



The University of Southern Queensland

Course Specification

Description: Special Study in History

| Subject | Cat-Nbr | Class | Term | Mode | Units | Campus |
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| HIS | 3000 | 15045 | 2, 2002 | EXT | 1.00 | TWMBA |

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| Academic Group: | FOART |
| Academic Org: | FOA003 |
| HECS Band: | 1 |
| ASCED Code: | 090305 |

STAFFING

Examiner: Maurice French

Moderator: Peter Wicks

PRE-REQUISITES

Pre-requisite: 4 units of History

SYNOPSIS

This course will enable students to enhance and diversify their historical studies by undertaking a specialised study in an area of interest to the student, subject to the agreement of an appropriate supervisor. Students will be required to submit a research essay of 6000-7000 words which demonstrates advanced skills in research, analysis, synthesis, writing, bibliography and documentation using both primary and secondary sources. Students taking this course in external mode should contact Professor Maurice French before the start of the semester.

OBJECTIVES

On successful completion of this course, students will demonstrate:

- a knowledge of the major events, themes, and historiography of their chosen area of study;
- an ability to comprehend specialist literature, analyse problems, and present rational arguments in oral and written forms.
- an awareness of historical research methodology
- a mastery of bibliographic and documentation techniques in the History discipline

TOPICS

| Description | Weighting (%) |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. Identifying a Research Topic | 20.00 |
| 2. Framing a Hypothesis | 20.00 |
| 3. Bibliographic Research | 20.00 |
| 4. Documentation | 20.00 |
| 5. Writing Papers | 20.00 |

REFERENCE MATERIALS

Reference materials are materials that, if accessed by students, may improve their knowledge and understanding of the material in the course and enrich their learning experience.

AGPS Style Manual for Authors, Editors and Printers, 4th edition, AGPS, Canberra.

Barzun, J. & Graff, H.F. 2002, *The Modern Researcher*, 6th edition, Harcourt, Brace, Jovanovich, San Diego.

Shafer, R.J. 1980, *A Guide to Historical Method*, 3rd edition, Dorsey Press, Chicago.

STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

| ACTIVITY | HOURS |
|---------------|-------|
| Lectures | 4 |
| Private Study | 161 |

ASSESSMENT DETAILS

| Description | Marks Out of | Wtg(%) | Required | Due Date |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------|----------|-------------|
| RESEARCH PROPOSAL | 5.00 | 5.00 | Y | 09 Aug 2002 |
| ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHIC FILE | 100.00 | 5.00 | Y | 23 Aug 2002 |
| BIBLIOGRAPHIC ESSAY | 100.00 | 15.00 | Y | 09 Sep 2002 |
| ESSAY PLAN (ONE PAGE) | 100.00 | 0.00 | Y | 09 Sep 2002 |
| FIRST DRAFT (6-7000 WORDS) | 100.00 | 35.00 | Y | 11 Oct 2002 |
| FINAL DRAFT (6-7000 WORDS) | 100.00 | 35.00 | Y | 08 Nov 2002 |
| ABSTRACT (500 WORDS) | 100.00 | 5.00 | Y | 08 Nov 2002 |

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- 1 All assessment items must be submitted.

- 2 Penalties for late submission of assignment: 1 Any assignments which are beyond the five working day limit will not be eligible for a grade, but must be of an acceptable standard. The assignments must be submitted by the examination date, or where there is no end-of-semester examination, by the end of the semester assessment period. 2 Assignments submitted after the due date, and without prior approval of an extension from the examiner, will be penalised at the rate of 10% per working day up to 5 days, after which a grade of zero will be awarded.
 - 3 Students must consult with an allocated supervisor on a regular basis during semester.
 - 4 Final grade is based on cumulative total of all assessment items and in accordance with Faculty guidelines. Grades will be: HD = 90%; A = 80-89%; B = 65-79%; C = 50-64%.
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