



The University of Southern Queensland

Course Specification

Description: Special Study in Science

Subject	Cat-Nbr	Class	Term	Mode	Units	Campus
SCI	4403	20353	1, 2003	ONC	1.00	TWMBBA

Academic Group:	FOSCI
Academic Org:	FOS002
HECS Band:	2
ASCED Code:	019999

STAFFING

Examiner: Michael Kotiw
Moderator: Grant Daggard

RATIONALE

This course will allow the student to choose a topic from within any science subdiscipline he/she has studied as an undergraduate, and obtain advanced knowledge by private study. The topic chosen should complement the specific research project the student is simultaneously undertaking.

SYNOPSIS

The subject matter studied by students taking this course will vary, in order to complement the student's Honours or Graduate Diploma Project. The student will be expected to gain knowledge in a selected field by private study in appropriate libraries. Attendance at seminars both within and outside the University will also be expected.

OBJECTIVES

On successful completion of this course students will be able to:

- understand a major area of science at a level beyond that normally covered in undergraduate programs;
- complement with advanced background knowledge the Science Project (Honours: SCI4401 and SCI4402, Grad. Dip.: BIO5501 and BIO5502) which each student is undertaking.

TOPICS

Description	Weighting (%)
<p>1. No detailed teaching contents can be specified for this course. Students will be expected to read broadly and extensively within their chosen area of interest. Areas of study will be chosen in consultation with the Examiner and the Project Supervisor. Where appropriate, students will be permitted to study material from senior undergraduate courses, up to a value of one unit. Assessment for the course will also vary according to the nature of the study undertaken by each student. By the end of the third week of semester, the supervisor will provide the examiner, for approval by the Associate Dean:-</p> <p>1.1. an outline of the study</p> <p>1.2. the objectives of the study</p> <p>1.3. the format, timing and weighting of the assessment items for the study</p> <p>1.4. a statement about attendance requirements</p> <p>1.5. requirements of students to complete each assessment item satisfactorily</p> <p>1.6. penalties for late submission of required work</p> <p>1.7. requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course</p> <p>1.8. the method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade</p> <p>1.9. examination information</p> <p>1.10. examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held</p> <p>1.11. any other requirements deemed necessary by the examiner</p>	100.00

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.

Nil

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.

The supervisor may provide a few key references as a starting point for the student's literature search.

STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

ACTIVITY	HOURS
Private Study	160
Supervisor Consultation	10

ASSESSMENT DETAILS

Description	Marks Out of	Wtg(%)	Required	Due Date
APP'D ASSESSMENT PROGRAM	100.00	100.00	Y	04 Mar 2003 (see note)

NOTES:

- . Examiner to advise details for Approved Assessment program.

IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

- 1 Attendance requirements:
The special study in science area chosen will be assigned after consultation with the examiner and the appropriate Program Coordinator. Students may be directed to a certain science study, or they may be asked to nominate an appropriate study. It is the students' responsibility to attend and participate appropriately in all activities (such as lectures, tutorials, laboratories and practical work) scheduled for them, and to study all material provided to them or required to be accessed by them to maximise their chance of meeting the objectives of the course and to be informed of course-related activities and administration.
- 2 Requirements for students to complete each assessment item satisfactorily:
To be advised when the student's Special Study in Science is determined.
- 3 Penalties for late submission of required work:
To be advised when the student's Special Study in Science is determined.
- 4 Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:
To be advised when the student's Special Study in Science is determined.
- 5 Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:
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- 6 Examination information:
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- 7 Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:

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8 University Regulations:

Students should read USQ Regulations 5.1 Definitions, 5.6. Assessment, and 5.10 Academic Misconduct for further information and to avoid actions which might contravene University Regulations. These regulations can be found at the URL <http://www.usq.edu.au/SECARIAT/calendar/Part5/> or in the printed version of the current USQ Handbook.

ASSESSMENT NOTES

- 9 The supervisor will advise the student and the examiner of the details of the study and assessment program in writing by the end of week 3 of the semester as in TOPICS above.