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Research Project

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Course Overview

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Course Details

Credit Points 6

Summary of the Course

This is a 12 UOC Research Project course. You will enrol in a 6 uoc course in each of two successive terms with a result reported by a single grade at the end of the second 6 uoc course.

It provides you with the opportunity to complete an individual research project. As a research course, it is designed to allow you to apply the knowledge you have gained throughout your period of study and, if completed successfully, to improve your prospect of acceptance into research degree programs at UNSW and other universities.

Students in programs 8939 Master of Development Studies, 8225 Master of Arts (International Relations) and 8248 Master of Policy Studies must seek approval from the Program Convenor to enrol in the course.

Course Learning Outcomes

1. Design, develop and report on research activities and questions, showing awareness of research ethics and selecting appropriate research methods related to their research topics;
2. Critically review current scholarship in their chosen field of study to inform research and contribute to knowledge in this field; and
3. Demonstrate resourcefulness, creativity and flexibility in the application of knowledge and skills to solve problems related to research.

Teaching Strategies

This course enables students to design and develop an independent research project under academic supervision.

Assessment

Please submit an electronic version of your thesis to SOSS Honours Admin <honours-soss@unsw.edu.au>.

No hard copy is necessary.

Assessment Tasks

Assessment task	Weight	Due Date	Student Learning Outcomes Assessed
Research Project	100%	05/08/2020 11:59 PM	1,2,3

Assessment Details

Assessment 1: Research Project

Start date:

Details: Design, development and preparation of individual research project of 10,000 - 12,000 words under academic supervision. Research reports will be marked by two examiners who will prepare written reports. These reports and numerical grades will be released within two weeks of submission of the report.

Turnitin setting: This is not a Turnitin assignment

Resources

Prescribed Resources

Not available

Recommended Resources

Not available

Course Evaluation and Development

Submission of Assessment Tasks

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Turnitin Submission

If you encounter a problem when attempting to submit your assignment through Turnitin, please telephone External Support on 9385 3331 or email them on externalteltsupport@unsw.edu.au. Support hours are 8:00am – 10:00pm on weekdays and 9:00am – 5:00pm on weekends (365 days a year). If you are unable to submit your assignment due to a fault with Turnitin you may apply for an extension, but you must retain your ticket number from External Support (along with any other relevant documents) to include as evidence to support your extension application. If you email External Support you will automatically receive a ticket number, but if you telephone you will need to specifically ask for one. Turnitin also provides updates on their system status on Twitter.

Generally, assessment tasks must be submitted electronically via either Turnitin or a Moodle assignment. In instances where this is not possible, it will be stated on your course's Moodle site with alternative submission details.

For information on how to submit assignments online via Moodle: <https://student.unsw.edu.au/how-submit-assignment-moodle>

Academic Honesty and Plagiarism

Plagiarism is using the words or ideas of others and presenting them as your own. It can take many forms, from deliberate cheating to accidentally copying from a source without acknowledgement.

UNSW groups plagiarism into the following categories:

Copying: using the same or very similar words to the original text or idea without acknowledging the source or using quotation marks. This also applies to images, art and design projects, as well as presentations where someone presents another's ideas or words without credit.

Inappropriate paraphrasing: Changing a few words and phrases while mostly retaining the original structure and/or progression of ideas of the original, and information without acknowledgement. This also applies in presentations where someone paraphrases another's ideas or words without credit and to piecing together quotes and paraphrases into a new whole, without appropriate referencing.

Collusion: working with others but passing off the work as a person's individual work. Collusion also includes providing your work to another student before the due date, or for the purpose of them plagiarising at any time, paying another person to perform an academic task, stealing or acquiring another person's academic work and copying it, offering to complete another person's work or seeking payment for completing academic work.

Inappropriate citation: Citing sources which have not been read, without acknowledging the "secondary" source from which knowledge of them has been obtained.

Duplication ("self-plagiarism"): submitting your own work, in whole or in part, where it has previously been prepared or submitted for another assessment or course at UNSW or another university.

Correct referencing practices:

- Paraphrasing, summarising, essay writing and time management
- Appropriate use of and attribution for a range of materials including text, images, formulae and concepts.

Individual assistance is available on request from The Learning Centre (<http://www.lc.unsw.edu.au/>). Students are also reminded that careful time management is an important part of study and one of the identified causes of plagiarism is poor time management. Students should allow sufficient time for research, drafting and proper referencing of sources in preparing all assessment items.

UNSW Library also has the ELISE tool available to assist you with your study at UNSW. ELISE is designed to introduce new students to studying at UNSW but it can also be a great refresher during your study.

Completing the ELISE tutorial and quiz will enable you to:

- analyse topics, plan responses and organise research for academic writing and other assessment tasks
- effectively and efficiently find appropriate information sources and evaluate relevance to your needs
- use and manage information effectively to accomplish a specific purpose
- better manage your time

- understand your rights and responsibilities as a student at UNSW
- be aware of plagiarism, copyright, UNSW Student Code of Conduct and Acceptable Use of UNSW ICT Resources Policy
- be aware of the standards of behaviour expected of everyone in the UNSW community
- locate services and information about UNSW and UNSW Library

Some of these areas will be familiar to you, others will be new. Gaining a solid understanding of all the related aspects of ELISE will help you make the most of your studies at UNSW.

<http://subjectguides.library.unsw.edu.au/elise/aboutelise>

Academic Information

For essential student information relating to:

- requests for extension;
- late submissions guidelines;
- review of marks;
- UNSW Health and Safety policies;
- examination procedures;
- special consideration in the event of illness or misadventure;
- student equity and disability;
- and other essential academic information, see

<https://www.arts.unsw.edu.au/current-students/academic-information/protocols-guidelines/>

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