



FACULTY OF
COMMUNICATION &
MASS MEDIA

MSc in Digital Media

Postgraduate Research Seminars

The FCMM Postgraduate Office is organising a series of **Postgraduate Research Seminars** for MSc Digital Media thesis students, to be held over AY2024-25 and beyond.

In each seminar, eligible students will present a report on the proposal, the progress or the main findings of their thesis research. The format of the session will be approximately **15 minutes of student presentation** followed by approximately **ten minutes of Q&A** with the attendees.

Seminars will normally take place on **Wednesdays 4:30-6:30pm** and all staff and PG students are invited to attend. (Seminars may be scheduled for other days in exceptional circumstances.)

The seminars are designed to help students gain a wide variety of constructive feedback on their work, and additionally to foster a more collegiate and community-based approach to the postgraduate research experience.

There will be **three different kinds** of research seminar. Once the programme has been fully rolled out, each student shall undertake one of each during their thesis journey.

Thesis Registration Seminar

This seminar is designed as the **final stage in the thesis registration process**. Having developed a written thesis proposal in the Thesis Proposal Designing and Writing module, students will then be matched with a supervisor who will help them develop a short presentation outlining the key features of on their proposal.

These seminars will take place early in each seminar (approximately Week 2 or 3). Following the successful completion of this seminar, students will be free to commence the main part of their thesis research, drawing upon the feedback that they have received.

Follow-Up Research Seminar

This seminar is designed for students who are **midway through writing their thesis** to check in on their developing research and ideas. It is intended that this seminar will give students feedback to help them to hone and focus their ideas as they approach the final stages. These seminars will take place midway through each semester (approximately Week 6 or 7).

Work Completion Seminar

This seminar is for those **students who are at the end of the thesis writing process** and is designed for them to summarise their final research findings. It essentially a practice run for the Thesis Defence Committee, which will follow within the next 2-8 weeks.

These seminars will take place later in each semester (approximately Week 10). Each semester, thesis supervisors will be invited to nominate students who they feel are approaching the completion stage and are therefore eligible to undertake the Work Completion Seminar.

Unlike the other two seminars discussed above, the Work Completion Seminar is a requirement of the Faculty By-Law and is hence more formal in approach with more clearly defined specifications.

It **must** be attended by **the supervisor(s) and two staff members** who will provide more formal feedback for manageable final adjustments using the Work Completion Seminar Examiner Report form. If significant revisions are required, the Thesis Defence Committee may be deferred until the following semester.

This seminar is also open to all staff and registered PG students, as well as students and stakeholders from other disciplines.