SYNOPSIS

Within this course students who have a history of good academic achievement may undertake a project that is research, discipline or field based. The objectives of the project are developed in conjunction with the member of the academic staff, selected to supervise and evaluate the project, and approved by the Director of Undergraduate Studies. The course encourages students to develop independent research techniques that will culminate in a report that lends itself to academic scrutiny.

OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- develop an independent capacity to research, document, analyze and report on a project of substance.

TOPICS

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<td>1. Projects must be carefully defined prior to commencement, with specific objectives fully documented in consultation with selected staff.</td>
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TEXT and MATERIALS required to be PURCHASED or ACCESSED:

Books can be ordered by fax or telephone. For costs and further details use the 'Book Search' facility at http://bookshop.usq.edu.au by entering the author or title of the text.

STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

ACTIVITY  HOURS
Directed Study  165

ASSESSMENT DETAILS

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NOTES:

1. Examiner will advise submission dates for assessment.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

1. The due date of an assignment is the date by which a student must despatch the assignment to the University, and is normally that defined in the relevant course specification. The onus is on the student to provide, if requested, proof of date of despatch.
2. Students should organise their affairs to ensure that they meet due dates for all assignments. Extensions will be granted only under exceptional extenuating circumstances, normally involving a significant medical condition.
3. Students may apply for an assignment extension either by application through DEC before the due date or by including application with the submitted assignment after the due date. Such applications should be in writing and include supporting documentary evidence. The authority for granting extensions rests with the relevant Course Leader.
4. All assignments despatched after due dates without appropriate extension approvals or after approved extension dates will be penalised up to a maximum of 20% of the assigned mark per work day.
5. Students must retain a copy of all assignments which must be provided if/when required by the Course Leader.
6. Course weightings of topics should not be interpreted as applying to the number of marks allocated to questions testing those topics in an examination paper.