**BCN 6971: Research for Master's Thesis**

**Credits:** Variable

***Class Periods:*** Variable

***Instructor:***

TBA

***Course Description***

This course is designed to support students in the successful development and completion of their master’s thesis. It may be taken at different stages of the thesis process: (1) Students may enroll in this course during the proposal preparation phase, where the focus is on developing the foundational chapters of the thesis. This typically includes the introduction, literature review, research methodology, and, if applicable, some preliminary results. The aim during this phase is to prepare the first few chapters of the thesis and complete a satisfactory proposal defense in front of the student’s thesis committee. (2) Alternatively, students may take this course after successfully defending the proposal, using it to finalize their thesis. In this phase, the focus shifts to data collection, analysis, results, discussion, and the completion of the final chapters leading up to the public defense of the thesis. Please contact your thesis chair for further details about your thesis research expectations and requirements

***Course Objectives***

Variable

***Course Schedule***

Variable

***Attendance***

Meetings are to be scheduled with your advisor throughout the semester.

***Textbooks***

Variable

***Grading Policy***

Students demonstrating satisfactory progress on their thesis write-up and perform well in the proposal or final defense, will receive a grade of “S.” Those who make little or no progress on the thesis or do not pass the proposal or final defense will receive a grade of “U,” as determined by the supervising faculty member.

More information on UF grading policy may be found at: <http://gradcatalog.ufl.edu/content.php?catoid=10&navoid=2020#grades>
<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx>

***Student Evaluations:***

Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner is available at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/students/>. Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via <https://ufl.bluera.com/ufl/>. Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results/>.

***Students Requiring Accommodations***

Students with disabilities who experience learning barriers and would like to request academic accommodations should connect with the disability Resource Center by visiting <https://disability.ufl.edu/students/get-started/>. It is important for students to share their accommodation letter with their instructor and discuss their access needs, as early as possible in the semester.

***University Honesty Policy***

UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states, “We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: “On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment.” The Honor Code (https://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code/) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. Furthermore, you are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor or TAs in this class.

***Software Use***

All faculty, staff, and students of the University are required and expected to obey the laws and legal agreements governing software use. Failure to do so can lead to monetary damages and/or criminal penalties for the individual violator. Because such violations are also against University policies and rules, disciplinary action will be taken as appropriate. We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to uphold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity.

***Student Privacy***

There are federal laws protecting your privacy with regards to grades earned in courses and on individual assignments. For more information, please see: <http://registrar.ufl.edu/catalog0910/policies/regulationferpa.html>

***Campus Resources***

*Health and Wellness*

**U Matter, We Care:** If you or someone you know is in distress, please contact umatter@ufl.edu, 352-392-1575, or visit <https://umatter.ufl.edu/> to refer or report a concern and a team member will reach out to the student in distress.

**Counseling and Wellness Center:** Visit <https://counseling.ufl.edu/> or call 352-392-1575 for information on crisis services as well as non-crisis services.

**Student Health Care Center:** Call 352-392-1161 for 24/7 information to help you find the care you need, or visit <https://shcc.ufl.edu/>.

**University Police Department:** Visit <https://police.ufl.edu/> or call 352-392-1111 (or 9-1-1 for emergencies).

**UF Health Shands Emergency Room / Trauma Center:** For immediate medical care call 352-733-0111 or go to the emergency room at 1515 SW Archer Road, Gainesville, FL 32608; <https://ufhealth.org/emergency-room-trauma-center>

*Academic Resources*

**E-learning technical support:** Contact the UF Computing Help Desk at 352-392-4357 or via e-mail at helpdesk@ufl.edu.

**Career Connections Center:** Reitz Union Suite 1300, 352-392-1601. Career assistance and counseling services <https://career.ufl.edu/>.

**Library Support:** <https://cms.uflib.ufl.edu/> sk various ways to receive assistance with respect to using the libraries or finding resources.

**Teaching Center:** Broward Hall, 352-392-2010 or to make an appointment 352- 392-6420. General study skills and tutoring. <https://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/>

**Writing Studio:** 2215 Turlington Hall, 352-846-1138. Help brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers. <https://writing.ufl.edu/writing-studio/>

**Student Complaints On-Campus:** [https://sccr.dso.ufl.edu/policies/student-honor- codestudent-conduct-code/](https://sccr.dso.ufl.edu/policies/student-honor-%20codestudent-conduct-code/)

**On-Line Students Complaints:** <https://distance.ufl.edu/student-complaint-process/>