



The University of Southern Queensland

Course specification

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Description: Exhibition And Dissertation Development B

Subject	Cat-nbr	Class	Term	Mode	Units	Campus
VIS	8007	66936	2, 2007	ONC	2.00	Toowoomba

Academic group:	FOART
Academic org:	FOA005
Student contribution band:	1
ASCED code:	100300

STAFFING

Examiner: Uros Cvorovic

Moderator: Stephen Spurrier

REQUISITES

Pre-requisite: VIS8006

RATIONALE

This is the third course of the research component of the MVA and is design to enable monitoring of progress. Students will continue to undertake independent research, under supervision, on a proposed topic in the development of an exploratory body of work that amalgamates theory and practice within their chosen field. The course culminates in a mid-course work-in-progress exhibition, performance or publication that demonstrates a maturing artistic, intellectual and critical rigour. Candidates through this research are expected to demonstrate substantial progress towards making a valuable contribution to their chosen field of practice. The concomitant development of a thorough literature review towards the dissertation component of the Master of Visual Arts course of study will be concerned with research in an area of relevance to the objectives of the studio practice proposal. Presentation of documentation-in-progress that contributes the data for the development of the dissertation will accompany the exhibition component of this course.

SYNOPSIS

This course will take the form of a mid-program review that includes the coherent presentation of a body of work in progress together with an oral presentation and written component. This mid-program review will enable critique of research progress and is concerned with the integration and application of specific aspects of theory and studio based research relevant to the chosen topic.

OBJECTIVES

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

1. demonstrate significant progress on their chosen dissertation topic;
2. present a well developed body of artwork relevant to the dissertation topic;

3. present a thorough review of existing literature related to and contextualized with studio research for their chosen dissertation topic;
4. demonstrate an exploration of methodology of research appropriate to their chosen dissertation topic.

TOPICS

Description	Weighting (%)
1. Both the visual studio and written research topics will be determined by the candidate according to admission requirements and refined in consultation with the supervisors.	100.00
1.1. The dissertation component can be made up of: 25% dissertation comprising a research submission of a maximum of 15,000 words (75% studio based research); OR 35% dissertation comprising a research submission of a maximum of 20,000 words (65% studio based research). This is a continuation of the topic determined by the candidate according to admission requirements and refined in consultation with the supervisors.	

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	323.00
Seminars	7.00

ASSESSMENT DETAILS

Description	Marks out of	Wtg(%)	Due date
SEMINAR PRES OF DISS DEV'T	100.00	100.00	13 Jul 2007 (see note 1)

NOTES

1. Refer to Course Specification for information about assignment due date and assessment marking of the seminar presentation of dissertation and studio research in progress. This assessment item is aligned with Objectives 1, 2, 3 and 4.

IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

- 1 Attendance requirements:
It is the students' responsibility to participate appropriately in all activities (such as workshops and consultation with supervisors) 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 successfully complete an individual assessment item, a student must achieve at least 50% of the marks or a grade of at least C-. This statement must be read in conjunction with Statement 4 below.
- 3 Penalties for late submission of required work:
If students submit Dissertations/Projects after the due date without prior approval or documented medical circumstances, then a fail grade will be given.
- 4 Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:
To be assured of receiving a passing grade a student must achieve at least 50% of the total weighted marks available for the course.
- 5 Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:
Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade for Part 2 of Dissertation/Project courses (where IIP is a possible temporary grade for Part 1) - If the progress reports are deemed satisfactory by the student's supervisor and the course examiner, the student will be awarded an interim grade of IIP, indicating satisfactory performance in the course. When the Dissertation/Project has been assessed in its entirety, the grade of IIP for the first part of the Dissertation/Project will be changed to the final grade. For example, if the student received an HD for his/her dissertation/project at the completion of Dissertation/Project 2, then the grade of IIP for the first part would be changed to an HD.
- 6 Examination information:
There is no exam for this course.
- 7 Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:
Given the details under (6) above, there are no deferred exams for this course. However, if any deferred/makeup work is granted, it would have to be submitted by a date set by the examiner.
- 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>

ASSESSMENT NOTES

- 9 It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that all chapter drafts, as well as the final draft of their dissertation, be written in an acceptable standard of English expression. If students' initial work is not of an acceptable standard, students will be encouraged to use the services of a copy-editor, or to seek assistance from a competent writer of English. It is not the supervisor's principal role to correct English spelling, expression or grammar, although appropriate advice will be given. Dissertations or drafts of chapters of dissertations that are not expressed to a standard of English expression acceptable to the supervisor will be referred back to the student for correction, and will not be submitted for examination until corrected. Students who fail to address this aspect of their dissertation risk failing the course. Any expenses incurred in having drafts checked by copy-editors will be met by the student. Please also note that while copy-editing may be carried out by someone who is not the student, all the substantial content of the dissertation must be the student's own work