Description: Master of Commerce Dissertation - ABF - Part Time

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Student contribution band: 2
ASCED code: 089999

STAFFING

REQUISITES
Pre-requisite: ACC8172

SYNOPSIS
The Master of Commerce Dissertation comprises the research and writing of a thesis. Students examine a professional or academic area of interest, usually related to their work environment and are assisted by one or more supervisors with appropriate background. Each candidate is required to submit a research proposal for approval and endorsement by the Dean prior to the commencement of research. This is the second course to take when undertaking the dissertation on a part-time basis.

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

1. identify research topics,
2. undertake independent critical research activity using appropriate methods, statistical techniques and computer applications;
3. report and publish research outcomes.

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.

ASSESSMENT DETAILS

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IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

1 Attendance requirements:
   If you are an international student in Australia, you are advised to attend all classes at your campus. For all other students, 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:
   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 working day late.

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 all of the summative assessment items and achieve at least 50% of the available weighted marks for those items.

5 Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:
   The final grades for students will be assigned on the basis of the weighted aggregate of the marks (or grades) obtained for each of the summative assessment items in the course.

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

7 Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:
   Not applicable.

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. Students should also read the Faculty of Business Guide to Policies and Procedures of the Faculty which can be found at the URL http://www.usq.edu.au/handbook/current/buspolproc.html.

ASSESSMENT NOTES

1 Assignments: (i) The due date for an assignment is the date by which a student must despatch the assignment to the USQ. The onus is on the student to provide proof of the despatch date, if requested by the Examiner. (ii) If requested, students will be required
to provide a copy of an assignment submitted for assessment purposes. This should be
despatched to the USQ within 24 hours of receipt of a request being made. (iii) The
Examiner may grant an extension of the due date of an assignment in extenuating
circumstances. If students submit assignments after the due date and wish to claim
extenuating circumstances then they shall provide validated documentary evidence
with the assignment, explaining the circumstances. The Examiner shall consider the
statement accompanying a late assignment and decide on the outcome. (iv) Assignments
are to be submitted in the appropriate assignment folders. (v) The Examiner will
normally only accept assessments that have been written, typed or printed on paper-based
media. (vi) The Examiner will not accept submission of assignments by facsimile. (vii)
In the event that a due date for an assignment falls on a local public holiday in their
area, such as a Show holiday, the due date for the assignment will be the next day.
Students are to note on the assignment cover the date of the public holiday for the
Examiner's convenience.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

1 The typed and bound dissertation should be approximately 15000 to 20000 words in
length (including tables and figures but not including appendices).
2 The style guide used for the dissertation shall be consistent with the tradition of the
discipline. Students are referred to the University Calendar Guidelines on the Preparation
of Dissertations for the cover, flypage, body of dissertation and spine.
3 Submission of dissertation (i) Two copies of dissertation in temporary form shall be
presented by the date for submission of thesis. (ii) Three permanently bound copies of
the typed and bound dissertation shall be presented to the Faculty Director of the
Research & Research Higher Degrees before the award of the degree. The binding of
these copies will be in red cloth with gold lettering.
4 The Dean will appoint two examiners (the supervisor of the dissertation may be
appointed as an examiner), who will grade the typed Dissertation.
5 In the case where the two examiners are in disagreement concerning the grade to be
awarded for the course, the matter will be referred to a third examiner who will make
a casting decision.
6 No oral defence of the dissertation is required; however, students in the region are
encouraged to do an oral defence.
7 Dishonest Actions: (i) Any student who is alleged to have performed a dishonest action
relating to any assessment in the course will have a course of action taken against
him/her as outlined in the Academic Regulations. (ii) Pieces of assessment should be
the work of individual students. Joint pieces of assessment are not permitted unless
written approval has been obtained from the Examiner. (iii) Dishonest action in relation
to assessment includes: copying or attempting to copy the work of others; use of or
attempting to use information prohibited from use in that form of assessment; submitting
the work of another as your own; consciously committing acts of plagiarism, ie taking
and using another's thoughts or writings as one's own with intent to deceive, which
occurs when paragraphs, sentences, a single sentence or significant parts of a sentence
which are copied directly, are not enclosed in quotation marks and appropriately
footnoted or referenced in the text; direct quotations are not used, but text is paraphrased
or summarised, and the source of the material is not acknowledged by footnoting or
other reference in the text.
8 Attendance Requirements: Students are required to communicate with the thesis
supervisor at intervals and in the manner approved by the supervisor. This
communication may be by way of email, telephone, or in person.