Continuing Thesis EEMS-7100-02
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Course Description
To accommodate required enrollment when the student needs an extension to complete a thesis.

Required Texts
None

Prerequisites
Graduate student pursuing the thesis option and student has already taken Thesis I and Thesis II

Student learning outcomes: As a result of participating in graduate research, students will be able to: 1) integrate approaches to learning; 2) apply problem solving skills; 3) understand multiple approaches to problem solving; 4) demonstrate research skills; 5) develop research problems on their own; 6) examine problems and formulate research questions; 7) take responsibility for their own learning; and 8) communicate the results for their research.

Course objectives met by students: To finalize the thesis document and final defense presentation. Students are expected to engage in 3 hours of research for every 1 SCH per week.

Course objectives met by instructor: Dr. Rahman will assist students in developing their research skills by providing on- and/or off-campus research opportunities for students.

Course Assessment: students fulfilling the research contact hour obligation will receive full credit for the course.

Attendance: Students are expected to engage in 3 hours of research for every 1 SCH per week and arrange a standard meeting time with Dr. Rahman once per week. Students are expected to attend all scheduled classes and may be dropped from the course for excessive absences. UTRGV’s attendance policy excuses students from attending class if they are participating in officially sponsored university activities, such as athletics; for observance of religious holy days; or for military service. Students should contact the instructor in advance of the excused absence and arrange to make up missed work or examinations.

Incomplete grade policy: An incomplete grade may be given when students have not completed the required course work within the allotted time of a regular semester if the student can demonstrate that the reason for the work being incomplete is justified. Incomplete grades are not issued for student’s convenience; they may be issued only in the case of compelling, non-academic circumstances beyond the student’s control that must be demonstrated.

Calendar of Activities
Mar. 4 (Mon.) Registration Begins
July 8 (Mon.)
Payment Due Last day to join a waitlist
July 10 (Wed.) Last day to withdraw (drop all classes) and receive a 100% refund
July 11 (Thurs.) Summer II classes begin Last day to withdraw (drop all classes) and receive an 80% refund
July 16 (Tues.) Census Day (last day to drop without it appearing on the transcript)
Aug. 7 (Wed.) Last day to drop (DR grade) a class or withdraw (grade of W)
Aug. 15 (Thurs.) Study Day. No classes.
Aug. 16 (Fri.) Final Exams; Official last day of the Summer II term
Aug. 19 (Mon.) Grades Due at 3 p.m.
Course Communication
This course will use the UTRGV blackboard site to post course information and to allow you day-to-day access to your grades. Use the “My UTRGV” button on the university’s home page, or go directly to: https://my.utrgv.edu/home.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:
Students with a documented disability (physical, psychological, learning, or other disability which affects academic performance) who would like to receive academic accommodations should contact Student Accessibility Services (SAS) as soon as possible to schedule an appointment to initiate services. Accommodations can be arranged through SAS at any time, but are not retroactive. Students who suffer a broken bone, severe injury or undergo surgery during the semester are eligible for temporary services. Brownsville Campus: Student Accessibility Services is located in Cortez Hall Room 129 and can be contacted by phone at (956) 882-7374 (Voice) or via email at ability@utrgv.edu. Edinburg Campus: Student Accessibility Services is located in 108 University Center and can be contacted by phone at (956) 665-7005 (Voice), (956) 665-3840 (Fax), or via email at ability@utrgv.edu.

MANDATORY COURSE EVALUATION PERIOD:
Students are required to complete an ONLINE evaluation of this course, accessed through your UTRGV account (http://my.utrgv.edu); you will be contacted through email with further instructions. Students who complete their evaluations will have priority access to their grades.

SCHOLASTIC INTEGRITY:
As members of a community dedicated to Honesty, Integrity and Respect, students are reminded that those who engage in scholastic dishonesty are subject to disciplinary penalties, including the possibility of failure in the course and expulsion from the University. Scholastic dishonesty includes but is not limited to: cheating, plagiarism (including self-plagiarism), and collusion; submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person; taking an examination for another person; any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student; or the attempt to commit such acts. Since scholastic dishonesty harms the individual, all students and the integrity of the University, policies on scholastic dishonesty will be strictly enforced (Board of Regents Rules and Regulations and UTRGV Academic Integrity Guidelines). All scholastic dishonesty incidents will be reported to the Dean of Students.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT, DISCRIMINATION, and VIOLENCE:
In accordance with UT System regulations, your instructor is a “Responsible Employee” for reporting purposes under Title IX regulations and so must report any instance, occurring during a student’s time in college, of sexual assault, stalking, dating violence, domestic violence, or sexual harassment about which she/he becomes aware during this course through writing, discussion, or personal disclosure. More information can be found at www.utrgv.edu/equity, including confidential resources available on campus. The faculty and staff of UTRGV actively strive to provide a learning, working, and living environment that promotes personal integrity, civility, and mutual respect that is free from sexual misconduct and discrimination.

COURSE DROPS:
According to UTRGV policy, students may drop any class without penalty earning a grade of DR until the official drop date. Following that date, students must be assigned a letter grade and can no longer drop the class. Students considering dropping the class should be aware of the “3-peat rule” and the “6-drop” rule so they can recognize how dropped classes may affect their academic success. The 6-drop rule refers to Texas law that dictates that undergraduate students may not drop more than six courses during their undergraduate career. Courses dropped at other Texas public higher education institutions will count toward the six-course drop limit. The 3-peat rule refers to additional fees charged to students who take the same class for the third time.
STUDENT SERVICES:

Students who demonstrate financial need have a variety of options when it comes to paying for college costs, such as scholarships, grants, loans and work-study. Students should visit the Students Services Center (U Central) for additional information. U Central is located in BMAIN 1.100 (Brownsville) or ESSBL 1.145 (Edinburg) or can be reached by email (ucentral@utrgv.edu) or telephone: (888) 882-4026. In addition to financial aid, U Central can assist students with registration and admissions.

Students seeking academic help in their studies can use university resources in addition to an instructor’s office hours. University Resources include the Learning Center, Writing Center, Advising Center and Career Center. The centers provide services such as tutoring, writing help, critical thinking, study skills, degree planning, and student employment. Locations are:

- Learning center: BSTUN 2.10 (Brownsville) or ELC 100 (Edinburg)
- Writing center: BLBR 3.206 (Brownsville) or ESTAT 3.119 (Edinburg)
- Advising center: BMAIN 1.400 (Brownsville) or ESWKH 101 (Edinburg)
- Career center: BCRTZ 129 (Brownsville) or ESSBL 2.101 (Edinburg)