



The University of Southern Queensland

Course specification

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Description: Complementary Studies A

Subject	Cat-nbr	Class	Term	Mode	Units	Campus
SCI	4407	86174	1, 2009	ONC	1.00	Toowoomba

Academic group:	FOSCI
Academic org:	FOS002
Student contribution band:	6
ASCED code:	019999

STAFFING

Examiner: Mark Sutherland

Moderator: Joachim Ribbe

RATIONALE

This course exists to satisfy need for flexibility within a programme in order to cater for the widely varying interests and chosen specializations of students.

SYNOPSIS

This course provides the opportunity for a student to pursue an area of study which will complement the other studies in their program. Typically the course will consist of specialized investigations extending knowledge and skills in a certain area. The studies could involve, for example, a directed reading course, an extension to a project (where appropriate), or some other approved activity which would complement the student's studies.

OBJECTIVES

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

1. demonstrate knowledge and skills in the complementary study area (Approved Assessment Program).

TOPICS

Description	Weighting (%)
1. No specific topics can be listed as the content of the course may vary from student to student.	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).

To be advised by the student's supervisor.

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	150.00
Supervisor Consultation	15.00

ASSESSMENT DETAILS

Description	Marks out of	Wtg (%)	Due date
APPROVED ASSESSMENT PROGRAM	100.00	100.00	02 Mar 2009 (see note 1)

NOTES

1. Examiner will advise the details for the Approved Assessment Program

IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

- 1 Attendance requirements:
The complementary study area chosen will be assigned after consultation with the examiner and the appropriate Program Coordinator. Students may be directed to a certain complementary study, or they may be asked to nominate an appropriate study. It is the student's responsibility to find a staff member willing to supervise their study. 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 be advised when the student's Complementary Studies is determined.
- 3 Penalties for late submission of required work:
If students submit assignments after the due date without (prior) approval of the examiner then a penalty of 5% of the total marks gained by the student for the assignment may apply for each working day late up to ten working days at which time a mark of zero may be recorded.. No assignments will be accepted after model answers have been posted.
- 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:
To be advised when the student's Complementary Studies is determined.
 - 6 Examination information:
To be advised when the student's Complementary Studies is determined.
 - 7 Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:
To be advised when the student's Complementary Studies is determined.
 - 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 The supervisor will advise the student and the examiner of the details of the study and the assessment program in writing by the end of week 3 of the semester as in TOPICS above.
- 10 Assessment for the course will also vary according to the nature of the study undertaken by each student. By the end of the third week of semester, the supervisor will provide the examiner, for approval by the Associate Dean: (i) an outline of the study (ii) the objectives of the study (iii) the format, timing and weighting of the assessment items for the study (iv) a statement about attendance requirements (v) requirements of students to complete each assessment item satisfactorily (vi) penalties for late submission of required work (vii) requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course (viii) the method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade (ix) examination information (x) examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held (xi) any other requirements deemed necessary by the examiner