



The University of Southern Queensland

Course specification

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Description: Doctor of Business Administration Dissertation A

Subject	Cat-nbr	Class	Term	Mode	Units	Campus
MGT	9601	86641	1, 2009	EXT	2.00	Toowoomba

Academic group:	FOBUS
Academic org:	FOBUSN
Student contribution band:	3A
ASCED code:	080399

STAFFING

Examiner: Ronel Erwee
Moderator: Raj Gururajan

REQUISITES

Pre-requisite: (BUS8401 or MGT8401) and (BUS8402 or MGT8402) and (BUS8403 or MGT8403) and (BUS8404 or MGT8404)

OTHER REQUISITES

Students are required to have access to a personal computer, e-mail capabilities and Internet access to USQConnect. Current details of computer requirements can be found at <http://www.usq.edu.au/ict/students/standards/default.htm>.

SYNOPSIS

The first course in the eight-unit dissertation will normally focus on refining the research proposal and will be decided in consultation with the principal supervisor and course leader. Students will submit the reworked proposal or other work which will carry 100% of the course marks by Week 12 in the current semester of enrolment. The research proposal should adhere to PhD dissertation proposal specifications for proposals and will be evaluated by the normal Faculty research presentation and thereafter presented to HDRAC.

OBJECTIVES

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

1. Prepare a final dissertation research proposal or other work to a satisfactory standard which adheres to HDRAC specifications for proposals. This will be evaluated by the normal Faculty research presentation used for PhD proposals and the candidate will present the proposal to a Faculty panel. External students will be able to use teleconferencing or videoconferencing if available. The candidate will make the necessary changes to the proposal as requested by the panel and these changes will be reviewed. If the proposal meets the required standards, it will be submitted to HDRAC for approval.

TOPICS

Description	Weighting (%)
1. Dissertation research proposal	100.00

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.

The writing of the DBA dissertation is considered to be research in which, under the general advice of the supervisor and course leader, the candidate explores the existing materials. During the course of this activity students should consult with supervisors for advice on references relative to the area of research in progress.

STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

ACTIVITY	HOURS
Directed Study	100.00
Private Study	60.00

ASSESSMENT DETAILS

Description	Marks out of	Wtg (%)	Due date
RESEARCH PROPOSAL	100.00	100.00	22 May 2009

IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

- 1 Attendance requirements:
If you are an international student in Australia, you are advised to attend all classes at your campus. For all other students, there are no attendance requirements for this course. However, it is the students' 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:
Refer to Assessment Note 2.
- 3 Penalties for late submission of required work:
Refer to Assessment Note 2.

- 4 Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:
The completed assignment or chapter must be approved by two supervisors as satisfactory for awarding a passing grade for the course.
- 5 Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:
A progress report will be required from the principal supervisor. Upon receipt of the progress report by the examiner, a result of satisfactory progress (SP) will be awarded to allow the student to progress to the next course in this program. Other students will be given either a fail grade or an incomplete grade.
- 6 Examination information:
There is no examination in 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 Student Academic Misconduct for further information and to avoid actions which might contravene university regulations. These regulations can be found at <http://www.usq.edu.au/corporateservices/calendar/part5.htm>. Students should also read the Faculty of Business Policies and Procedures which can be found at <http://www.usq.edu.au/business/aboutfob.htm>.

ASSESSMENT NOTES

- 1 (i) The due date for an assessment is the date by which a student must despatch the assessment to the USQ. The onus is on the student to provide proof of the despatch date, if requested by the examiner. (ii) Students must retain a copy of each assignment submitted for assessment. This must be produced within 24 hours if required by the examiner. (iii) In accordance with university policy, the examiner may grant an extension of the due date of an assignment in extenuating circumstances. (iv) The examiner will normally only accept assessments that have been written, typed or printed on paper-based media. (v) The examiner will not accept submission of assessments by facsimile.
- 2 When the examiner and moderator are satisfied that the student has completed all requirements for this course, a grade of SP will be awarded to allow the student to progress to the next course in this program. A result of SP will indicate that the student has met the requirements of the course at a standard that, with editing and correcting, would be suitable for submission to external examiners.

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