

PIA8603: PIA STAFF-LED SEMINARS FOR RESEARCH STUDENTS

Effective Term

Semester A 2025/26

Part I Course Overview

Course Title

PIA Staff-led Seminars for Research Students

Subject Code

PIA - Public and International Affairs

Course Number

8603

Academic Unit

Public and International Affairs (PIA)

College/School

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CH)

Course Duration

Non-standard Duration

Other Course Duration

From the commencement date of a student's PhD/MPhil study until the date of thesis submission.

Credit Units

1

Level

R8 - Research Degree

Medium of Instruction

English

Medium of Assessment

English

Equivalent Courses

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Part II Course Details

Abstract

The general aims of the seminars are to enhance the research ambiance 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.

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

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	Research seminars	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	Attendance and participation	1, 2	100	Each student is expected to attend at least 8 research seminars each year	No

Continuous Assessment (%)

100

Assessment Rubrics (AR)**Part III Other Information****Reading List**