



The University of Southern Queensland

Course specification

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Description: Honours Dissertation A

| Subject | Cat-nbr | Class | Term | Mode | Units | Campus |
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| HMT | 4001 | 75364 | 1, 2008 | WEB | 2.00 | Toowoomba |

Academic group: FOART

Academic org: FOA003

Student contribution band: 1

ASCED code: 090300

REQUISITES

Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in Program: BAHN

SYNOPSIS

This 2 unit course enables students enrolled in the Honours programme to commence their dissertation under supervision. The dissertation shall consist of a 12,000-15,000 word assignment on a topic chosen by the student and approved by the supervisor, and may be either the result of original investigations, or embody a critical appraisal or analysis of primary or secondary source material. This course will normally be followed by HMT4002 Honours Dissertation B.

OBJECTIVES

On completion of this course students will be able to:

1. develop a research proposal, including defining a topic, developing a research design, incorporating an annotated bibliography and justifying a methodology;
2. undertake independent research, under supervision, on a proposed topic;
3. review the literature relevant to a selected dissertation topic;
4. develop an annotated bibliography in a full literature review;
5. apply and justify methodology appropriate to a research topic.

TOPICS

| | Description | Weighting (%) |
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| 1. | Proposal | 40.00 |
| 2. | Literature Review | 40.00 |
| 3. | Methodology | 20.00 |

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.

ASSESSMENT DETAILS

| Description | Marks out of | Wtg (%) | Due date |
|----------------------|--------------|---------|-----------------------------|
| INITIAL PROPOSAL | 1.00 | 0.00 | 14 Mar 2008 (see note 1) |
| PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL | 1.00 | 0.00 | 11 Apr 2008 (see note 2) |
| ORAL PRESENTATION | 1.00 | 0.00 | 24 Apr 2008 (see note 3) |
| DETAILED PROPOSAL | 1.00 | 0.00 | 30 May 2008 (see note 4) |

NOTES

1. An initial proposal (maximum length 500 words) must be received and a supervisor allocated before students are confirmed into the Honours Dissertation course. Students successfully completing this course will normally be awarded the result of IIP and proceed to HMT4002 Honours Dissertation B. This assessment is aligned with all Objectives.
2. Preliminary Proposal and Literature Review (maximum length 1500 words). Students who obtain an unsatisfactory progress report at this stage may be advised against proceeding further. This assessment is aligned with all Objectives.
3. Oral Presentation of Proposal, including written summary for circulation (maximum length 1500 words). This assessment is aligned with all Objectives.
4. Detailed Proposal and Draft Methodology (maximum length 3000 words). This assessment is aligned with all Objectives.