COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES
Conduct independent and original research under the direction of the supervising professor.

Pre-requisites – Admission to candidacy for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. Registration for at least two terms is required.

Semester credit hours – Credit to be arranged

By the end of this course, each student should be able to:
• Orally present and defend a dissertation project
• Write a dissertation
• Write manuscript(s) suitable for publication in peer-reviewed journals

COURSE ORGANIZATION
The main teaching modalities used in this course include:
1) Independent study
2) Faculty-student meetings
3) Public defense: Rehearsal and presentation

Materials – None

Computer Access – Any personal computer

Reading Assignments – As required by the supervising professor

ATTENDANCE
All students are required to meet with their research supervising committees at least once per semester, and provide specific meeting evaluation forms to Program Coordinator by the end of term. See Coordinator for details.

TEXTBOOKS
Required: None
Recommended: None
GRADING POLICIES AND EXAMINATION PROCEDURES
The grade (satisfactory/unsatisfactory) will be determined by the supervising professor in consultation with the student’s supervising committee.

REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS FOR DISABILITIES
In accordance with policy 4.2.3, Request for Accommodation Under the ADA and the ADA Amendments Act of 2008 (ADAAA), any student requesting accommodation must submit the appropriate request for accommodation under the American with Disabilities Act (ADA, form 100) to his/her appropriate Associate Dean of their School and a copy to the ADA Coordinator. Additional information may be obtained at http://uthscsa.edu/eeo/request.asp.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY AND PROFESSIONALISM
Any student who commits an act of academic dishonesty is subject to discipline as prescribed by the UT System Rules and Regulations of the Board of Regents. Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an exam for another person, signing attendance sheets for another student, and any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such an act. Additional information may be obtained at http://catalog.uthscsa.edu/generalinformation/generalacademicpolicies/academicdishonestypolicy/

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N/A

USE OF RECORDING DEVICES
N/A

ELECTRONIC DEVICES
N/A