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Mini-dissertation 895 (DVP 895)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
Module credits	90.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	MPhil (Development Practice) (Coursework)
Prerequisites	Any four of the following modules: DVP 800, DVP 801, DVP 802, DVP 803 and DVP 804
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Business Management
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

An internship and the documentation of a case study of development policy implementation will expose students to the practice of development policy implementation in Africa. Students will be assigned to an internship institution according to their field of specialisation. In addition to exposing students to the everyday realities of policy development and implementation the internship will provide students with the opportunity to document the implementation of a particular development policy. This will provide students with the opportunity to relate their foundational knowledge acquired in the theory track with the practice and complexity of policy implementation. Students will be equipped with the relevant theory and research skills to document and interpret a case study on policy implementation. Before embarking on the specialisation phase students will be required to reach a number of milestones, including a specified number of face-to-face meetings with supervisors, completion of a research methodology course, submission of a draft research design and literature review, submission of an updated research design and literature review and subsequent research proposal. In the specialisation phase of this track students will use their foundational knowledge and skills as basis to do fieldwork for the documentation of a particular case of development policy implementation. Students will be required to complete the case study in the months that follow their internship.

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