5.1.5 YEAR THREE SEMESTER ONE

COURSE NAME: RESEARCH REPORT

COURSE CODE: IFA 3101 Course Description

Compilation of collected data, analysis and write up of the report with the help of supervisors. Presentation of final report.

Prerequisite: IFA 2201

Course Objectives

- To help students learn how to apply theoretical research methodology knowledge into practice.
- To help students learn how to investigate an identified research problem.
- To help students learn how to analyse collected data and write research reports.

Course outline

Week 1-3: Redefining and applying of research methods and tools

- Redefining and applying in the field research methods and tools.
- Prepare to collect data using various tools and instruments.
- Determine appropriate methods and tools for collecting relevant information.

Week 4: Course Assessment (C/W1, 10%)

Week 5: Validity and reliability

- Student will establish the validity and reliability of the research instruments and measures.
- Students assess effectiveness of research instruments and measures.

Week 6: Course assessment (C/W2, 10%)

Week 7: Data collection

- Students manage and collect data for their studies.
- Practice in data collection methods.
- Students choose and determine tools and instruments for data collection

Week 8-9: Analysis of data

- The data collected from the field is analysed.
- Use available methods in relation to the nature of the collected data.

Week 10: Course assessment (C/W3, 10%)

Week 11-14: Report writing

- Students train in report writing.
- Compiling of research report.
- Relate the collected information to existing literature.

Week 15: Course assessment (C/W4, 10%) Learning output

By the end of the course each student is expected to:

- Have well conversant knowledge necessary to carry out a field research.
- Produce a research report based on an identified authentic research problem.

Method of Instruction/Delivery

- Individual research,
- Group assignments and discussions
- Lecture method **Mehotd of Assessment**

The following methods shall be used to access the extent of growth in skills, abilities and understanding.

Assessment Method

Course work 40%

- Lecture attendance 10%
- Execution of the assignments as given by supervisor 20%

- Pilot study 10% End of semester examination 60%

- Completed research report shall form the end of semester two, year three exam and will be marked out of 60% Final total mark 100%

Suggested reading list

1. Introduction to social research by Kakinda Mbaga
2. Focus group 3 by Kruger 8 Casey
3. Using focus groups in research by Lia Litasseliti
4. Research questions by Richard Andrews
5. The research interviews by Bill Gilham