The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at UNSW is a recognised leader in the research and teaching of the humanities and social sciences. The Faculty offers research programs in a diverse range of disciplines and cross-disciplinary areas within our Schools and Research Centres.

Courses for Postgraduate Research Students

The Faculty offers a number of optional courses for postgraduate research students. 2014 courses relate to aspects of research methodology or practical skills. These courses offer an opportunity to explore research methods and develop advanced writing and presentation skills in a particular field and to engage in cross-disciplinary seminar discussion with staff and students from different programs. Students are able to relate the coursework material to their own research topic.

Who can enrol?

All courses are available to Arts and Social Sciences postgraduate research students* who are in their first or second year of candidature. The exception is ARTSS024 which is available to students in any year. Courses are filled on a first-come-first-serve basis, priority will usually be given to PhD students and those enrolled for the first time. Postgraduate students from other faculties or universities may be permitted to enrol but will be subject to a waitlist pending confirmation of enrolment of eligible FASS students. Enrolment will be confirmed immediately prior to Week 1 of Semester. Space is limited in some courses.

* (PhD or Masters by Research)

How to enrol?

Students must complete an enrolment form and submit to:
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Faculty Student Centre
G1, Morven Brown Building
UNSW Sydney 2052
Email to arts@unsw.edu.au

The form is available at the following webpage:
www.arts.unsw.edu.au/current-students/research-students/optional-coursework

PhD students must ensure that the form is signed by their Supervisor and their School’s Postgraduate Coordinator.
Course Information

- Three courses will be offered in 2014
- Courses run for 12 weeks or are taught in intensive mode
- Courses are each worth 6 units of credit
- A minimum of ten students is needed for a course to run
- Coursework for these courses is assessable*

*Please note that PhD students' actual grades will not appear on their transcripts, the grade will be indicated by 'Satisfactory / Unsatisfactory'. Masters by Research students will have grades recorded on their transcripts.

Semester 1

ARTS5022
Qualitative Research Methods
This course aims to provide an understanding of the role of qualitative research in the social sciences; knowledge and experience in the use of qualitative methods; an appreciation of their limitations and the social, theoretical and political context of their use. Includes qualitative data analysis, and writing and presenting qualitative research.

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ARTS5060
Developing your Research Proposal
This course provides a grounding for postgraduate research students commencing research in the humanities and social sciences. The course is designed to support students in the preparation of their first substantive piece of written work for the degree - a comprehensive thesis proposal - and is relevant for students in the early stages of thesis writing. Topics include the selection and framing of a research question; making an original contribution; writing a research proposal; and discussion of a range of epistemological, methodological and theoretical approaches to research in the discipline. Students receive feedback on a draft of their proposal.

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Semester 2

ARTS5024
Research Writing and Presentation
This course assists students to develop their thesis writing abilities and skills. Weekly sessions cover the overall structuring of the thesis; writing the introduction; the literature review; the methodology chapter; discussion chapters; the conclusion and the abstract; and understanding examiners' expectations. Emphasis on managing the writing process over an extended time period and on managing large amounts of texts. Informed by current applied linguistic and educational research into advanced academic and professional writing. Includes writing a conference paper and journal article and preparing for seminar/conference presentations.

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