

Best Practice: Introduction of Dissertation component in M.A. Programme

The decision to introduce Thesis component in M.A. was resolved in Academic and subject boards of the department on 14-12-2015. It was backed by a strong recommendation of the earlier meetings of Management Board. AS per this, each faculty member suggest a minimum of four focused topics on the Indian economy reflecting a post graduate level of rigour after the mid-semester of Semester II. Each topic must have at least two easily accessible references. The list of topics is displayed on the Notice Board before the end of lectures for Semester II. Students can choose a topic of their choice and the same shall be registered with the Department office at the beginning of Semester III. Students shall be allocated to faculty following a random allotment irrespective of the topic selected by the student. Students shall be guided by the same faculty. The dissertation will carry 8 credits and the break up credits will be as follows-3 credits for academic writing and presentation skills component, 4 credits for the dissertation and 1 credit for the viva-voce examination.

Students are required to meet and consult with the guide for at least 15 hours during the semester whilst reading for and writing the dissertation. These meetings will be recorded in an attendance sheet maintained by the guide. The student will have to make two presentations – first presentation during the middle of the 4th semester and one at the end of it. Both the presentations are compulsory. The student will not be graded on the basis of the first presentation. The objective of the first presentation is to enable the student to incorporate suggestions for the final presentation to be made towards the end of the fourth semester. The dates for both the presentations will be displayed at the beginning of the fourth semester. At the end of the second presentation, the student will have to submit a copy of the dissertation to the office. Each faculty member gives his/her mark and the average of marks shall be considered as the final mark obtained by the student.