



The University of Southern Queensland

## Course specification

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Please consult the web for updates that may occur during the year.

### Description: Imbala: Hearing to Understand: Thinking to Write

Subject	Cat-nbr	Class	Term	Mode	Units	Campus
HUS	7003	90038	2, 2009	EXT	1.00	Toowoomba

<b>Academic group:</b>	KUMBN
<b>Academic org:</b>	KUMBNL
<b>Student contribution band:</b>	1
<b>ASCED code:</b>	090311

## STAFFING

Examiner: Rhonda Harwood  
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## RATIONALE

Students contemplating undergraduate study at a tertiary institution are required to demonstrate certain prerequisite skills, knowledge and attitudes before they meet enrolment requirements considered appropriate for acceptance. Whilst the whole of the Indigenous Higher Education Pathways Program (IHEPP) provides for a variety of entrance standards, this course provides the core skills that all students need to acquire in order to successfully undertake further higher education studies. Central to this course is the concept that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples should be able to take control of and manage their own learning, being confident in the decisions made and pathways selected. Also central is the notion that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as potential university students are expected to display a basic level of achievement in language skills, and an understanding of critical and creative thinking. As the student population, which undertakes a IHEPP is diverse in educational, social, geographical and economic circumstances, this course seeks to provide a broad base, which allows each student to begin from their own personal standpoint and develop the necessary qualities required to reach a shared goal. The course is designed to provide optimum flexibility for each student.

## SYNOPSIS

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples progress through the program, which requires them to manage their own learning and establish their own future goals through a process of self-development. In this course advanced academic thinking and writing skills will be developed. The language skills, thinking skills and writing skills are provided in a broad context to best enable students to continue in the career of their choice.

## OBJECTIVES

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

1. manage their self-development through formal study by producing and evaluating a personal plan of study strategies;

2. meet the academic criteria in areas of communications and thinking skills relevant to tertiary study;
3. grasp the significance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage in relation to their tertiary studies; and
4. begin to understand the nature and importance of critical thinking, creative thinking and argumentation in tertiary study.

## TOPICS

	Description	Weighting (%)
1.	Managing study stress effectively	7.00
2.	Oral communication and presentation	7.00
3.	Writing assignments at university: basic principles	7.00
4.	Structuring academic essays	7.00
5.	Academic essays: a writing guide	8.00
6.	Referencing: USQ website	8.00
7.	Analysis of journal articles	8.00
8.	Clear thinking (1)	8.00
9.	Clear thinking (2)	8.00
10.	Critical thinking	8.00
11.	Creative thinking and brain mapping	8.00
12.	Immediate exam preparation, review and career and study pathways	8.00
13.	Introduction to research	8.00

## 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).

Scientific calculator (the use of a Casio is demonstrated in the study materials)

## 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.

Dictionary and Thesaurus

## STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

ACTIVITY	HOURS
Assessments	30.00
Directed Study	45.00
Private Study	85.00

## ASSESSMENT DETAILS

Description	Marks out of	Wtg (%)	Due date
ASSIGNMENT 1	100.00	25.00	21 Aug 2009
ASSIGNMENT 2	100.00	25.00	25 Sep 2009
EXAMINATION	100.00	25.00	12 Oct 2009 (see note 1)
ASSIGNMENT 3	100.00	25.00	30 Oct 2009

### NOTES

1. The examination will be held during Residential School 2. Students will be advised of the examination date after Residential School timetable has been finalised.

## IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

- 1 Attendance requirements:  
Attendance at the scheduled Residential School is compulsory. This is required in order to meet course objectives. It is the student's responsibility 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 assignments after the due date without extenuating circumstances and without prior approval, then a penalty of a maximum of 5% of the assigned mark may apply for each working day late, up to a maximum of 10 working days, at which time a mark of zero can be recorded for that assignment.
- 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:  
The final grades for students will be assigned on the basis of the aggregate of the weighted marks / grades obtained for each of the summative assessment items in the course.
- 6 Examination information:  
The exam for this course is a CLOSED examination, and candidates are allowed to bring only writing and drawing instruments into the examination.
- 7 Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:

Any deferred to supplementary examinations for this course will be held ..... and the examiner will advise students involved in writing of the date, time and location of any such examination.

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**

- 1 To gain a passing grade students normally are required to complete and submit each assessment item within the course and obtain an overall result of 50% or more for the course assessment. Students whose results are not at a 50% or better standard may, at the discretion of the examiner, be invited to complete additional equivalent tasks to bring their results up to a passing grade. This would normally occur within the current or the following term.

## **OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

- 1 Normally, to gain a passing grade, students must submit ALL assignments and obtain a satisfactory result in each assessment item. Students will be asked to re-submit an assignment if they did not complete it to a satisfactory standard and according the marking criteria.
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