The University of Southern Queensland

Course Specification

Description: Masters Project 2

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Academic Group: FOEDU
Academic Org: FOE002
HECS Band: 1
ASCED Code: 070303

STAFFING

Examiner: Dorothy Andrews
Moderator: Marian Lewis

RATIONALE

It is recognised that many postgraduate students need the opportunity to explore or investigate a topic of their own choosing in order to link more closely their professional interests or needs to their program of studies. Project courses are designed to provide such an opportunity.

SYNOPSIS

Students will, under the guidance of a member of staff, pursue an in-depth study of a topic relevant to the field of education, and in particular to the focus of the student's major study area. The type of study does not necessarily involve research, but should include a substantial investigatory component leading to the submission of a written research report, material production or essay demonstrating comprehensive and detailed coverage of major concepts, issues, and research/professional literature. All student project proposals will be the subject of a critical review and final topics may be the result of extensive lecturer-student negotiation.

OBJECTIVES

On successful completion of the project the students will have:

- Demonstrated the ability to plan, conduct and report on an investigation or other such scholarly activity focused on an issue or topic of significance in the field of education.
TOPICS

Description Weighting (%)

1. The topic of the project will be developed in collaboration with an academic supervisor approved and appointed by the course examiner. 100.00

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.

Depending on the nature of the study to be completed students may be required to purchase reference material.

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.

Supervisors assist students in developing a reference list.

STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

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<th>ACTIVITY</th>
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<td>Project Work</td>
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<td>Report Writing</td>
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ASSESSMENT DETAILS

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<tr>
<td>PROJECT PROPOSAL</td>
<td>1.00</td>
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<td>8,000-10,000 WORD PAPER/REPORT</td>
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NOTES:

. A value of 1 indicates you have passed the Project Proposal component. Zero indicates you have not passed the Project Proposal component.
. Letter grades will be used in this course and displayed in the Notes Section.

IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

1. Attendance requirements:
   There are no attendance requirements for this course.

2. Requirements for students to complete each assessment item satisfactorily:
   Not applicable.
3 Penalties for late submission of required work:
If students submit assignments after the due date without prior approval then a
penalty of 20% of the total marks available for the assignment will apply for each
week late.

4 Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:
Not applicable.

5 Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:
The Course Examiner is responsible for awarding grades. Projects developed for
EDU8354 will be examined initially by the student's supervisor. The supervisor
will make a recommendation of a grade to the Course Examiner who will normally
accept the recommended grade once all the requirements for the course are
completed. Where the Course Examiner has any doubts about the appropriateness
of the grade recommended by the supervisor the project is assessed by a second
assessor nominated by the Course Examiner. The Course Examiner will then decide
the grade taking into account both assessments.

6 Examination information:
There is no examination in this course.

7 Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:
There will be no Deferred or Supplementary examinations in this course.

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/SECARIAT/calendar/Part5/ or in the printed version of the
current USQ Handbook.

ASSESSMENT NOTES

1 Students must retain a copy of each item submitted for assessment. This must be
produced within five days if required by the Examiner.

2 Student workload requirements are as required for the completion of the study as
negotiated between student and supervisor.

3 Marking criteria will depend upon the nature of individual projects.