



Lakehead University - Fren 4901 YA

Regular meetings once a month or more with the professor/supervisor
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HONOURS THESIS

Information about this course:

This course is offered as a tutorial provided certain academic conditions are met and professors are available to supervise the work.

Major criteria used to allow a given student to register in this course are as follows:

1. Student must be technically in 4th year, registered in a HBA program.
2. Academic excellence is the main criteria for enrolling in this course (minimum of 78% average in French)
3. A student may also be invited by the Department to enrol in this course on the bases of a recognized aptitude for research and scholarly work.
4. Expectations: basic knowledge of research tools, methods and strategies; annotated bibliography on the subject; thesis (a minimum of 40 pages), 2 copies of the final work will be kept by the Department.
5. Before registering for this course, a student must have the approval of the supervisor and the Chair of the Department. Furthermore, a short proposal (300 words minimum) about the research should be ready for the October Departmental meeting.

Objectives:

To learn how to do a research project:

-analysis, synthesis of a chosen topic with reference to one or several theoretical frameworks.

-to write a bibliography, quotes

Tentative Schedule:

Meeting 1: Mid-September, discussion about a possible topic.

Meeting 2: Mid-October, discussion of the topic chosen.

For the October Departmental meeting, a detailed research proposal (thesis outline, bibliography) should be handed in.

Meeting 3: Mid-November, a draft of the 1st chapter handed in to the supervisor.

Meeting 4: Mid-December, 1st chapter handed in to the supervisor.

Meeting 5: Mid-January, 2nd chapter handed in to the supervisor.

Meeting 6: Mid-February, 3rd chapter handed in to the supervisor.

Meeting 7: Mid-March, thesis handed in to the supervisor without the introduction and the conclusion.

Meeting 8: Beginning of April, final copy of the thesis handed in to the supervisor who will give it to a 2nd reader within the department.

Important: It is necessary to use the last edition of *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*.