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Case Study Project Module

The information provided below outlines the strategies and methods used in project work courses at the Technical University of Dresden.

Within the framework of their project work, students, may assist with EU project tasks, with guidance, assistance and supervision of TUD university staff.

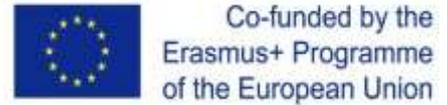


Description of Case Study Project Module

The Case Study Project Module is a “real” practical module which integrates development, creativity, communication and management skills.

In this module participants are given inputs and support on developing and managing a real project (either individually, in pairs or in a team) which is agreed between the tutor and student. Any and every idea can be considered (as per the ECTS example we are showing here). This can, for example, focus on an area in which the student is studying or a project or support initiative they are doing at university or even involve something like an application for funding or starting a business initiative.

This module is useful for participants as a “hands on” practical activity and can be used as an additional work experience aspect for participants’ CVs. The module has 3 ECTS points for those who intend to complete their BA or MA.



Methodology

A significant part of this module involves participants working independently (with tutor support and guidance as appropriate and needed) and at the end of the semester handing in their activity report on the project task they have finished.

Part 1 (Proposal)

After a brainstorming session the individual or group (normally 2-5 participants) agree a project case study activity as in our project example

Part 2 (Project Activity and Interim Project Discussion Meeting)

At the Interim Project Discussion Meeting in the middle of the semester students will submit a draft case study discuss their progress to date in the activity and either ask or receive feedback from the tutor. An action plan is agreed.

Part 3 (Report on activity done and Final Project Discussion Meeting)

The full case study project will be handed in (in hard copy form and as a Word/PPT etc document per attachment with the title of the case study project clearly displayed on the reference line in the email and in the attachment) for the Final Project Discussion Meeting on an agreed date (normally at end of semester).



Grading/Assessment

The length of the report is discussed with the tutor – it is normally a summary of the activity done in Part 2. The focus is on the quality rather than quantity!

The student is graded on; Preparation (Part 1, 10%), the actual “doing” of the project task plus Interim Meeting (Part 2, 70%) and Report & Final Meeting (Part 3, 20%)

Learning Outcome

On completion of this course participants will have learned to undertake work independently or semi-independently using a case study project activity and employing necessary communication, creativity and management aspects and finally producing a report or presentation on the completed activity.

Target Group

This module is open in both summer and winter semesters to all faculties’ students with proven C1 CEFR English level language requirement.

Materials

The materials used are normally the product of student research.

However regarding writing reports we strongly recommend:

<https://www.easybib.com/guides/citation-guides/mla-format/>

For presenting:

Death-by-powerpoint.pdf

Award: (3 ECTS)

Lesson Plan (suggested over one semester period)

Lesson 1 – Concept

Lesson 2 & 3 – Brainstorming with submission of written proposal (Part 1). Alternatively students pitch their proposal to others in group.

Lessons 4 to 7 – Students work in respective teams. Trainer available for consulting & support.

Lessons 8 & 9 - Interim Project Discussion Meeting where students present progress. Changes if necessary are made.

Lessons 10 to 12. Ongoing Project Work. Trainer available for consulting & support.

Lessons 13 & 14 - Part 3 involving Report on activity done and Final Project Discussion Meeting as explained above. Grading communicated.



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