MGA 675 – Seminar I (5 ETS, 135h), spring 2017 (15 weeks)

MGA 681 – Seminar II (5 ECTS), Fall 2017

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Course objectives: The seminar I and II is intended to facilitate the student on focus on a specific interaction Design topic.

The general goal of these seminars is to broaden your scope on a particular topic. Leading eventually in the future to be more aware of potential research ideas, challenges and interests.

Course content: During this seminar we will provide students a set of optional working topics (4 in total). Each topic is equivalent to a working load of 5 ETS, (135h). It is up to the student to choose one or two work packages to work during this semester.

Case 1: If students successful fulfil one work package - This means they will successfully fulfil seminar I requirements. And need to attend Seminar II in the Fall semester of 2017.

Case 2: If students successful fulfil Two work package - This means they will successfully fulfil seminar I and II requirements. No need to attend Seminar II in the Fall semester of 2017.

Learning Outcomes: After successfully completing the course students:

- Acquired an understanding of the purpose and rationale of research challenge activity;
- Acquired the understanding of the process they will go through to achieved it; and
- Acquired the understanding of the results they can expect to obtain in end.

Workload:

With the exception of Work package 1

To successfully complete this course students are required to engage in the following individual work activities:

- (1) Take part in individual reading assignments and elaborate a literature review (scoping study);
- (2) Participate in the synchronous mentoring sessions; and
- (3) Fulfill practical assignments.
- (4) Report and present on initial research interest, topics and exploration results.

Assessment criteria

You will be assessed as Exam. The threshold for passing the course is 51%.

To pass you are required to...

- Maintain and regularly update of your research challenge activities;
- To provide a comprehensive literature review supporting their selected working package activities.
- Report and present on initial research interest, topics and exploration results.

Synchronous activities:

The course's activities are planned over 8 sessions (14 days apart).

The synchronous sessions are planned to happen in session 8. On the last session of the course. When students will need to present and defend their overall reflection assignment. Or upon request (either by the student or the teachers) we can have another synchronous meeting.

The pedagogical script for this course: more description are available in the working packages.

- Work package 1
- Work package 2
- Work package 3
- Work package 4