Description: Proposal for Research

Subject | Cat-Nbr | Class | Term | Mode | Units | Campus  
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EDU     | 9602    | 28234 | 3, 2003 | EXT  | 4.00  | TW MBA  

Academic Group:  FOEDU  
Academic Org:  F0E002  
HECS Band:  1  
ASCED Code:  070303  

STAFFING  
Examiner: Shirley O'Neill  
Moderator: Don Rice  

PRE-REQUISITES  
Pre-requisite: EDU8601 and EDU8602 and EDU8603 and EDU9601  

RATIONALE  
Courses EDU 9602 - EDU 9605 will provide a significant opportunity for doctoral study which will enhance professional practice in a particular field of education and will allow educators to investigate professional practice problems at the doctoral level and proffer solutions. The courses will provide the opportunity for educators to develop and apply appropriate theoretical frameworks to the study of professional practice and to contribute to the advancement of knowledge in this domain. Criteria for completion and examination of these courses will be equivalent with the University's criteria for completion and examination of doctoral studies.

SYNOPSIS  
The key aim of this course is to prepare a research proposal which will describe the study and justify the selection of thesis or folio alternative. Candidates selecting the thesis alternative will be required to prepare and defend a proposal for a dissertation following specified guidelines and procedures. Candidates selecting the Substantial Investigatory Project folio alternative will prepare and defend a proposal for a folio which will be based on specified criteria and include the methods which will be used to present and report the study. Candidates selecting the Multiple Investigations folio alternative will prepare and defend a proposal for a study involving up to four related field studies based on specified criteria and including the methods of presenting and reporting the study.
OBJECTIVES

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

- Prepare and justify the form and presentation methods of a research proposal.
- Demonstrate a high level of understanding of key issues and insights into a selected area of study.
- Extend and expand the research base of professional practitioners in a selected area.

TOPICS

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<td>1. Thesis/folio preparation and presentation.</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.

Students will be required to study a broad selection of library resources relevant to their research topic and proposed methodology.

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
Project Work                 660

ASSESSMENT DETAILS

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NOTES:
Letter grades will be used in this course and will be displayed in the Notes Section.

IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

1 Attendance requirements:
   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:
   To complete each of the assessment items satisfactorily, students must fulfill all requirements as specified by the examiner.

3 Penalties for late submission of required work:
   Not applicable.

4 Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:
   To be assured of receiving a passing grade a student must submit, defend and have accepted by the course examiner his/her research proposal.

5 Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:
   As SP is the only passing grade available for this course, all students who are qualified for a Satisfactory Progress grade as in Assessment 4 will be given a grade of SP. Other students will be given either an IDM (Incomplete Deferred Make-up) or RN (Fail) grade.

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 (5) days if required by the examiner.

2 When there is more than one marker for a single item of assessment, the distributed patterns and means for the different markers will be compared and marks adjusted if necessary.

3 Marking criteria are provided in course material as mark sheets/guides or as part of assignment specifications.

4 Students who, for medical, family/personal, or employment-related reasons, are unable to complete an assignment or to sit for an examination at the scheduled time may apply to defer an assessment in a course. Such a request must be accompanied by appropriate supporting documentation. The following temporary grade may be awarded IDM (Incomplete Deferred Make-up).