

PIA8126: AIS SEMINARS FOR RESEARCH STUDENTS

Effective Term

Semester A 2025/26

Part I Course Overview

Course Title

AIS Seminars for Research Students

Subject Code

PIA - Public and International Affairs

Course Number

8126

Academic Unit

Public and International Affairs (PIA)

College/School

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CH)

Course Duration

Two Semesters

Credit Units

0-1

Level

R8 - Research Degree

Medium of Instruction

English

Medium of Assessment

English

Part II Course Details

Abstract

The general aims of the seminars are to enhance the intellectual environment in the department and promote the dissemination and exchange of ideas. Research students are expected to benefit from exposure to new developments in different academic disciplines relevant to their candidature.

Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs)

CILOs		Weighting (if app.)	DEC-A1	DEC-A2	DEC-A3
1	Identify and analyze theoretical, philosophical and methodological issues in various academic fields		x	x	

2	Compare and contrast different ways of presenting and defending ideas and research findings			x	x
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A1: Attitude

Develop an attitude of discovery/innovation/creativity, as demonstrated by students possessing a strong sense of curiosity, asking questions actively, challenging assumptions or engaging in inquiry together with teachers.

A2: Ability

Develop the ability/skill needed to discover/innovate/create, as demonstrated by students possessing critical thinking skills to assess ideas, acquiring research skills, synthesizing knowledge across disciplines or applying academic knowledge to real-life problems.

A3: Accomplishments

Demonstrate accomplishment of discovery/innovation/creativity through producing /constructing creative works/new artefacts, effective solutions to real-life problems or new processes.

Learning and Teaching Activities (LTAs)

LTAs	Brief Description	CILO No.	Hours/week (if applicable)
1	Attending, participate in, and reflect on various research seminars	1, 2	

Assessment Tasks / Activities (ATs)

ATs		CILO No.	Weighting (%)	Remarks ("- " for nil entry)	Allow Use of GenAI?
1	Each student is required to attend at least 8 research seminars as well as all research postgraduate seminars for one academic year from the commencement date of a student' s PhD study	1, 2	100	Attendance and participation	No

Continuous Assessment (%)

100

Assessment Rubrics (AR)**Additional Information for AR**

Assessment will be on a Pass/Fail basis. Regardless of a student' s performance in his/her presentation(s), he/she will be awarded FAIL if he/she has attended less than 8 seminars as well as all research postgraduate seminars for one academic year from the commencement date of a student' s PhD study

Part III Other Information**Keyword Syllabus**

Social and political issues, international studies, Asian studies, development, intellectual inquiry, research findings, critical thinking, scholarly development

Reading List