

<b>Subject Code</b>	AF6403/LGT6403/MM6033																										
<b>Subject Title</b>	Independent Studies in FinTech																										
<b>Credit Value</b>	3																										
<b>Level</b>	6																										
<b>Normal Duration</b>	1-semester																										
<b>Pre-requisite/ Co-requisite/ Exclusion</b>	Independent Studies in FinTech (AF6403/LGT6403/MM6033)																										
<b>Objectives</b>	This subject contributes to the achievement of the program outcome by giving students flexibility to pick a fintech-related area not covered in the existing curriculum and study under the supervision of a staff advisor (Outcome 2).																										
<b>Intended Learning Outcomes</b>	<p>Upon completion of the subject, students will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>conduct a comprehensive literature review and develop an in-depth understanding of the theories and concepts associated with the chosen study area;</li> <li>propose a research plan for how to fill the gap between the identified issues and the results from the literature review that could be considered as the potential research directions for the chosen topic.</li> </ol>																										
<b>Subject Synopsis/ Indicative Syllabus</b>	<p>The study area will be jointly decided by the student and the staff advisor. The work will require the student to be directly involved with a particular aspect of research, such as an in-depth literature review, collection and analysis of data, etc.</p> <p>Before commencing this independent study, the student must prepare a brief outline of the proposed study and obtain permission from the Programme Director.</p> <p>The individual paper should normally be around 3,000 – 5,000 words.</p>																										
<b>Teaching/Learning Methodology</b>	The student who chooses to do an independent study will work directly with a faculty member who agrees to act as an advisor. The staff member will be an expert in the agreed area of study and will provide the student with individualized instruction. In conjunction with the staff member, the student is expected to produce one piece of work that is rigorous and of high quality.																										
<b>Assessment Methods in Alignment with Intended Learning Outcomes</b>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2">Specific assessment methods/tasks</th> <th rowspan="2">% weighting</th> <th colspan="3">Intended subject learning outcomes to be assessed (Please tick as appropriate)</th> </tr> <tr> <th>a.</th> <th>b.</th> <th></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><b>Continuous Assessment*</b></td> <td><b>100%</b></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1. Individual paper #</td> <td>100%</td> <td>✓</td> <td>✓</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total</b></td> <td><b>100 %</b></td> <td colspan="3"></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><i>*Weighting of assessment methods/tasks in continuous assessment may be different, subject to each subject lecturer.</i></p> <p><i># Depending on the project, students will be allowed to extend this subject to 2 semesters, regardless of whether it is a regular or summer semester.</i></p> <p>To pass this subject, students are required to obtain Grade D or above in the overall subject grade.</p>				Specific assessment methods/tasks	% weighting	Intended subject learning outcomes to be assessed (Please tick as appropriate)			a.	b.		<b>Continuous Assessment*</b>	<b>100%</b>				1. Individual paper #	100%	✓	✓		<b>Total</b>	<b>100 %</b>			
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	<p><b>Explanation of the appropriateness of the assessment methods in assessing the intended learning outcomes:</b></p> <p>After the student has identified a topic, he/she is guided by the advisor to read related materials, articles and journal papers in order to understand the topic area. As such, the best way to assess the participant is to ask him/her to write a summary report on the topic so that the advisor can judge how well the participant understands the topic.</p>	
<p><b>Student Study Effort Expected</b></p>	Class contact:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Guided study</li> </ul>	30 Hrs.
	Other student study effort:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Preparation for guided study</li> </ul>	30 Hrs.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Preparation for project and research</li> </ul>	60 Hrs.
	Total student study effort	120 Hrs.
<p><b>Reading List and References</b></p>	<p>This will vary according to the topic. Normally, the student will be required to do an extensive review of the literature associated with the topic studied.</p>	

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