



The University of Southern Queensland

Course Specification

Description: Special Study in History

Subject	Cat-Nbr	Class	Term	Mode	Units	Campus
HIS	3000	15046	2, 2002	ONC	1.00	TWMBA

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

TEXT and MATERIALS required to be PURCHASED or ACCESSED:

Books can be ordered by fax or telephone. For costs and further details use the 'Book Search' facility at <http://bookshop.usq.edu.au> by entering the author or title of the text.

Usq Study Package HIS3000 Special Study in History

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.

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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	100.00	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 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%.
 - 5 Classes will be held only in Weeks 1-3 - thereafter there is individual supervision with an allocated staff member.
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