Description

Research Methodology chapter:

I need a Methodology and Methods to cover the following:

· Research philosophy (epistemology and ontology) for ontology have more info on (Pragmatism) and link it to mixed methods.

· Research approach

· Method(s) of data collection: sampling, respondents, instruments (I will be using questionnaires for the students and interviews for higher education management officials and policy makers.

· Method(s) of data analysis

· Ethics

· Limitations of design and trade-offs involved in methods chosen

· Use methodological literature throughout

Research Questions
• RQ1: What is the nature and drivers of the current policy framework to facilitate the successful participation of less privileged students in South African universities? To what extent is this
policy being achieved?
• RQ2: What are the factors leading to unfavorable progression and completion rates in universities?
• RQ3: What is the nature of the interrelationships between these factors, both in conceptual and practical terms?
• RQ4: What strategies and related instruments are appropriate for the improvement of the current situation at the levels of student; academic  units; university and national policy and quality programs?

Research Objectives

The objectives are directed towards the achievement of the goal of the study and are as follows:

• To identify factors associated with failures and dropouts among students in Higher Education in South Africa.
• To determine the reasons behind high dropout rates in Higher Education in South Africa
• To recommend solutions to improve the success rates and minimize dropouts in Higher Education in South Africa.