

MRGO6401 Project

Credit Units: 3

Class type: Supervised Written Assignment / Project

Objectives:

To enable the student to organize and apply his knowledge into a project

Description:

The project helps the student to organize and apply the knowledge he has learnt into an in-depth study or analysis of a clinical problem or a topic of significance. The student carries out a project under supervision of a tutor, and the result is compiled into an original written report of **3000-5000 words (excluding tables and references)**, and give a satisfactorily oral presentation in a class seminar.

The type of project ranges from 1) a randomized controlled trial study, 2) prospective case cohort study, 3) retrospective case cohort review, to 4) an in-depth guided case study and 5) systematic review / meta-analysis. Simple literature review does not meet our MSc standard and is NOT allowed.

Part time students should submit an outline of the project by **1 August 2025** for approval by the programme committee and arrangement of supervisor appointment. Full time students will undergo a special time line and the topic will be assigned/compromised.

Work distribution:

This 3 Credit-unit programme amounts to about 100 hours of work, which comprises of 84 hours of intensive independent work and 16 hours of tutorials and seminars (presentations). It is normally carried out over 6 months, approximately assigned 3 hours of work per week. In order to have good communication with supervisor(s), students should arrange at least 4 tutorials/meetings with the supervisor(s). Students should also attend at least 3 sessions of class seminars (presentations) including the session of their own presentation.

Implementation:

The student has to arrange with the supervisor assigned sufficient contact hours of tutorials for supervision, in form of direct meeting, or phone conference, or net meeting. If the project is co-supervised by more than 1 supervisor, student should ensure all the supervisor, co-supervisor, and/or site supervisor(s) know the project development well.

Supervisor(s)/co-supervisor(s) will be assigned to students according to the outline of project submitted in July/August. Students should meet their supervisor(s) to start develop the projects afterwards. A **topic plan presentation** will be held on **14, 16, 18, 21, 23 & 25 October 2025 (Tue, Thu & Sat)** which serves as a review and assessment of the topics and their format. Approval to carry out the project will be granted upon satisfactory topic presentation. Students have to attend at least 3 sessions in addition to their own.

Ethical approval is normally required for most research projects. Application should apply for ethical approval from CREC once the topic and format (protocol) is consolidated with the supervisor(s).

Refer from the experiences of the COVID-19 pandemic in previous years, students should take precaution of data collection is prohibited. Students MUST always review the progress and discuss with supervisors in advance for project revision in case of facing serious problems.

The deadline for the **first submission of report** is **30 April 2026 (Thu)** (via VeriGuide). This version will not be contributed into the final grade, but for supervisors' reviewing to determine if the student is ready for the oral presentation. **Presentation of project (VIVA Examination) is tentatively scheduled on 12, 14, 16, 19 & 21 May 2026 (Tue, Thu & Sat)**. Students have to attend at least 3 sessions of presentations in addition to their own.

After the presentation, students should revise the report according to the comments in the presentation. The revised final version of report MUST BE submitted through the VeriGuide system on/before **31 May 2026 (Sun)**. After the similarity is calculated, students have to submit the signed declaration form to declare its originality, and the completed report (with all the references and appendix) to the programme secretariats by email. Should the ethical approval is applied and approved, please declare the application number in the report.

Grading:

The result of the module is graded by the following principles:

Topic Presentation (20%) & VIVA Examination (40%)	
✓ Content (40%)	✓ Question Handling (40%)
✓ Presentation (20%)	
Thesis (40%)	
✓ References, Presentations, and Writing Skill (20%)	✓ Content (50%)
✓ Overall Performance of project development (30%)	

Timeline:

<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1 August 2025	Topic submission by email	Supervisor matching afterwards
14, 16, 18, 21, 23 & 25 October 2025	Topic Presentation	8 minutes + 5 minutes Q&A Contribute 20%
November 2025	Topic finalized	Ethical approval applied
30 April 2026	Initial Submission of Report via VeriGuide	P/U grade
12, 14, 16, 19 & 21 May 2026	VIVA Presentation	10 minutes + 5 minutes Q&A Contribute 40%
31 May 2026	Final Submission of Report via VeriGuide	Contribute 40%