The University of Southern Queensland

Course specification

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**Academic group:** FOBUS  
**Academic org:** FOBUSN  
**Student contribution band:** 2  
**ASCED code:** 080399

**STAFFING**
Examiner: Raj Gururajan  
Moderator: Ronel Erwee

**REQUISITES**
Pre-requisite: BUS8203

**OTHER REQUISITES**
Students are required to have access to a personal computer, e-mail capabilities and Internet access to USQConnect. Current details of computer requirements can be found at http://www.usq.edu.au/handbook/current/busgeninfo.html

**SYNOPSIS**
This is one of four courses that contribute towards a Masters Dissertation. Students should maintain frequent contact with their supervisor. The dissertation will be a significant piece of independently conducted and written research. To successfully complete the dissertation, students will be required to select a research topic, develop a proposal, carry out supervised research on the chosen topic using an appropriate research method, and present and defend the results.

**OBJECTIVES**
On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

1. identify suitable research topics  
2. undertake independent research  
3. demonstrate appropriate communication skills  
4. report research outcomes.
TOPICS

Description                                                                                                                                                                                                 Weighting (%)  
1. Topics and their weighting will be determined for each student at the beginning of the semester of offer. Topics will reflect each student's proposed dissertation. 100.00

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.

2002, Style manual for authors, editors and printers, 6th edn, Wiley, Australia.
Zikmund, WG 2003, Business research methods, 7th edn, Thomson/South-Western, Cincinnati, Ohio.

STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

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ASSESSMENT DETAILS

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NOTES
1. Examiner to advise submission date.

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:
   Not applicable.

4 Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:
   To obtain a final grade for the dissertation, students must obtain a Satisfactory Progress (SP) for all four courses: BUS8201, BUS8202, BUS8203 and BUS8204, and the dissertation must be certified by two external Examiners as satisfactory for the Masters degree to be awarded. If students have not completed their dissertation by the end of the current semester, they must re-enrol in BUS8001 (zero-point, no-fee course) each semester until the dissertation is completed.

5 Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:
   The final grade for students will be allocated to the course BUS8204. Depending on progress, a grade of either Satisfactory Progress (SP) or Result Not Available (RN) will be awarded in this 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 Students should read Guidelines for the Supervision, Preparation and Examination of the Masters Dissertation.