

## **Dissertation:**

Research in higher education is gaining importance in our country. Most of the educational institutions incorporate research in their curriculum. Similarly a dissertation of 200 marks has been incorporated in the curriculum for the IVth semester students. All M.Com students are required to choose the area based on the specialization (Finance, Taxation, and Marketing). All M.Com (IB) students are required to choose any area under commerce and management to fulfill the requirement under the Choice Based Credit System.

## **GUIDELINES**

1. Guide list is finalized by the department by 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June.
2. Students register with the department their area of interest for dissertation by 25<sup>th</sup> June 2016.
3. The department allots candidates to the guides based on their area of interest and the guides' specialization.
4. Orientation to guides with regard to dissertation guidelines.
5. The students register the final topic with the department by 22d July 2016.
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**Part 1:** Experiential training session jointly organized by the Research department and the PG department from 11<sup>h</sup> July to 15<sup>h</sup> July in the campus.

## **EXPERIENTIAL TRAINING PROGRAMME ON DISSERTATION WRITING**

<b>Day 1 – July 11<sup>th</sup> 2016</b>	
<b>Time</b>	<b>Session</b>
9.00 -11.00 am	Identifying Problem Area

11.00 – 11.15 am	Break
11.15 am – 1 pm	Identify and finalize the topic
1.00 – 2.00 pm	Break
2.00 – 4.00 pm	Topic for dissertation in consultation with guides
<b>Day 2 – 12<sup>th</sup> July 2016</b>	
9.00 -11.00 am	Review of Literature, including review for introduction
11.00 – 11.15 am	Break
11.15 am – 1 pm	Review of Literature, including review for introduction
1.00 – 2.00 pm	Break
2.00 – 4.00 pm	Survey of literature (from databases in and outside the campus)
<b>Day 3 – 13<sup>th</sup> July 2016</b>	
9.00 -11.00 am	Technical abbreviations related to literature review, Bibliography and References
11.00 – 11.15 am	Break
11.15 am – 1 pm	Identification of variables
1.00 – 2.00 pm	Break
2.00 – 4.00 pm	Survey of literature (from databases in and outside the campus)
<b>Day 4 – 14<sup>th</sup> July 2016</b>	
9.00 -11.00 am	<b>Group – I</b> Orientation towards sampling and designing questionnaire (Mgt/HR/Mktg)  Sampling (Data sources) (Finance/Taxation)  Data analysis tools (univariate, bi-variate and multivariate etc)  <b>Group II</b> – Work on their synopsis
11.00 – 11.15 am	
11.15 am – 1 pm	
1.00 – 2.00 pm	
2.00 – 4.00 pm	
<b>Day 5 – 15<sup>th</sup> July 2016</b>	
9.00 -11.00 am	<b>Group – II</b> Orientation towards sampling and designing

	<p>questionnaire (Mgt/HR/Mktg)</p> <p>Sampling (Data sources) (Finance/Taxation)</p> <p>Data analysis tools (univariate, bi-variate and multivariate etc)</p> <p><b>Group I</b> – Work on their synopsis</p>
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**Part 2:** Attend a review meeting in the last week of August where their final synopsis (format - Annexure A) is approved by a committee.

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8. After the review committee approves the draft dissertation, the student incorporates the changes suggested by the committee and submits the dissertation by last week of January to the department.

### **General Guidelines**

- No change of topic will be entertained once registered with the department
- Spend sufficient time for literature review before identifying research gap
- **Attendance requirements:** A student is expected to meet their guides a minimum of three times in a month, for which a diary should be maintained to record the progress and attendance requirements. Also during the dissertation hours of the time table the student is expected to report to the guide to mark his/her attendance and a minimum of 75% attendance is mandatory to be eligible to submit the synopsis to the department

As part of the curriculum, the second year PG students are expected to present a dissertation report during the fourth semester in relation to any topic related to their choice of specialization.