

Course Title	<b>ACCOUNTANCY DISSERTATION I &amp; II</b>				
Course Code	ACF-450 & ACF-451 / ACF-460 & ACF-461				
Course Type	Elective				
Level	Undergraduate				
Year / Semester	4 / Seven & 4 / Eight				
Teacher's Name	Various Lecturers				
ECTS	5	Lectures / week	3	Laboratories / week	
Course Purpose and Objectives	<p>Students will complete a Project in semesters 7 and 8.</p> <p>The Dissertation, which should be of approximately 8,000 - 10,000 words may take one or more of several forms. For example, it may involve the critical examination in an aspect of an organisation's operation with a view to recommending possible courses of action. It may also involve further investigation based on structured interviews. This is seen as a very important element of the programme providing an opportunity to students to bring together the skills and knowledge acquired throughout the programme and apply these to a substantial piece of work on a topic of their choice. The importance of the Project is reflected in the amount of time and the number of credits allocated to this purpose.</p> <p>The Dissertation is seen as the culmination of the development of independent skills. It requires the systematic study of a subject, involving data collection and analysis, hypotheses, conclusions, and submission of recommendations.</p> <p><b>Presentation</b></p> <p>Three copies are required to be presented, typed double-spaced on A4 paper, using one side of the paper only and leaving a one-inch margin on the left-hand side. One copy will be returned to the student after the Examiners' meeting.</p> <p>The second copy will be retained by the Department and the third will be placed in the Library.</p> <p>The report should include a title page, a one-page summary (<i>abstract</i>), and a contents list (chapter and section headings). The body of the report should exhibit a logical flow of ideas divided into sections such as: <i>Introduction, Specific Aims, Analysis of Problem, Method of Solution, Outline of Programmes, Results, Hypotheses, Discussion, Conclusions and Recommendations</i>. Tables and statistical charts may be placed in</p>				

	<p><i>Appendices</i>, along with references (Author, Title, Edition, Publisher, Year) and other supplementary material.</p> <p><b>Assessment</b></p> <p>The final project for each student will be marked independently by two members of the staff, one of whom will be the project's supervisor. The project will be finally assessed by a board based on its <i>critical content, originality, and competence of both execution and presentation</i>.</p>
<p>Learning Outcomes</p>	<p>Having successfully completed this module the student will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ justify the selection of a chosen topic;</li> <li>▪ identify, compare and evaluate appropriate research approaches and strategies;</li> <li>▪ identify, collect and analyse appropriate data, both primary and secondary;</li> <li>▪ critically evaluate the data collected in the context of existing studies;</li> <li>▪ conduct an extended investigation including generating primary data;</li> <li>▪ critically evaluate the chosen research strategy, highlighting reliability, validity and limitations and identify opportunities for further research;</li> <li>▪ integrate theoretical concepts developed throughout the undergraduate learning programme.</li> </ul>

