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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ACCOUNTING PROGRAM

PROPOSAL GUIDELINES OF THESIS WITH BUSINESS APPLICATION / APPLIED THESIS

This document contains general principles for students of the Master of Science (MSc) in Accounting Program of the Faculty of Business Administration (FBA) to prepare a thesis proposal for their thesis with business application / applied thesis.

To be eligible for thesis proposal submission, students from 2013 intake and before are required to achieve a cumulative GPA of 2.30 for the course work part of the program. For students from 2014 intake and onwards, the research course, Accounting Research Methods, must be completed before thesis proposal submission, and a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.70 after completion of course work and thesis oral defence is required for graduation.

Proposal Content

A thesis proposal is limited to 10 pages, excluding the cover page, tables and figures in the appendix. It should be typed in Times New Roman, 12-point font in 1.5 line spacing and printed on double sides of the paper. The reference / bibliography should follow journal formats.

Following is a suggested format for a thesis proposal.

I. Cover Page

The cover page should include the following elements:

Thesis title

Your full name

Name of institution

Degree sought

Name of supervisor

Name of co-supervisor (if any)

Date of submission

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II. Abstract (no more than 200 words)

The abstract should clearly identify the background information of the research problem, the subject under study and the relevant research methodology. Emphasis should be put on the practical implications of the research findings.

III. Problem Diagnosis

The introduction is to provide readers with the background information of the main research problem(s). The purpose is to explain why the problem(s) is worth researching and the relevance for the subject under study.

IV. Action Planning

In this section, you should provide descriptions about the overall research design and operational procedures for solving the research problem (s), including data collection and analytical methods. A preliminary review of relevant conceptual materials should also be included.

V. References

The reference section should list out all the references cited in the thesis proposal.

Proposal Submission

When the thesis proposal is ready for submission, students must complete and submit the “Thesis Topic and Proposal Form” along with thesis proposal to the Postgraduate Office of FBA. After obtaining decision and comments from the Faculty of Business Administration Graduate Studies Committee (FBAGSC) on the thesis proposal, students will be notified the result. ***Any subsequent changes (thesis topic, supervisor, etc.) may require the submission of a new proposal and are subject to approval of the FBAGSC.***