

<b>Course Unit Title:</b>	Master Thesis
<b>Course Unit Code:</b>	MSH690
<b>Type of Course Unit: (Compulsory/Optional)</b>	Compulsory
<b>Level of Course Unit: (first, second or third cycle)</b>	Master (2 <sup>nd</sup> Cycle)
<b>Year of Study:</b>	1
<b>Semester when the unit is delivered:</b>	3
<b>Number of ECTS credits allocated:</b>	30
<b>Name of lecturer(s):</b>	TBA
<b>Learning Outcomes of the course unit:</b>	
<p>Upon successful completion of this course students should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify specific substantive problems/issues tasks within organization/business sector placing them in a strategic context in their investigations</li> <li>• Formulate a related research question via a review of the activities and operations organization/ business sector and the environment within which it operates</li> <li>• Discuss different research methodologies and their limitations, and be able to explain when one might be more appropriate than other in the context of the chosen research project</li> <li>• Apply appropriate qualitative and quantitative research methods including action research as necessary to analyze organizational/safety sector strategic problems</li> <li>• Record, interpret and analyze qualitative and quantitative data relating to the research topic</li> <li>• Explain that the project findings have been logically derived and that conclusions, solutions/recommendations are fully supported by evidence</li> <li>• Derive strategic recommendations for changes in organizations or strategies and articulate these in a concise and coherent manner for implementation by management</li> </ul>	
<b>Mode of Delivery:</b>	Advising, Research Work and Research Analysis. Each student undertaking the thesis will be allocated a personal supervisor with expertise in the management field.
<b>Prerequisites and co-requisites:</b>	MSH622
<b>Recommended optional program components:</b>	None

**Course Contents:****Objective:**

The Master Thesis will be a research investigation into a safety related management issue utilizing primary and secondary investigation, techniques and data sources. The investigation will require the use of all the theoretical and practical skills acquired during the tuition of the students in this Master course. Problem definition, a thorough literature review, methodological decisions, data collection and analysis and finally conclusions and recommendations will be the milestones to be reached during the work. Students will work independently under the supervision of a relevant (research wise) member of staff. Innovation and creation of novel knowledge will be the aim of this study.

**Description:**

During the conduct of the Master's project, the following issues will have to be dealt with:

- independent application of theory to the relevant safety management field
- independent conduct of research/generation of a solution to a practical problem
- acquisition of more in-depth knowledge and application of it to the field of study
- demonstration of skills (including verbal and written communication skills) acquired in completing the Master's program curriculum
- finishing of the assignment within the time permitted

To this end, the student independently develops and implements a research-oriented and/or design oriented project. He completes the project within the time permitted; justifies the models, theories, methodology and techniques used, as well as the research/design process as a whole; analyses the work completed; and makes both an oral and written report of his work.

The thesis report will require students to produce a report of between 15,000 to 20,000 words excluding appendices.

**Required or Recommended Reading:**

John W. Creswell, Research Design: Qualitative, Quantitative, and Mixed Methods Approaches, Sage Publications, Inc; 3rd edition, 2008

Larry B. Christensen, R. Burke Johnson, Lisa A. Turner, Research Methods, Design, and Analysis, 11th Edition, Allyn and Bacon, 2010

**Planned learning activities and teaching methods:**

Class Instruction  
Consultation

0 Hours
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0 Hours
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**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Presentation  
Project

20%
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80%
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100%
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<b>Language of Instruction:</b>	English
<b>Work Placement(s):</b>	None
<b>Place of Teaching:</b>	Regular Classroom European University Cyprus, Nicosia