Course specification

Description: Climatology Honours Project A

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Student contribution band: 2
ASCED code: 010799

STAFFING
Examiner: Mark Sutherland
Moderator: Michael Kotiw

RATIONALE
The prime purpose of this course is to give the student experience in carrying out scientific research.

SYNOPSIS
This course involves students in a research project which will be supervised by a member of staff with appropriate expertise. It may consist of pure or developmental research in climatology and be based on experimental work conducted either within the University or elsewhere in conjunction with a government or private organisation. This course will require the student to undertake an extensive literature review and deliver several seminars on their research topic, in addition to conducting their research program. Climatology Honours Project A and B need to be undertaken in consecutive semesters, overall Honours grades being determined in accordance with Department of Biological and Physical Sciences Honours program guidelines.

OBJECTIVES
On completion of this course students will be able to:
- demonstrate competence in the performance of original scientific research;
- demonstrate an understanding of real-world practical problems and the limitations these place on scientific advances;
- demonstrate expertise in critically reviewing scientific literature;
- demonstrate expertise in scientific communication through preparing a literature review and through the delivery of research seminars.
TOPICS

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<td>1. Project Design and Approval - The details of the experimental work to be performed will obviously vary with each individual project. Projects will require approval of the Department of Biological and Physical Sciences Research and Higher Degrees Committee (DR&amp;HDC). The student will be expected to perform original research under the supervision of a research scientist from the place at which the research is carried out. If this is not the USQ, regular progress reports must be submitted to a second supervisor who will be a USQ staff member.</td>
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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.

STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS:

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ASSESSMENT DETAILS

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NOTES:
1. Honours Coordinator to advise due date for Literature Review
2. Honours Coordinator to advise date of Introductory Honours Seminars
3. Honours Coordinator to advise date of Final Honours Seminar

IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

1 Attendance requirements:
It is the students’ responsibility to attend and participate appropriately in all activities (such as lectures, tutorials, laboratories and practical work) scheduled for them, and 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 obtain at least 50% of the marks available for each assessment item.

3 Penalties for late submission of required work:
If students submit assignments after the due date without prior approval then a penalty of 5% of the total marks available for the assignment will apply for each working day late.

4 Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:
Students will be awarded the interim grade of IIP (Incomplete - in progress) at the end of this course and permitted to proceed to course CLI4020 provided they have gained at least 50% of the marks available for their literature review and introductory honours seminar.

5 Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:
When the Climatology Honours Project has been assessed in its entirety on completion of CLI4020, the interim grade of IIP will be changed to the appropriate final 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/corporateservices/calendar/part5.htm or in the current USQ Handbook.

ASSESSMENT NOTES

9 Seminars - Students will be required to deliver two (2) seminars to the Department during the course of their project. Details of the content of each seminar are available from the Honours Coordinator.
10 Literature Review - Students must undertake a comprehensive literature survey in their area of research and submit three (3) copies of a written literature review (4,000-5,000 words, excluding references). Details of assessment criteria for the literature review and submission date will be provided by the Department of Biological & Physical Sciences Honours Coordinator.

11 Detailed instructions regarding the Science Project are given in the current version of the Climatology Honours Guidelines.