GRSC6040/6041 Advanced Thesis Writing (Humanities/Sciences)

Aim:
The course aims to enhance students’ competence in advanced writing and revising strategies which assist thesis-writing graduate students in the Humanities/Sciences.

Content:
1. Essence of thesis revision
2. The Writing-revising process
3. Revision strategies
4. Formal writing voice

Organisation:
An intensive 12-hour course.
A combination of lecture, PowerPoint presentation, group discussion, and in-class activities.

Class size:
30

Prerequisites:
Experience in successfully completing a research thesis of at least 10,000 words in English.

Enrolment:
Students can take this course or ‘GRSC6020/GRSC6021 Introduction to Thesis Writing’ to fulfil the thesis writing course requirement of the Graduate School. Students will be asked to provide documentary evidence of having fulfilled the above prerequisite.

Assessment:
To meet the assessment requirements, students will edit or expand their own writing (e.g., their research proposal or a piece of previous writing) and come up with a more advanced version, using the techniques covered in the course. [Word limit: 2000 words]

Learning Outcomes:
By the end of this course, students should be able to:
1. Apply “precision of expression” strategies to the writing and revising of their own written work;
2. Apply an “economy of language” approach to the writing and revising of their own written work;
3. Demonstrate conciseness, smoothness, and consistency of writing through an application of revision strategies;
4. Demonstrate stylistic clarity and detail-oriented skills with regards to academic thesis writing.