor and the Module Co-ordinator prior to commencement of the Module. The project is undertaken and completed in the first or second semester of the final honours year. The completed work is expected to be around 10,000 words in length. Any significant variation in length must be agreed with your supervisor prior to completion and submission. Submission is usually required during week 1 of examinations (i.e. week 13 or 14) in either semester.

Method of Teaching & Learning:
One-to-one supervision throughout the semester. Students are expected to take responsibility for arranging meetings with supervisors. Your supervisor will normally be the person who supervised your MN3202 research proposal. There will be an additional initial meeting with the module co-ordinator to provide an overview of the module process. N.B. There are no classes for this module. Therefore, students should retain their class notes and slides from MN3201 and MN3202, to help them complete the dissertation work.

Learning Outcomes:
By the end of the module, students should be able to demonstrate:
- Critical appreciation of research methodologies and methods;
- Critical appreciation of relevant organisational and/or management theories.
- Critical appreciation of the practical application of particular research methodologies and methods;
- Critical appreciation of particular organisational or management theories to research findings;
- Ability to identify new insights emerging from their empirical data and the ability to apply their research findings in ways that develop existing organisational theories.
Information/data gathering;
Information/data disaggregation and synthesis;
Critical reflection;
Theoretical development;
Written and verbal Communication;
Independent learning;
Time management.

CORE READING LIST:
There is no set text for this module. The books listed below provide useful points of reference. However, students are expected to seek out additional reading material and seek guidance from their supervisor as appropriate.


ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
For those students undertaking MN4301: Research Project, the School acknowledges that the presentation of work for that module will almost certainly contain material previously submitted for MN3202: Research Methods 2, namely aspects of the Literature Review and the Methodology. Students will not therefore be penalised for this inclusion, where it occurs, under the terms of the University’s Academic Misconduct Policy.

Ethical Approval
All research in all School of the University that involves data collection from questionnaires, interviews of, interactive investigation of, experimentation upon or demonstrations involving living human subjects, tissues and/or other samples requires additional formal approval from the University Teaching and Research Ethics Committee (UTREC) to that secured for the MN3202 module, where relevant.

It is a requirement that any Honours dissertation that requires ethical approval from UTREC (i.e. involves contact with human subjects), should have the letter or email of ethical approval bound into an appendix before submission.

For information about research that is likely to require ethical approval, please see the UTREC website: [http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/utrec/](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/utrec/)