**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 work40%

* 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