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Course title (and course title in English)	Master Thesis Design Master Thesis Design		Instructor's name, job title, and department of affiliation	Graduate School of Economics Professor,KUROSAWA TAKAFUMI Graduate School of Economics Professor,TANAKA AKIRA Graduate School of Economics Professor,HISANO SHUJI Graduate School of Economics Professor,YANO GO Graduate School of Economics Professor,WATANABE JUNKO Graduate School of Economics Associate Professor,WANG, Tao Graduate School of Economics Associate Professor,IVINGS , Steven Graduate School of Economics Program-Specific Senior Lecturer,Ma Teng Graduate School of Economics Program-Specific Assistant Professor,HATA SACHIKO	
Target year	2nd year students or above	Number of credits	2	Year/semesters	2023/Second semester
Days and periods	Mon.5	Class style	Seminar	Language of instruction	English
[Overview and purpose of the course]					
<p>In this course, students are instructed in the basic academic skills necessary for writing a master's thesis, such as research design, survey and analysis methods, and how to set research questions (how to formulate questions appropriate to the research purpose and methodology). For students in the GLOCAL program, this course is mandatory and it is not available for students from other programs. [*GLOCAL Students cannot complete "Master Thesis Research" without taking this class and earning credits].</p> <p>This course consists of individual research guidance for each student supervised by each faculty member, and classes and workshops conducted jointly by multiple faculty members. Students will receive guidance based on their individual research topics and plans, as well as learn more general research methods and know-how, and how to write papers.</p>					
[Course objectives]					
<p>The goal is for students to be able to apply the content of this class to their thesis writing in a practical way, so that they can independently conceive and prepare their master's thesis based on the content of the class, including basic skills and knowledge about research methods and thesis writing.</p>					
[Course schedule and contents]					
<p>1.Oct. 2 [Lecture #1] Introduction: What is a research plan? 2.Oct.16 [Lecture #2] Research design: methods and research questions 3.Oct.23 [GLOCAL Master thesis workshop #1]: Deciding tentative theme and tentative supervisor (Kyoto University faculty) 4.Oct.30/TBD [Individualized session #1] Individualized advice for the initial/tentative research plan 5.Nov.6 [Lecture #3] Approaches & Methods 1: Historical Approach 6.Nov.13 [Lecture #4] Approaches & Methods 2: Management & Organizational Studies 7.Nov.20 [Lecture #5] Approaches & Methods 3: Field Work & Interviewing 8.Nov.27 [GLOCAL Master thesis workshop #2a]: Presentations & discussion on the outcomes of the</p>					
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literature review

9.Dec.4 [GLOCAL Master thesis workshop #2b]: Presentations & discussion on the outcomes of the literature review

10.Dec.11/TBD [Individualized session #2] Personal guidance using a research grant application form.

11.Dec. 18 [Lecture #6] Approaches & Methods 4: Research integrity; avoiding plagiarism; writing tips

12.Dec. 25/TBD [Individualized session #3] Personal guidance to finalize research topic

13.Jan.15 [GLOCAL Master thesis workshop #3a] Presentations & discussion on the research plan; Finalization of academic advisor at KU

14.Jan.22 [GLOCAL Master thesis workshop #3b] Presentations & discussion on the research plan; Finalization of academic advisor at KU

15.TBD (Feb or Mar.) [GLOCAL Supervisor's session] Four-way meeting with faculty advisors as chosen by UB and UoG to take place online and following the workshop format.

*The exact contents of the above are subject to minor variation.

[Course requirements]

This course is only available to GLOCAL Program students.

[Evaluation methods and policy]

Grading will be based on the following two criteria: 1) acquisition of basic knowledge of research design, research methods, procedures necessary for writing papers, and rules on research fairness, and 2) ability to apply the knowledge to one's own research.

The evaluation will be based on the research theme, subject matter, and methods selected by the student, and the general standards and norms in the relevant field will be applied.

Method of grading

- 1) Assignment and performance in workshops (50%)
- 2) Proposal for master's thesis or first draft of master's thesis (50%)

[Textbooks]

1.Turabian, Kate L. A manual for writers of research papers, theses, and dissertations: Chicago style for students and researchers. University of Chicago Press, 2018.

2.Neville, Colin. The Complete Guide to Referencing and Avoiding Plagiarism, 2nd edition, Open University Press, 2016

[References, etc.]

(Reference books)

References books will be introduced in class. The following is a partial list.

1.Lipson, Charles, A Quick Guide to Citation Styles--MLA, APA, Chicago, the Sciences, Professions, and More. University of Chicago Press, 2018.

2.Booth, Wayne C., Gregory G. Colomb, Joseph M. Williams, Joseph Bizup and William T. FitzGerald, The Craft of Research, Fourth Edition, University of Chicago Press, 2016.

3.Creswell, John W. and J. David Creswell, Research Design: Qualitative, Quantitative, and Mixed Methods Approaches, Fifth Edition. SAGE Publications, 2017

4.Murray, Rowena, How to write a thesis, McGraw-Hill Education, 2017

5.Saunders, Mark N.K. and Philip Lewis, Doing Research in Business and Management: an essential guide to planning your project, 2nd Edition, Pearson Education, 2011

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[Study outside of class (preparation and review)]

Instructions will be given in class and in individual faculty advising sessions.

(Other information (office hours, etc.))

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