

Faculty of Engineering, UM
KVX 8001 / KQX 7001: Research Methodology (Research Mode – PhD & M. Eng. Sc.)
Course Information

Session 2019-2020, Semester 1

Documents to be collected IMMEDIATELY

For this course, the following must be collected by each student immediately:

- 1) Your research proposal
- 2) A copy of a good post graduate thesis relevant to your research area. It must be
 - a *PhD thesis for a PhD student*
 - a *master or PhD thesis for a master student*
- 3) A copy of a “poor” and a “very good” paper relevant to your research topic.
 - *No review paper will be accepted.*
 - *The “very good” paper must have been published in a top ranking journal in your field.*
 - *The “poor” paper might have been published in any journal / conference proceeding.*

Class work

- **Prepare yourself mentally to work seriously in the class and to take active part in discussions.**
- Bring enough papers and stationary to work in the class and prepare assignment (A4 size papers, pen/pencil, stapler etc. as necessary).
- Class attendance will be taken in every session. Make sure that you sign on the attendance sheets. Otherwise your status will be recorded as absent (This will be followed strictly which is an audit requirement).

Assignments

- Assignment submission: The first page must contain information including the following:
 - course code and title
 - title of the assignment
 - student name
 - student number
 - date of submission
- Punctuality: every student **must observe punctuality** in attending the classes and in assignment submission.
- Hardcopy of all assignments must be submitted on the due date. Late submission will not be accepted. Do not send a soft copy of any assignment.
- Each student must sign the assignment submission sheet **only** if he/she actually submitted the assignment.

Academic Honesty

Students **MUST** avoid academic dishonesty including but not limited to:

- **Cheating:** intentional and/or attempted use of trick or deception in one's academic work
- **Fabrication:** intentional and /or attempted falsification and/or invention of any information
- **Plagiarism:** representing knowingly the words or ideas of other as one's own work
- **Facilitating dishonesty:** helping knowingly or attempting to help others to commit an act of academic dishonesty

Evaluation Method

- Assessment will be based on: Attendance, participation in discussions, submission of assignments, presentation etc.
- Criteria for passing this course:
 - 1) *Attendance* \geq 80%
AND
 - 2) *Submission of all assignments and get a pass mark in all (Pass mark for each submission is 60%)*
AND
 - 3) *Final presentation of the research proposal and get a pass mark (Pass mark for presentation is 60%).*