



The University of Southern Queensland

Course specification

Description: Honours Dissertation - Theatre B						
Subject	Cat-nbr	Class	Term	Mode	Units	Campus
THS	4007	54773	2, 2006	ONC	2.00	Toowoomba

Academic group:	FOART
Academic org:	FOA006
Student contribution band:	1
ASCED code:	100103

STAFFING

Examiner: Darryl Chalk

Moderator: Kate Foy

REQUISITES

Pre-requisite: THS4006 and Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BAHN or BTAH

SYNOPSIS

This 2 unit course enables students enrolled in the Theatre Honours program to complete their dissertation or practice-based research project under supervision. This course is a continuation of the work commenced in Theatre Honours Dissertation A in S1.

OBJECTIVES

On completion of this course students will be able to:

1. research and report autonomously in appropriate written or alternative form on a sustained topic in the relevant disciplinary field. Alternative form to be developed in consultation with supervisor; (All assessment items refer)
2. devise, develop and sustain a focussed, lengthy but sound argument; (All Assessment items refer)
3. print, edit and/or present in publishable form a completed dissertation and/or practice-based research project/exegesis ready for submission to the dissertation examiners. (Assessment item, Completion and Submission of the Thesis refers)

TOPICS

	Description	Weighting (%)
1.	Data collection/selection	40.00
2.	Data presentation, analysis and discussion	50.00
3.	Summarising, drawing conclusions, making recommendations	10.00

TEXT and MATERIALS required to be PURCHASED or ACCESSED

ALL textbooks and materials are available for purchase from USQ BOOKSHOP (unless otherwise stated). Orders may be placed via secure internet, free fax 1800642453, phone 07 46312742 (within Australia), or mail. Overseas students should fax +61 7 46311743, or phone +61 7 46312742. For costs, further details, and internet ordering, use the 'Textbook Search' facility at <http://bookshop.usq.edu.au> click 'Semester', then enter your 'Course Code' (no spaces).

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.

STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

ACTIVITY	HOURS
Private Study	320.00
Supervisor Consultation	13.00

ASSESSMENT DETAILS

Description	Marks out of	Wtg(%)	Due date
PRES & ANALYSIS OF DISS	1.00	0.00	24 Jul 2006 (see note 1)
1ST DRAFT THESIS	1.00	0.00	24 Jul 2006
COMPLETION & SUB OF THE THESIS	1.00	100.00	24 Jul 2006

NOTES

1. Further details about the due dates are provided to students at the first class meeting for the term.

IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

- 1 Attendance requirements:
It is the student's 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. For this course, normal attendance requirements consist of regular (eg. once per week) meetings with the supervisor of the dissertation work.
- 2 Requirements for students to complete each assessment item satisfactorily:
To complete each of the assessment items satisfactorily, students must obtain at least 50% of the marks available for each assessment item. Assessment of the dissertation normally shall be carried out by three qualified examiners, at least one of whom is external to the University of Southern Queensland, and none of whom is supervising the student for this thesis. The dissertation shall be typed and bound and shall conform with the Faculty of Arts style guide for the presentation of theses and dissertations.

- 3 Penalties for late submission of required work:
If students submit assignments after the due date without prior approval, then a penalty of 10% of the total marks available for the assignment will apply for each of the first FIVE working days late, after which a zero mark will be given.
- 4 Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:
To be assured of a passing grade, students must demonstrate, via the summative assessment items, that they have achieved the required minimum standards in relation to the objectives of the course by obtaining at least 50% of the total weighted marks for all summative assessment.
- 5 Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:
Grades shall be awarded by the Honours and Postgraduate Committee of the relevant department, following receipt of the completed examiners' reports. Students who obtain an unsatisfactory progress report may be advised against proceeding further.
- 6 Examination information:
There is no exam for this course.
- 7 Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:
Not applicable.
- 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/corporateservices/calendar/part5.htm> or in the current USQ Handbook.

ASSESSMENT NOTES

- 9 (a) The due date for an assignment is the date by which a student must lodge the assignment at the USQ. (b) All Faculty of Arts assignments must be lodged in the Faculty Assessment Centre on the Ground Floor of Q Block no later than 12 noon on the due date. (c) Students must retain a copy of each item submitted for assessment. This must be despatched to USQ within 24 hours if requested by the Examiner. (d) In accordance with University's Assignment Extension Policy (Regulation 5.6.1), the examiner of a course may grant an extension of the due date of an assignment in extenuating circumstances such as documented ill-health. (e) Students who have undertaken all of the required assessments in the course but who have failed to meet some of the specified objectives of the course within the normally prescribed time may be awarded the temporary grade: IM Incomplete-Makeup). An IM grade will only be awarded when, in the opinion of the examiner, a student will be able to achieve the remaining objectives of the course after a period of non-directed personal study. (f) Students who, for medical, family/personal, or employment-related reasons, are unable to complete an assignment or sit for an examination at the scheduled time, may apply to defer an assessment in the course. Such a request must be accompanied by appropriate supporting documentation. One of the following temporary grades may be awarded: IDS (Incomplete - Deferred Examination; IDM (Incomplete Deferred Make-up); IDB (Incomplete - Both Deferred Examination and Deferred Make-up).
- 10 Students are strongly advised to maintain regular contact with their supervisor.
- 11 It is imperative that Dissertation/Project students check with their supervisor(s) whether they need to obtain ethics clearance for their Dissertation/Project.
- 12 If assignments in the course require the use of surveys, interviews, workshops, etc., students should be aware of the University and Faculty of Arts guidelines/requirements.