Module Code: AD-4301
Module Title: Academic Exercise I
Programme: Bachelor of Arts
Type of Module: Major Option
Modular Credits: 4
Student Workload:
Contact Hours for timetabling: 8 – 10 hours per week
2 hours per week
Prerequisite: AD-2303 Applied Research Methods in Social Sciences
Anti-requisite: AV-4301 Academic Exercise I

Aims:
This module enables students to develop their own research ideas through a piece of guided independent research. This module is designed to run over two consecutive semesters to give students sufficient time to develop their ideas and produce an in-depth written report. Students will learn how to formulate a research proposal and plan their research agenda accordingly. It will then become incumbent upon the student to follow the agenda and submit a final research report of between 10,000 and 15,000 words at the end of the second semester.

As the work is, for the most part, carried out independently of any classroom activities, it is recommended that only strong students who are capable of producing excellent written work be allowed to take this module.

Module Content:
The topic may cover any issue relevant to the Geography and Development programme. In conjunction with an assigned supervisor, an initial research proposal is to be submitted for assessment. This consists of a research aim, as well as any objectives, a literature review, a methodology, including type(s) of analysis, and expected outcomes. This is to be followed by a progress report, to be submitted after the inter-semester holiday, and a presentation to be given at least one month before the final report submission date. The final report must be submitted two weeks before the end of the second semester.

Assessment:

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Textbook(s)/References: