

**FEEDBACK OF DR ROBERT DAVIS AND PGISP9.400 INDEPENDENT SCHOLARLY PROJECT FROM FRIDAY, 13 MARCH 2020, 10:28 AM**

**FEEDBACK PROVIDED THROUGH EITONLINE POSTINGS IN REQUEST FOR FEEDBACK.**

**1. Feedback of ISP study. 2018004571-Jianwei Zhao-term 1/4**

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Robert Davis

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In this ISP course, I would like to thank my tutor Robert Davis first. ISP course is not easy compared with the course I studied in EIT before. At first, my classmates and I were very nervous and under big pressure. However, Robert's relaxed and humorous teaching style makes students less nervous. In the process of teaching, tutor Robert explained the main points of the course clearly. He was very patient and kept giving examples so that we could understand the key contents of the course more clearly. He taught us to finish our study step by step. Let's understand the course more and more clearly. This allows us to build confidence in the process of completing each step. I feel that Robert's teaching is systematic and planned. This also made my classmates and I greatly improve the learning efficiency and have a clear understanding of the whole course. At the same time, tutor Robert is very strict with the time, and our progress is always ahead of schedule. This also allows us to have sufficient time to modify and check the errors in the later stage, making the paper more perfect. In a word, thank you very much for Robert's teaching. I have benefited a lot from your class.

**2. Re: Feedback of Dr Robert Davis and PGISP9.400 Independent Scholarly Project**

by Yuwei Zhang - Monday, 16 March 2020, 7:18 AM

Dear Robert,

Have a nice day.

First of all, I am very happy to learn the ISP under your guidance. After one semester of study, I have some experience and feedback, I hope to help your teaching research. The learning feedback about ISP is as follows :

1. The topic selection is very important, because the topic is the beginning of determining the research direction, especially for the collection and reading of a large number of documents. If the topic is not determined in the correct direction, everything will be futile.
2. The structure of the ISP is very important. You have let us read a lot of research literature before so that we have a clear structure consciousness, which will help the establishment of the ISP's subsequent framework.
3. Weekly progress report, I think it is an important part to help ISP. Because the weekly progress report helps us to have a sense of time and find problems in writing so that we can find problems and solve problems in class on time. More conducive to the concept of different chapters of the ISP.
4. The construction of all ISP assumptions is the core of the entire ISP. It must be clear, achievable, and positive. In this way, we can correctly collect useful information from a large amount of literature to construct a questionnaire.

Finally, thank you very much for your professional guidance, which has given me the right direction. Thank you very much for your patience, carefulness, and sense of responsibility, which made me warm on the road of high-pressure ISP writing.

Kind regards,

Yuwei Zhang

### **3. Re: Feedback of Dr Robert Davis and PGISP9.400 Independent Scholarly Project**

by Ru Wang - Monday, 16 March 2020, 10:18 PM

Feedback:

Thinking back the last few months of the MAM study journey, presently at the end of ISP stage, I should say thanks to my supervisor Dr Robert, a professional mentor, a careful and responsible guide, a caring assistant and an inspiring leader.

There are five stages of completing the ISP report: establishing a topic, reviewing literature, starting outline, writing and proofing. At the beginning of the course, Dr Robert helped every student with a research topic according to our research proposal reports. Then a magic form which includes full Reference, research question, conceptual model, core construct, hypothesis, methodology, key findings, research limitation, managerial implications is present to us when we began the first three literature review articles. I still remember the all kinds of mistakes we made when we first filled the form but on the following week, we did a perfect ten-article review. This lays a solid foundation for our writing process.

We follow his guiding plan step by step every week and Dr Robert gave us comments and feedback to assist us at a right direction until the end of the first term. During the long holiday because of the new Corona virus, we got in touch with him to update our situation and report our problems. He posted some A grade report examples for us to read.

At last, I like his teaching styles: precise, simple, direct and professional.

#### **4. Re: Feedback of Dr Robert Davis and PGISP9.400 Independent Scholarly Project**

by Jian Liu - Wednesday, 18 March 2020, 5:24 PM

Dear Robert,

First of all, I am very happy to learn the ISP course under your guidance. The feedback and experience about this course are as follows:

1. First of all, the most important thing is to choose the topic, it is best to combine personal preferences and related work background. Only then will there be enough motivation to better complete the paper.
2. Secondly, before start writing, do the structure of the essay first, and then fill in the details step by step. This will help us to avoid digression in the writing process.
3. After selecting the topic and completing the framework, read a lot of relevant literature to gain more theoretical foundations to help better writing.
4. Make a schedule and try to keep a certain amount of time to complete the task. Don't do too much at one time, otherwise, it is easy to cause low quality.

Finally, thank you very much for your guidance during the writing process and some useful suggestions for our life in New Zealand.

Regards

Jian Liu

#### **5. Re: Feedback of Dr Robert Davis and PGISP9.400 Independent Scholarly Project**

by Anshan Yu - Wednesday, 18 March 2020, 9:38 PM

I am very glad to take my level 9 degree in your class because your teaching methods and teaching ideas are very suitable for me. The most important thing that the writing organization structure you show in each class is very clear, allowing me to quickly grasp key points on every step to finish my writing quickly.

The steps you guided us are very meaningful. From choosing topics, searching for literature, to guiding our intensive reading of the literature, we can quickly reflect on whether our topic and writing direction is correct. At the same time, your comments on the topics we selected are instructive.

There is some advice from me. I think the most important thing is time control. If time is allocated and completed well, everyone's paper quality will be very high, and personal pressure will not be great. This should be controlled by each student.

Finally, thank you for your sharing of academic and experience. In terms of career, sharing in New Zealand life is also very beneficial to me.

## **6. Re: Feedback of Dr Robert Davis and PGISP9.400 Independent Scholarly Project**

by Jiannan Qin - Thursday, 19 March 2020, 2:46 PM

- Clear overall report structure.

The overall report structure is shared at the beginning of the course, which helps us understand the key parts we should develop in the whole project. Then we can develop the overall project plan schedule accordingly.

- Example provision.

Few report examples from the previous students are provided from EIT online. They are more useful than textbook contents. When we do not know how to develop the content, the examples are a good resource for our references and guidance.

- Follow up closely.

ISP is a comprehensive and tough work for me. And for term 4-1 students, it seems that there is lots of time to develop the project. So as usual, we are easy to believe that there is much time ahead, waiting again and again. Robert is pushing us from the beginning and submitting contents by deadline setting weekly. It stresses us to move forward, but not wait until the last minute.

- Detail attention

Robert helped me to pay more attention to the details, for example, the file naming, the email title, the report format. These are just the areas neglected by people easily not only in the study but also in the career. And they are experienced exactly in my job. All these habits will enhance the study and working effectiveness, especially in communication.

## **7. Re: Feedback of Dr Robert Davis and PGISP9.400 Independent Scholarly Project**

by Bailing Zhang - Thursday, 19 March 2020, 10:23 PM

I am very glad that Dr. Robert is my mentor to my ISP. Looking back at the entire Level 9 learning process, the ISP course gave me a deeper understanding of the subject research report. And he taught us a lot of learning methods. As the saying goes, it would be better to teach someone to fish than to give him a fish.

The only thing that I was feeling a little bit struggled with is the topic choosing. Because in my opinion, the topic choice is the most important factor that influences the quality of the report, therefore, he can make a little bit longer time for students can give more guidance on choosing an appropriate topic.

After that Dr. Robert showed us his own thesis and other Grade A report for us as a great guideline which is very helpful. And as outline and structure, he was provided, everything goes very orderly. Furthermore, he told us to complete the assignment as early as possible with his experience, we will have more time to complete our reports and amendments to get an ideal result.

What is more, Dr. Robert always responded to the email and answered questions in time, giving us a lot of confidence. Although there is a long vacation between the two semesters, he still reminded and asked us about the progress of the report.

In the end, I really like the way of education of Dr. Robert. It is simple and clear. Everything is done in a planned way, well-organized and very patient and professional. Thank you very much for your help, especially during the special period of coronavirus.

#### **8. Re: Feedback of Dr Robert Davis and PGISP9.400 Independent Scholarly Project**

by Shanshan Zhang - Thursday, 19 March 2020, 11:10 PM

There are some tips I get from Dr. Robert on my ISP work study.

- Choose an appropriate topic

At the beginning of ISP, Dr. Robert guides us on how to choose an appropriate topic. It is crucial for the whole complicate task. The success of the thesis depends on the topic to the most extent.

- Follow the standard structure

I totally have no idea on the whole ISP work. Dr. Robert gives the standard structure that guides me start the huge and tough task. It directs me how to search literature and make further research in the next stage step by step.

- Refer to examples of other students and tutor

Although we are provided standard structure on the first stage, it is also quite difficult on how to apply the theory and literature into practice on the operational stage. It is lucky for us some examples of other students and professor are provide that give me much inspiration and idea on my own ISP work.

- Time management

When we start the ISP work, it is usually to be thought there are still like four months to complete this task. It is pretty much tending to waste time during the first month. Also, the Christmas holiday would let us neglect the task temperately. However, it is quite disadvantage for us if we have a thought of long time left at the very beginning. I learn how to make a practical schedule on my ISP and implement it firmly, even if sometimes I am not so firm. But I will implement it firmly until the ISP work is completed.

- Pressure management

We are facing so much pressure not only from academic work but also from society influences. For me, I am also in the position on how to complete my ISP work as well as my family and my part-time work. Hopefully, Dr. Robert tell us when to release our pressure and how to find an appropriate way to relieve the pressure from ISP work and other job. It benefits me quite a lot in the long term.

- Improve my paper

ISP is a complicated and system task that needs refining repeatedly from time to time. Dr. Robert also pays attention to the format of the whole ISP work. This is my weakness in my previous academic task as I did not focus on it. Due to Dr. Robert's suggestion, I would also pay attention to the format of paper as well as the content of ISP in the end.

It is my honor to have Dr. Robert tutor my ISP work. I appreciate him so much. He gives us pretty much practical academic guidance on the ISP writing. Besides, he proposes positive schedule and map on academic research that would benefit me in my further study and work life all along.

#### **9. Re: Feedback of Dr Robert Davis and PGISP9.400 Independent Scholarly Project**

by Min Chen - Thursday, 19 March 2020, 11:53 PM

Here is my feedback on PGISP9.400 ISP in terms of the teaching and learning process:

- Clear instruction and guideline

The requirement and framework of the whole ISP are clearly provided and explained during the courses and with templates provided. Besides, A-grade sample ISP thesis are provided for reference, so we know that what direction we need to strike for.

- Close monitor

The whole ISP is managed and closely monitored by Dr Robert Davis, so it is clear for us what is expected within a specific timeframe. We will be given clear instruction for what we need to do and how to do it within 1 or 2 weeks.

- The effective and efficient method taught

I have learned a quite effective method to elaborate the points into a paper from Dr Robert Davis, that is first to construct a table (table of definition, table of important literature etc.) or a model and then develop my arguments based on the table or model. That will be a life-long useful method for me on writing such as a business proposal.

- Detail Oriented

Detailed oriented skill will be a transferable skill for my career. Dr Robert Davis is skilful and patient in teaching us how to format the thesis, name the file properly to keep it easy for tracking and easy for communication.

- Positive learning

The most impressive learning from Dr Robert Davis is that he guides us to always focus on what we can control and what is the most important and try to get things done ahead of time. That is an important lesson for us especially in the times full of uncertainty.

I very much enjoy the learning from Dr Robert Davis and am honored to be tutored with his professionalism, patience and dedication.

## **10. Re: Feedback of Dr Robert Davis and PGISP9.400 Independent Scholarly Project**

by Xia Li - Friday, 20 March 2020, 3:39 AM

Hi Robert,

Here is my feedback on PGISP9.400 ISP in terms of what I have learned from ISP class

1) I think it's good for us that we should focus on what he said in class, and take notes, and pay less attention to the electronic products around us. The cultivation of concentration will make us more efficient in our future work.

2) Printing out each homework gave us a good chance to communicate and learn from each other. It taught me how important it is to communicate effectively.

3) The emphasis on file format and text format taught me the importance of detail in the future job.

4) Timely supervision let me know how close I am to achieve each part of the ISP and offering me the best next steps to take in order to achieve the final ISP. All of these made me realize the importance of time and stress management.

5) Detailed guideline of ISP and examples let me understand how to write the ISP.

Regards

Xia Li

## **11. Cherie Freeman**

Reply all |

Wed 18/03, 16:03

Robert Davis;

Glen Shadbolt;

+2 more

Thank you so much Robert for your quick and positive response. Their position is due to your hard work and support. Thanks so much for this. Jonathan and I will get a letter off to NZQA requesting that these students be able to complete their studies off shore. I'm confident that this will get approved however we must wait for the official go ahead. In the meantime... business as usual everyone.

Cheers

Cherie

